



# LARA SCOLARI

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**Born:** Sydney, Australia, 1972

**Lives and works** in Balmain, Sydney, Australia

## ARTIST STATEMENT

I am a Contemporary Australian Visual Artist, who lives and works full time on my art making practice within my vibrant light filled studio located in the heart of Sydney's harbour side village of Balmain.

Holding a Masters in Cross Disciplinary Art & Design from the University of NSW (MCDArtDes, UNSW) and with many years' experience working in the Arts and Cultural sector, I express this wealth of knowledge within my arts practice.

Influenced by major artistic figures such as Brett Whiteley, Helen Frankenthaler, John Olsen, Hans Hoffman and Mark Rothko, I am an action/gestural painter and my work is produced in an Abstract Expressionist style that explores developed experimental techniques and processes. Building up each work using a variety of media, I create depth through exquisite transparent layers that reveal hidden dioramas.

Featuring organic forms and fluid shapes my works are inspired by memory, meditation, music and the culture and essence of Australia. I continue to explore my theme of visually capturing the unseen energy, movement, life force and emotion beneath the surface - while reflecting the palette of our natural landscape.

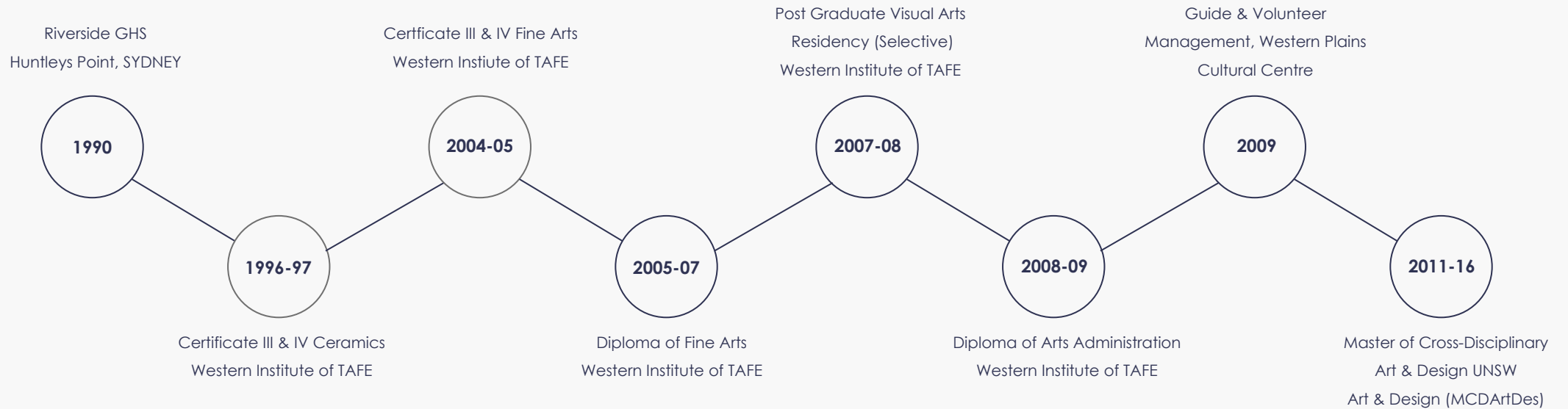
I am interested in how energy informs the painting and viewing process.

My paintings provide a space for you the viewer to engage with this spectrum of energy that then provokes conversation and thought. I hope that when viewing these works of energy, you are free to be transported to another state of mind.

*Lara Scolari*



# EDUCATION



# SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021** FLIGHT, Art2Muse Gallery, Woollahra, NSW, Australia
- 2021** Peoples Exhibition, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW, Australia
- 2021** Darling Exhibition, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW, Australia
- 2020** Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW, Australia
- 2020** Vim Vitae, Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington, NSW, Australia
- 2019** Designer Rugs Lara Scolari Collection Launch
- 2019** Ethereal for Interior Design – Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, Sydney, Australia
- 2018** Back to the Bush, Corner Store Gallery, Orange, NSW, Australia
- 2018** FLUX, Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Sydney, NSW Australia
- 2018** VOYAGE, Left Bank Gallery, Southport, QLD, Australia
- 2017** NOCTURN, Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington, NSW, Australia
- 2017** Contemporary Noir, Art2Muse, Double Bay, NSW
- 2016** COOL LUXE, The Corner Store Gallery, Orange, NSW
- 2016** Contemporary Luxe, Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, NSW
- 2016** LUNAR, Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW

- 2016** MONO2, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW
- 2015** Mono, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW
- 2015** TINGLE, Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, NSW
- 2015** Grand Opening Exhibition, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW
- 2015** Moree Art Gallery, Moree, NSW
- 2014/15** Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW
- 2014** AIR, Depot II Gallery, Danks St, Waterloo, NSW
- 2012** Lazy River Estate Winery, Dubbo, NSW
- 2011** LUDO, Orange Regional Gallery, Orange, NSW
- 2010** Occulo, Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW
- 2010** Fairview Art Space, Mudgee, NSW
- 2009** LATENT, Dubbo Regional Gallery – The Armati Bequest, Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo, NSW
- 2009** Lazy River Estate Winery, Dubbo, NSW



# SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

## 2021

The Other Art Fair, Barangaroo, Sydney, Australia  
Life Instyle, International Convention Centre, Sydney, Australia  
Design + Decor, Melbourne Convention Centre, Melbourne, Australia  
Affordable Art Fair, Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, Australia

## 2019

Affordable Art Fair, Singapore  
Asia Contemporary Art Show – Fall Edition, Hong Kong  
The Other Art Fair – Los Angeles, USA  
Affordable Art Fair, Hong Kong  
RAW art Prize – selected finalist, Sydney, Australia  
Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Wombat Hollow, Australia  
Asia Contemporary Art Show – Spring Edition, Hong Kong  
The Other Art Fair – Sydney, Australia

## 2018

The Other Art Fair – Santa Monica, LA – USA  
The Other Art Fair – Melbourne, Australia  
The Other Art Fair – Sydney, Australia  
Works on Paper – Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington, NSW, Australia

## 2017

Selected Finalist Brisbane Art Prize, Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Art, Fortitude Valley, QLD  
Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington, NSW  
Fenton & Fenton, Prahran, Victoria  
Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, NSW  
Selected Finalist, Hunters Hill Art Prize, Hunters Hill, NSW  
Paper Pear Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW  
Finalist – John Olsen Drawing Prize, Kudos Gallery, Sydney, Australia

## 2016

Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington, NSW  
Fenton & Fenton, Prahran, Victoria  
Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, NSW  
Paper Pear Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW  
The Corner Store Gallery, Orange, NSW  
Martine Gallery, Northbridge, NSW  
Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW

## 2015

Tusk Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria  
Art2Muse, Double Bay, NSW  
Selected Finalist, Moreton Bay Art Awards, Strathpine, Queensland  
Selected Finalist, Hunters Hill Art Prize, Hunters Hill, NSW

Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Resident Artists Exhibition, Hunters Hill, NSW  
Twist Gallery, Alexandria, NSW  
Martine Gallery, Northbridge, NSW

## 2014

Tusk Gallery, South Yarra, Victoria  
Selected Finalist Mosman Art Prize, Mosman, NSW  
Kenthurst Galleries, Kenthurst, NSW  
SOHO Galleries, Woolloomooloo, NSW  
NG Gallery, ART NOW, Chippendale Creative Precinct, NSW  
Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Resident Artist Exhibition, Hunters Hill, NSW  
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Wenona Alumni Art Show, Milsons Point, NSW  
Balmain Art Gallery, Balmain, NSW  
Brisbane Modern Art Gallery, Fortitude Valley, Queensland  
Nexus Gallery, Albert Park, Melbourne, Victoria  
Paper Pear Art Gallery, Wagga Waga, NSW  
Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW  
Panoply Art Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria  
Art2Muse, Double Bay, NSW  
Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Balmain Pop Up, Balmain, NSW





### 2013

A Decade of Stories – Artist in Residence  
Exhibition, Ashfield, NSW  
Tracks, Western Plains Cultural Centre,  
Dubbo, NSW

### 2012

Blake Prize Directors Cut Exhibition  
Salerno Gallery, Glebe, NSW  
Calleen Art Award Finalist, Corwa Art  
Gallery, Cowra, NSW  
Shimmer on the Bay, St Josephs College  
Exhibition, Walsh Bay, Sydney, NSW  
I Love Art Exhibition, St Augustines School,  
Narromine, NSW  
Fresh Arts, Dubbo Theatre and  
Convention Centre, Dubbo, NSW

### 2011

Finalist Calleen Acquisition Prize, Cowra  
Regional Art Gallery, NSW  
Paper Pear Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW  
Hill Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW  
Alchemy, Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW  
Art Unlimited Prize, Dunedoo, NSW  
Fresh Paint, Red Door Gallery, Dubbo,  
NSW

### 2010

Michael Reid Gallery, Murrurundi, NSW  
St Joseph's Art Show, Hunters Hill, NSW  
Newport Artworks, Newport Beach, NSW  
Hill Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW  
Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW  
Finalist Calleen Acquisition Prize, Cowra  
Regional Art Gallery, NSW  
Around The World, Fresh Arts Group Show,  
Macquarie Regional Library, Dubbo, NSW

### 2009

Finalist Morton Bay Art Awards, Strathpine,  
Queensland  
Fresh Meat, Fresh Arts Group Show, Chop Art  
Shop, Milthorpe, NSW  
Fairview Art Space, Mudgee, NSW  
Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW  
Percy Street Gallery, Wellington, NSW  
Wood for the Trees Fresh Arts Group Show,  
Dubbo, NSW  
Winner Into the Drip Art Prize, Fairview  
Artspace, Mudgee, NSW

**2008**

Bowerhouse, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW

Fairview Artspace, Mudgee, NSW

Finalist Art Unlimited Prize, Dunedoo, NSW

Fresh Arts 08, Dubbo Regional Gallery – The Armaty Bequest, NSW

Finalist Calleen Acquisition Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW

**2007**

Expose, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW

Fresh off the Plains, Canowindra Art Gallery, NSW

**2006**

Visible, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW

Fresh & Fruity, The Art Gallery Coonabarabran NSW

Fresh & Fruity, Dubbo Regional Gallery, NSW

A Fresh Look, Dundullimal Homestead, Dubbo NSW

Rigi Dige, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW

**2005**

Upstarts, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW

Save the Sumatran Tiger, Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo, NSW





# ART RESIDENCIES

2004

Fresh Arts Residency, Dundullimal  
Homestead, Dubbo, NSW  
AUSTRALIA

2007-08

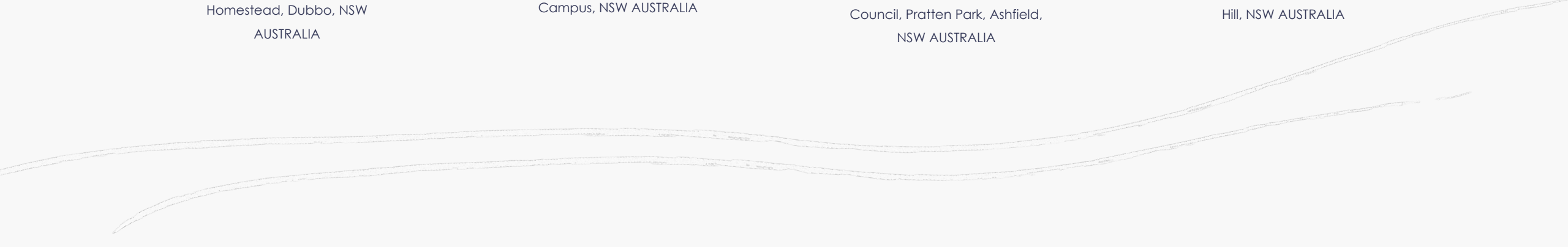
Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo  
Campus, NSW AUSTRALIA

2012-13

Artist in Residence, Ashfield  
Council, Pratten Park, Ashfield,  
NSW AUSTRALIA

2013-15

Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters  
Hill, NSW AUSTRALIA



# ARTIST RUN INITIATIVE'S

# EMPLOYMENT WITHIN CULTURAL SECTOR

2013-15

Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW – Director

2015

Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW  
– Gallery Director & Principal

2005-13

Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo, NSW  
(Arts Administration, Exhibition Installation & Education Officer)

*"I can never decide if it's the line or the love of colour that Lara uses that draws all sorts of different clients into her enthusiastic art practice. Her work is full of energy and continuous originality".*

*Dominic Maunsell*

