

THIS IS NO FANTASY

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BENJAMIN AITKEN

Lives and works in Melbourne,

Australia

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Shooting Gallery' THIS IS NO FANTASY, (forthcoming)
'Do I have to spell it out for you' Town Hall Gallery Commission (forthcoming)
'Spirit House', Vienna (forthcoming)
- 2020 Rajamangala University of Technology 2020
- 2019 Spirit House, TARS Gallery, Bangkok
- 2018 Hard Yakka, Sutton Projects, Melbourne
An artist of some description, Alaska Projects, Melbourne
Circling, with Prof Jon Cattapan, Latrobe Art Institute, Melbourne
- 2016 Alternative Literature is also like Alternative, Bayside Arts & Cultural Centre,
- 2015 Bayside Sometimes I feel like killing myself(ies), Rubicon ARI, Melbourne
- 2014 Holy grin, Gallerysmith Projectspace, Melbourne

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 International SUMUK workshops, Haenam Arts & Cultural Centre, South Korea
Untitled, Sooyun Art Space, South Korea
Gongjae and the artist's self portrait, hosted by the Haengchon Cultural Foundation at Haengchon Art Museum, Korea

AWARDS | GRANTS

- 2019 Finalist, Archibald Prize, Sydney
Highly Commended, Hawkesbury Art Prize, Hawkesbury
Finalist, Footscray Contemporary Art Prize, collaboration with Jon Cattapan, Melbourne
Semi-finalist Doug Moran National Portrait Prize
Semi-finalist Lester prize, Art Gallery of Western Australia
- 2018 Winner, Tony Fini Foundation Prize for Portraiture, Perth
Finalist, Archibald Prize, Sydney
- 2016 Finalist, R+M McGivern Prize for Text based painting, Maroondah
Finalist, Archibald Prize, Sydney
- 2015 Finalist, Brett Finalist, Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship, Sydney
- 2015 Finalist, Hurford Hardwood Prize for Portraiture, Lismore
- 2015 Finalist, Bayside Acquisitive Art Prize (Painting), Bayside
- 2014 Highly Commended, Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Perth

RESIDENCIES

- 2020 Rajamangala University of Technology, Chiang Mai
- 2019 (forthcoming) Haengchen Arts & Cultural Centre, Korea
Poh Chang Academy of Art, Thailand
- 2018 Rajamangala University of Technology, Chiang Mai
- 2017 Art Vault, Australia
- 2016 Robin Eley, Studio assistant, Los Angeles

COLLECTIONS

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Sooyun Art Space, Korea
The Michael and Janet Buxton Family
Collection Lismore Regional Gallery
Rajamangala University of Technology,
Thailand Poh Chang, Academy of Art,
Thailand
The Nicholas Foundation
PriceWaterhouseCooper
RMIT University
Future Work Skills Academy, New York
Cato Counsel
The Hon. Paul Guest QC OAM