

Frank Thirion

Curriculum Vitae

BIOGRAPHY

- 1958 Born Paris, France
- 1967 Immigrated to Australia
- 1996 Studied for Year 12 certificate Erindale College, ACT.
- 1999 Studied at the Canberra School of Art, Canberra, (Australian National University, School of Art and Design), **Bachelor of Arts,(Visual Arts), 1st class Honours, University Medal - Visual Arts. (Painting).**
- 2004 Studied at the Canberra School of Art, Canberra, (Australian National University, School of Art and Design), **PhD in Visual Arts, (Painting).**
- 2000 & 2003 Painting Workshop – first-year mentoring program, ANU School of Art Canberra ACT.
- 2004 Conference Workshop and Exhibition Assistant to Young Peoples River Health, Narrabri NSW.
- 2005 Artist talk Pass the Salt National Museum, public program.
- 2006 Artist talk on environmental degradation, Environment Studio, Faculty of Arts ANU, ACT.
- 2006 Tutors Painting Workshop, first-year mentoring program, School of Art ANU.
- 2007 - 2008 Landscape painting ANU, Visual Arts, Access/Open Art Program. (part-time)
- 2008 - 2009 Faculty of Design and Creative Practice, University of Canberra, ACT. (part-time)
- 2010 Sessional Lecturer Complementary studies in painting, College of ASS ANU.
- 2007 - 2017 Sessional Lecturer Portfolio Preparation, Centre for Continuing Education, ANU. (part-time)
- 2015 - 2017 Sessional Lecturer Foundation Studies, College of Arts and Social Sciences, ANU. (part-time)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 '*The Weight of Memory*' Liarbird Gallery, Monash, ACT.
- 2024 '*Amelioration Patterns*' retrospective exhibition, Liarbird Gallery, Monash, ACT.
- 2024 '*Lets see if it flies*' Liarbird Gallery, Monash, ACT.
- 2008 '*Constellation*' Canberra Contemporary Art Space Braddon ACT.
- 2003 '*Feral Salt*', Photospace, ANU, CSA, ACT.
- 2002 '*Paysage de Sel –(Salt Country)*', Foyer Gallery, CSA, ACT.
- 1987 '*20 x 80*' Union St Lavender Bay, Sydney, NSW.

TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 '*Mediated Landscape*' with Graham Eadie M16 Artspace Griffith ACT.
- 2009 '*Desert Devils*' with Graham Eadie ANCA Gallery Dickson ACT,
- 2014 '*Common Ground*' with Ros Auld, Form Studio & Gallery Queanbeyan, NSW.
- 2004 '*2 x 2*' Postgraduate Student Exhibitions, ANU, SoA Gallery, ACT.
- 2003 '*What's My Name?*', with Gary Smith, Painting-Dep. ANU, School of Art, ACT.
- 2001 '*Reconstruction*', with Graham Eadie, ANCA Gallery Canberra, ACT.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 'Water', Liarbird Gallery, Monash, ACT.
- 2024 'Eclectic' group exhibition, Liarbird Gallery, Monash, ACT.
- Current-2022** 'Environmental History Exhibition' National Museum of Australia, Acton, ACT.
- 2015 'Field Studies from South East Australia' Adolfo Winternitz Gallery, School of Art, PUCP, Lima, Perú.
- 2014 'The Blake Prize' (short Listed), Sydney College of the Arts, NSW.
- 2014 'NPPP 2014 (digital display)' National Portrait Gallery Canberra, ACT.
- 2013 'Future Proof' Canberra Contemporary Art Space Gorman House Canberra, ACT.
- 2013 'Capital Arts Patrons' Organisation Exhibition' Canberra Museum and Gallery ACT.
- 2013 'Now & When', Contemplating Climates on the South East Coast, Eden, NSW.
- 2013 'Salon des refuses', S.H.Ervin Gallery Sydney, NSW.
- 2012 'The Archibald Prize' (finalist) Art Gallery of NSW.
- 2012 *The Archibald Regional Touring Exhibition: for 2012 and 2013*
- 2012 *TarraWarra Museum of Art, Victoria, Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Cowra.*
- 2012 *Art Gallery, Western Plain Cultural Centre, Grafton Regional Gallery, Hawkesbury.*
- 2012 *Gallery, New England Regional Gallery.*
- 2012 'Capital Arts Patrons' Organisation exhibition M16 Artspace Griffith ACT.
- 2012 'Transit of Venus' Photospace ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences ACT.
- 2011 'Mallee [mæli:] Exhibition' School of Art Gallery, Australian National University ACT.
- 2011 'The Country Show II' ANU SoA Gallery Foyer ACT.
- 2011 'Capo Fundraiser Exhibition' ACT.
- 2011 'Biosphere Propositions from Semi-Arid Landscapes Exhibition' ANU SoA Gallery.
- 2011 'Democracy' ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, SoA Gallery ACT.
- 2010 'This Way Up'. M16 Artspace Griffith ACT.
- 2010 'Capo' Exhibition National Archives of Australia Parkes ACT.
- 2010 'Earth Connection', Belconnen Arts Centre ACT.
- 2010 'The Wynne Prize', (Finalist) Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney NSW.
- 2010 'Painting Workshop Exhibition', ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences ACT.
- 2009 'Capo' Fundraiser Exhibition ACT.
- 2009 'Copy Cat' Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Manuka ACT.
- 2009 'Radar' M16' Gallery Fyshwick ACT.
- 2009 'The Wynne Prize' (Finalist) Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney NSW.
- 2008 'Drought – Past and Future' ANU Water Initiative Conferences Headley Bull ANU,
- 2008 'Capo fundraiser' Exhibition ACT.
- 2008 'Skinn Deep' fundraiser for Gary Lee CCAS Gorman House ACT.
- 2008 'ANU Environmental Field Studies Exhibition', Renmark, SA.
- 2008 'Narrative' Faculty of Design and Creative Practice Art and Design, University of Canberra.
- 2008 *ANU Environmental Studio Group Exhibition', Tumut, NSW.*
- 2007 'Capo Fundraiser' Exhibition ACT.
- 2007 'ANU Environmental Field Study Exhibition, St George, QLD.
- 2007 'Drawn' Together, Australian National University ACT.
- 2007 'Phoenix Prize' (Finalist) School of Art Gallery, Australian National University ACT.
- 2006 'Picture this', ANU School of Art painting alumni exhibition, SoA Gallery ANU and M16 Artspace Griffith ACT.

- 2006 'ANU Painting' Touring Exhibition: Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne VIC
 2006 'Painting Exhibition' Sydney College of the Arts, NSW
 2006 'Aperitif Talk Exhibition', Environment Studio School of Art, Faculty of Arts ANU,
 2006 'SheppARTon' Festival, City of Greater Shepparton, Council Offices Eastbank
 Centre, Vic.
 2005 'Land, Our Life: Environment, Religion and Social Change in Australia', The
 Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton, ACT.
 2005 'Salt', Collector Gallery Collector, NSW.
 2005 'Phoenix Prize' (Finalist) School of Art Gallery, Australian National University, ACT.
 2005 'Pass the Salt', Museum of the Riverina, Wagga-Wagga, NSW.
 2005 'Apprehensions', ANCA Gallery Canberra, ACT.
 2004 'Surface Indicators', School of Art Gallery, Australian National University, ACT.
 2004 'The Wynne Prize' (Finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney NSW.
 2004 'Eureka Moments! Highlights from 50 years of Australian Science', Australian
 Academy of Science, National Museum of Australia, ACT.
- 2003 'Ceremonial Vessels', Foyer Gallery, CSA, ACT.
 2003 'Uncharted Waters' Exhibition, Tumut NSW
 2003 'Uncharted Waters' Foyer Gallery, CSA, ACT.
 2002 'Salt/Water Visual Art from the Basin' Dubbo Regional Gallery NSW.
 2002 'The Wynne Prize' (shortlisted) Art Gallery New South Wales, Sydney NSW.
 2002 'The Canberra Art Prize (Winner), Italo Australian Club, ACT.
 2002 'Elvis is alive and living in Canberra', CCAS Manuka, ACT.
 2002 'Environment Studio Exhibition, Centenary Celebration' Corowa, NSW.
 2001 'Scandal', Contemporary Art Space, Civic ACT.
 2001 'Salt', Murray Darling Basin Commission, Canberra ACT.
 2001 Grand Opening Exhibition, Landau Gallery St Kilda, VIC.
 2000 'Traditional Values' Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Civic ACT.
 2000 'diaspora' Australia National Capital Artist Studios Gallery, ACT.
 2000 'Hatched' Healthway National Graduate Show, Perth Institute of Contemporary
 Arts, Western Australia.
- 1999 'ANU Canberra School of Art, Graduation Exhibition, ACT.
 1998 'Collaboration works with Tim Johnson, Photospace, ANU, CSA, ACT.
 1998 'Fear of Colour, ANCA Gallery Canberra, ACT.
 1997 'CSA Drawings Prize' Foyer Gallery Australian National University, CSA, ACT.
 1996 'Sight and Sound' ANU, School of Art Gallery, ACT.
 1984 '20/80' Exhibition Lavender Bay, Sydney ,NSW

AWARDS, GRANTS AND COMMISSIONS

- 2009 Canberra Critics' Circle Award for Visual Arts
 2002 The Canberra Art Prize
 2002 Australian National University School of Art, Field Study Travelling Scholarship
 2001 Australian Postgraduate Awarded for a PhD
 1999 University Medal for Visual Arts, Australian National University.
 1999 The Tillyard Prize Australian National University.
 1999 Mallesons Stephens Jaques Emerging Artists Support Scheme
 1999 Sir Geoffrey Yeend Honours Scholarship in Visual Arts, ANU

COLLECTIONS

- 2003 The National Museum of Australia, ACT.
- 1999 Parliament House Art Collection, ACT.
- 1999 Australia National University Collection, ACT.
- 1999 The EASS Loans Collection, ANU School of Art, ACT.
- 2001 The Italo-Australian Collection, ACT.
- 2003 Murray-Darling Basin Authority Collection, ACT.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2013 John Reid, *'Now & When, Contemplating Climates on the South East Coast'*. ANU, ACT.
- 2011 John Reid, *'Mallee: Aesthetic'*. Exhibition Catalogue, ANU School of Art Gallery, ACT.
- 2010 John Reid, Rob Lamberts, Carolyn Young, Charles Tambiah, *'Engaging Visions'*. ANU, ACT.
- 2009 Graham Eadie, Frank Thirion, Painting. *'Radar'*. Exhibition Catalogue, M16 Artspace, ACT.
- 2009 Graham Eadie, Frank Thirion, Painting. *'Desert Devils'*. Exh/Cat, ANCA Gallery, ACT.
- 2009 James Elkins, *'Artists with PhDs: On the New Doctoral Degree in Studio Art'* New Academia Publishing, LLC.
- 2008 Graham Eadie, *'Constellation'* Exh/Cat,, Canberra Contemporary Art Space, ACT
- 2005 James Elkins, Printed Project No.4, Sculptors' Society of Ireland, Dublin.
- 2005 *'Present Tense'*, Post-Graduate Exhibition Catalogue ANU, School of Art, ACT.
- 2004 Doctorate Theses *'Circular Continuum: The Depiction of Historical Time in the Art of Paddy Fordham Wainburranga,'* Australian National University, School of Art, ACT.
- 2004 *'Circular Continuum: Doctorate Studio Report'*. ANU, School of Art, ACT.
- 2002 John Reid, *'Uncharted Waters'*. ANU School of Art, Canberra ACT.
- 2001 Art & Design Education 2000, Design Graphics Publication, Vic.
- 2000 Neil Roberts, *'Tick Tock'*. Constantinople Publications, NSW.
- 2000 *'Hatched'* Healthway National Graduate Show, PICA Press, Western Australia.

REVIEWS

- 2021 Diana Streak *'Not so faceless'* Canberra Times Capital Life, 17 March
- 2012 Christopher Allen *'Facial Recognition'* The Australian, 16 March
- 2010 Sasha Grishin *'Inside the Archibores'* Canberra Times, 3 April
- 2009 Amarie Bergman *'Desert Devils Exhibition'* on line review.
- 2009 John McDonald *'When losers are winners'* The Sydney Morning Herald, 14/15 March
- 2009 Jeremy Eccles *'Archibald/Wynne Prizes get a bit Indigenous'* Aboriginal Art News, 6 March
- 2008 Sasha Grishin *'Celestial visions pay homage to a master'* Canberra Times, 27 Nov
- 2008 Anni Doyle Wawrzynczak *'Of clowns and skies'* City News 20 Nov
- 2005 John Martin *'Salinity given the artistic treatment brings a taste of danger to the canvas'* Canberra Times 27 June
- 2004 Ann McMahon *'Uncharted Waters'* Art Monthly Australia #173 Sep
- 2003 Rebecca Meston *'A prize that makes a difference'* Muse Magazine Sep
- 2002 John Reid *'Art turns a shade of green'* The Australian, 10 Jun
- 2002 Helen Musa *'Salt of the Earth takes the Prize'* Canberra Times, 10 May
- 2001 Ron Cerabona *'Unfinished business'* Canberra Times, 22 Nov
- 2001 Sasha Grishin *'Raft of issues in a culture clash'* Canberra Times, 26 Nov

Private Collections:

Paris France, Berlin Germany, Washington DC USA, San Francisco USA.