

JOANNA GAMBOTTO



I've had a long-standing interest in antiques, flea markets, and curious objects. These places are a key source of subject matter in my work. I often visit antique shops and vintage stores to sketch and gather references, drawn to the way objects hint at forgotten stories and lived experiences. I'm particularly interested in how these objects allow us to form a tangible connection with people who lived generations ago. They become a link between the past, present, and future—physical reminders of lives that came before us.

My painting process mirrors this idea of layered history. I build up surfaces slowly, often wiping back, sanding, or painting over earlier elements. Each work contains remnants of what came before—just like the objects I depict. This physical layering becomes a way to reflect on memory, time, and the traces of past lives that still linger in the present.

I also enjoy the playful aspect of painting—how the arrangement of objects, colours, and forms can spark unexpected narratives. Sometimes these scenes take on a life of their own, creating new stories that weren't planned from the outset.

Curriculum Vitae

Education:

2010–13- Bachelor of Fine Arts, National Art School, Sydney

Solo Exhibitions:

2025 – *Weaving a Tale*, Fox Galleries, Collingwood, VIC

2024 – *More is More*, Fox Galleries, Collingwood, VIC

2023- *Another Bunch of Flowers*, Fox Galleries, Collingwood, VIC

2022 – *Dreamscapes*, Fox Galleries, Melbourne
2021 – *A Solo Exhibition*, Michael Reid Northern Beaches, Newport
2020 – *Interior Worlds: Hill End*, Manly Art Gallery and Museum
2018- *Everyday Mix-Ups*, Thienny Lee Gallery, Edgecliff
2017- *Tracing Space*, Australia Square, Sydney CBD
2016- *Interiors*, Janet Clayton Gallery, Paddington
2015- *Junk Yard*, Gaffa, Sydney CBD
2015- *27.05.15*, Home @ 735, Redfern
2015 – ORIENTed , Georgetown, Malaysia

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2025- Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre
2024 – Kedumba Art Award, Wentworth Falls
2024 – Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery
2024 – Northern Beaches Environmental Art & Design Prize, Manly Art Gallery
2023 – Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery
2023 – Northern Beaches Environmental Art & Design Prize, Manly Art Gallery
2023 – Dobell Drawing Prize #23, National Art School, Darlinghurst
2022 – M16 Drawing Prize, M16 Artspace, Griffith, ACT, People’s Choice Award
2022 – Heysen Prize, Hahndorf Academy, Hahndorf, SA, Highly Commended
2022 – Hornsby Art Prize, Highly Commended
2022 – *Captivate – The National Art School and Darlinghurst Goal*, NAS, Darlinghurst
2022 – Northern Beaches Environmental Art & Design Prize, winner (Film & Video)
2021 – Paddington Art Prize
2021 – Naked and Nude Art Prize, Manning Regional Art Gallery
2021 – Dobell Drawing Prize #22, National Art School, People’s Choice Award
2020 – Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery
2020 – Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award, Grafton Regional Gallery
2020- Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre
2019 – In My Backyard, Rochfort Gallery, North Sydney
2019 – Land Rhythms, Rochfort Gallery, North Sydney
2017- Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Gallery
2017- Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre

2016- Northbridge Art Prize, winner
2015- Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Gallery
2015 – Hunters Hill Art Award
2014 – Saatchi & Saatchi Exhibition Award
2014 – Clyde & Co Community Art Award- winner
2013 – Hornsby Art Prize- winner
2013 – Mosman Art Prize
2013 – Lloyd Rees Memorial Youth Art Award
2013 – Waverley Art Prize
2013 – *Gold!* Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick
2012 – *Transitions In The Landscape*, Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick

Awards:

2022 – Northern Beaches Environmental Art & Design Prize, winner (Film & Video)
2021 – Dobell Drawing Prize #22, People’s Choice Award
2016- Northbridge Art Prize- winner
2014 – Clyde & Community Art Award- winner
2013 – Hornsby Art Prize- winner
2009- Art on King, People’s Choice Award

Collections:

Bathurst Regional Gallery
Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick
Private collections in Australia, Poland, USA, Greece, Malaysia and The Netherlands

Other:

January 2026 – Artist Residency at The Corridor Project, Cowra
April 2024 – Artist Residency at Fox Galleries, Melbourne
June 2019- Hill End Artists in Residence program
2016- 2017- Artist-in-Residence program, Curwoods Lawyers, Sydney CBD
Nov 2014 – Jan 2015 – Artist’s Residency in Penang, Malaysia