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BENJAMIN AITKEN

Lives and works in Melbourne, Australia

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Spirit House, TARS Gallery, Bangkok (forthcoming)
- 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, Bayside
- 2015 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 (forthcoming)
- 2019 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

- 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