



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.

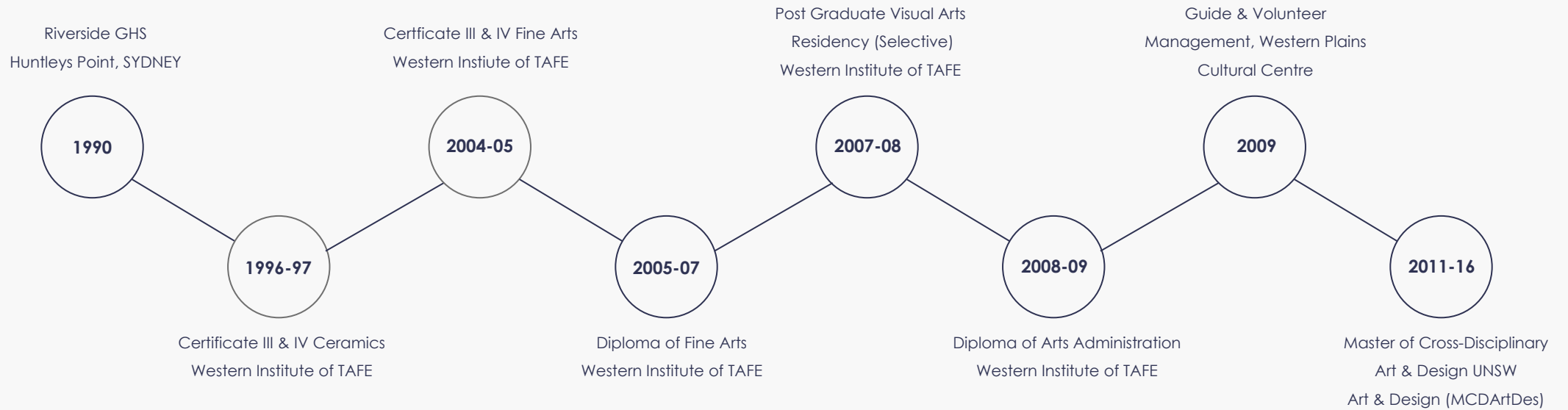
I am interested in how energy informs the painting and viewing process.

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.

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EDUCATION



SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 Natural Energies, Designer Rugs Collection Launch, The Fenwick, Sydney, Australia

2023 TERRITORIAN – Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, Australia

2022 TERRITORIAN - Audrey Fine Art, Pyrmont, Australia

2022 Scents of Australia—Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, Australia

2021 FLIGHT—Art2Muse Gallery, Woollahra, Australia

2021 Peoples Exhibition, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain Australia

2020 Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW Australia

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 – Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo, NSW

2009 Lazy River Estate Winery, Dubbo, NSW



SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023

The Other Art Fair, Sydney, NSW, Australia
The Other Art Fair, Los Angeles, California, USA
The Other Art Fair, Dallas, Texas, USA
The Other Art Fair, Kings Cross, London, UK
Affordable Art Fair, Randwick, Australia
The Other Art Fair, Dallas, Texas, USA
The Other Art Fair, Brooklyn, NY, USA
Shazia Imran Gallery, The Rocks, Sydney Australia
Arty Party, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, Australia

2022

Hamilton Island Art Gallery, Hamilton Island, Australia
Fern Street Gallery, Coastal Vibes Exhibition, Gerringong, Australia
Audrey Fine Art, Pyrmont, Australia
The Other Art Fair – Sydney, Australia
Affordable Art Fair – Sydney Australia
Denfair, Melbourne, Australia
Design + Décor, Melbourne, Australia
Australian Design Show, Sydney, Australia

2021

The Other Art Fair, Barangaroo, Sydney, Australia
Lifestyle, ICC, , Sydney, Australia
Design + Decor, Convention Centre, Melbourne, Australia
Affordable Art Fair, 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, NSW 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, 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, 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, QLD
Selected Finalist, Hunters Hill Art Prize, NSW
Hunters Hill Art Gallery, 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, NSW
Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW
Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW
Wenona Alumni Art Show, Milsons Point, NSW
Balmain Art Gallery, Balmain, NSW
Brisbane Modern Art Gallery, QLD





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

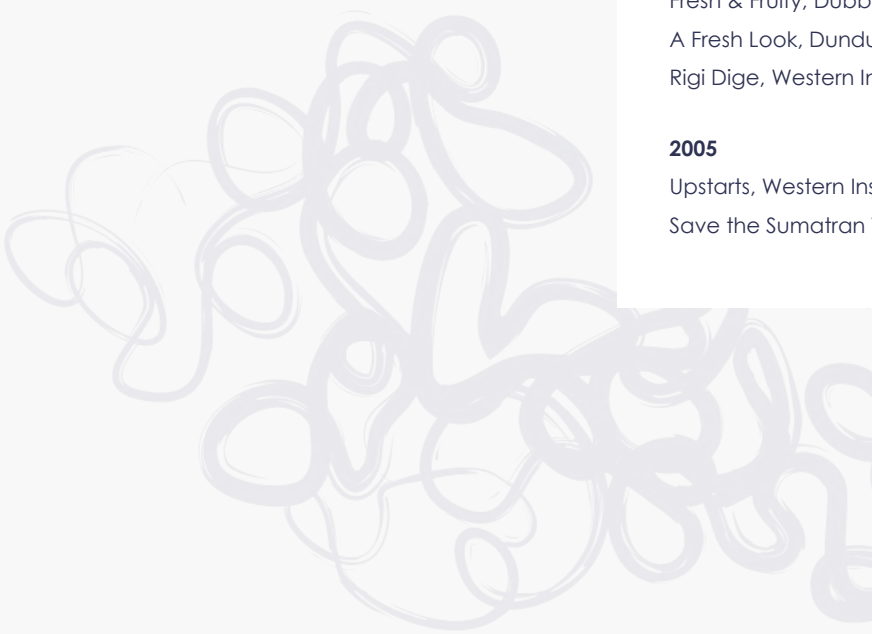
A Fresh Look, Dundullimal Homestead, Dubbo NSW

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

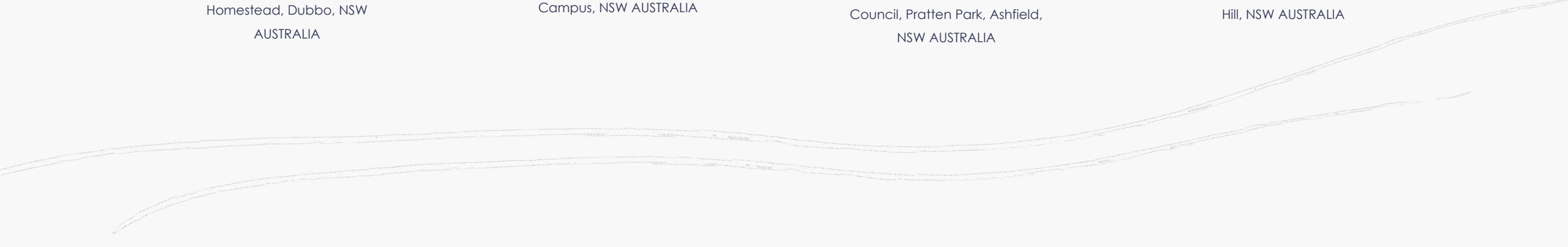
Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo
Campus, NSW AUSTRALIA

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

