

LINTON & KAY GALLERIES

Mikaela Castledine: Biography/CV

I am an artist and a writer, born in the Western Australian wheat belt, living in the Perth Hills. I have been working as an artist for nearly thirty years, have participated in many solo and groups shows and have won many awards including winning the prestigious Mandorla Art Award 2018, being a finalist in the 2016 Bankwest Sculpture Prize, winning the Sculpture by the Sea Cottesloe 2013 Sculpture Scholarship and the 2016 Sculpture Inside prize. My creative impulse is to make things out of anything that comes to hand; paper, thread, wire, wood or words.

I am inspired by everything that crosses my path. With both my collage work and my writing I try to capture the feelings that places evoke in me. With my crochet work inspiration often gets caught up with the logistics and facts of my craft. What happens if I do this? How might I make that shape? Is it possible to crochet a full sized rhinoceros? I love making the materials work for me and when they don't, I simply unravel the stitches and try again from another angle. I find the problem solving aspect of this work immensely satisfying. I also find the repetitive nature meditative and soothing and the results pleasing and often amusing.

I use creativity as a way to understand the world, myself and the intersection between the two.

Education:

Bachelor Applied Science Curtin University

Certificate Interior Design Leederville TAFE

Master of Writing and Literature Deakin University

Art History: Awards and Prizes

2019: Highly Commended Rottne Foundation Art Exhibition
2018: Winner Mandorla Art Award 2018 People's Choice
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2017: Winner of Sculpture prize City of Stirling Art Exhibition
2016: Finalist Bankwest Sculpture Prize
2016: Winner of Sculpture Inside Award - Sculpture by the Sea Cottesloe
2015: Overall Winner of the Melville Art Awards Judges Choice
2015: Overall Winner of Lions Club Kalamunda Art Awards
2014: Winner of Sculpture 2nd Prize Lions Club Kalamunda Art Awards
2013: Winner Western Australian Sculpture by the Sea Sculpture Scholarship
2012: Highly Commended Bayswater Art Prize
2009: Winner of the Works on Paper 2009 Life Style Village Art Award.
2007: Winner of Best Picture at Pinjarra Art Awards.
2006: Winner of Best Work on Paper at Stirling Art Awards.
2003: Winner of the Small Painting Award Katanning Art Prize
2001: Winner of Chamber of Minerals and Energy Award City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Art Prize.

Art History: Exhibitions

2019: Solo exhibition *Immortal stories* at Linton & Kay Galleries
2019: Rottne Foundation Art Exhibiton: Holmes a Court gallery
2019: *Shelf Life*: May Space Gallery Sydney
2019: Finalist Shire of Mundaring Open Acquisition: Mundaring Art Centre
2019: Finalist Mid West Art Awards: Geraldton regional Art Gallery
2018: Exhibiting Artist *Birds*: Maunsell Wickes Gallery
2018: Exhibiting Artist *Sculptures 2018*: Maunsell Wickes Gallery
2018: Finalist Mandorla Art Award Exhibition
2018: Selected to participate Minawarra Art Awards
2017: Invited to participate in Sculpture at Bather's Beach 2017
2016: Finalist in the Bankwest Sculpture Prize 2016
2016: Selected to participate in *Machines and Makers* Mundaring Art Centre
2015: Solo exhibition *Reliquaries* at Linton & Kay Galleries

2015: Invited to participate in Sculpture at Bather's Beach 2017

2013: Participating artist *Close To Home*, Zig Zag Gallery Kalamunda.

2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018: Selected to exhibit Sculpture By The Sea Cottesloe

2013, 2014 2016, 2018: Selected to exhibit in Sculpture By The Sea Bondi

2013: Featured artist at Mazenod College 20th Anniversary Exhibition

2013: Invited to participate in *Paper Cut* exhibition Mundaring Art Centre

2012: Selected to participate in *Aurum* at Mundaring Arts Centre

2011: Solo exhibition *Cinnabar* Linton & Kay Contemporary Subiaco

2010: Joint exhibition *I Spy* Burt Street Gallery Cottesloe

2008: Four artist exhibition *Heaven and Earth* Plum Gallery

2008: Participating artist in Helena college limited edition wildflower book

2006: Invited to participate *Mine Own Executioner* Mundaring Arts Centre.

2006 - 2018: Coordinated and member of the Kalamunda Open Studio event.

2005: Solo exhibition *Verdigris* Mundaring Arts Centre.

2005: Participated in the Kalamunda Shire Open Studio event.

2004: Joint exhibition *Kindred Spirits* at Mundaring Arts Centre.

1999: Joint exhibition at Chittering Valley Winery

1998, 1999 & 2000: Selected in judge's choice at the Atwell Portrait prize.

1997: Joint exhibition *Familia* at Gomboc Gallery Middle Swan.

1996: Invited to participate Awesome Festival *Art on the fridge* exhibition.

1994: Joint exhibition with Stephen Castledine

1994: Group exhibition at New Collectibles Gallery Fremantle

1992: Joint exhibition with Stephen Castledine.

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Residencies:

2017: Installation Artist at Fibre West 2017

2016: Residency at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children

2015: Gifted Residency at Mundaring Art Centre

2015 Artist in Residence at Linton and Kay Gallery Mandoon Estate

Collections:

St John of God Mandorla art collection

Perth Children's Hospital art collection

City of Melville art collection

Tim Roberts private collection

City of Swan art collection

City of South Perth Mend Street jetty public art commission

Numerous private collections locally, interstate and overseas.

Curation:

Sculpture in the Scarp Darlington Arts Festival 2019

Don't Jettison Everything Mundaring Arts Centre 2018

Valerie McDonald Retrospective ZigZag Art Gallery 2017

Tied up with String Mundaring Arts Centre 2016

Close to Home ZigZag Art Gallery 2013

Heaven and Earth Plum Gallery 2008