

Gerwyn Davies

BIOGRAPHY	1985	Born in Ipswich QLD
EDUCATION	2017	PhD, University of New South Wales Art and Design, Sydney
	2012	Bachelor of Photography (1 st Class Honours), Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Brisbane
SOLO EXHIBITIONS	2026	<i>Sunburn</i> , Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Murwillumbah NSW
	2025	<i>Shimmer</i> , Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane <i>Calypso</i> , Michael Reid Gallery, Sydney
	2024	<i>Mirage</i> , Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane <i>Glisten</i> , South East Centre for Contemporary Art (SECCA), Bega NSW
	2023	<i>Mustang</i> , Michael Reid Art Bar, Sydney
	2022	<i>Pleasure</i> (offsite exhibition at The Calile Hotel), Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane <i>Strange Magic</i> , Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
	2021 - 2022	<i>Iridescent</i> , Museum of Sydney, Sydney
	2021	<i>Gerwyn Davies: Plush</i> , UNSW Galleries, Sydney <i>Utopia</i> , Michael Reid Gallery, Berlin Germany <i>Alien</i> , Perth Centre for Photography, Perth
	2020	<i>Utopia</i> , Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane <i>Fur</i> , Michael Reid Gallery, Berlin Germany
	2019	<i>Heatwave</i> , Bundaberg Regional Gallery, Bundaberg QLD <i>Gerwyn Davies</i> (online exhibition), Michael Reid Gallery, Sydney
	2018	<i>Idols</i> (online exhibition), Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane <i>Fur</i> , Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney
	2017	<i>Heatwave</i> , Gould Galleries, Melbourne
	2016	<i>Subtropics</i> , Spiro Grace Art Rooms, Brisbane
	2015	<i>Paradise</i> , Spiro Grace Art Rooms, Brisbane
	2014	<i>Creature</i> , Brisbane Powerhouse, Brisbane
	2013	<i>A Million Bucks</i> , Ipswich Art Gallery, Ipswich QLD <i>Beast</i> , Spiro Grace Art Rooms, Brisbane
	2012	<i>soft McQueenie</i> , Metro Arts, Brisbane

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (CONT)

Steel Town Disciples, Queensland Centre for Photography, Brisbane

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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| 2025 | <p><i>Summer</i>, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane</p> <p><i>Brisbane Portrait Prize</i>, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane</p> <p><i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i>, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD</p> <p><i>Sydney Contemporary Art Fair</i>, Michael Reid Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>National Photographic Portrait Prize 2025</i>, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra</p> <p><i>Bowness Photography Prize 2025</i>, Museum of Australian Photography, Melbourne</p> <p><i>HOTA Collects</i>, HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast QLD</p> <p><i>Souter's Bondi</i>, Bondi Pavilion Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>De-centre re-centre</i>, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery/ Perth Centre for Photography, Perth</p> <p><i>Performing Presence</i>, Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland QLD</p> <p><i>Common Ground</i>, Bondi Pavilion Gallery, Sydney</p> |
| 2024 | <p><i>HOTA Collects</i>, HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast QLD</p> <p><i>Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize</i>, HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast QLD</p> <p><i>Brisbane Portrait Prize</i>, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane</p> <p><i>The Autumn Edit</i>, Michael Reid Gallery, Berlin</p> <p><i>Newcastle</i>, Michael Reid Gallery, Newcastle</p> <p><i>Synergy: identity, portraiture and the moving body</i>, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW</p> |
| 2023 | <p><i>Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture</i>, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW</p> <p><i>Halfway</i>, Yarrila Arts and Museum, Coffs Harbour NSW</p> |
| 2022 | <p><i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i>, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD</p> <p><i>Transcending Likeness: contemporary portraits from the collection</i>, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>City in the sun</i>, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane</p> <p><i>Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture</i>, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW</p> <p><i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i>, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD</p> |
| 2020 | <p><i>Sydney Contemporary Art Fair (online)</i>, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane</p> <p><i>The Alice Prize</i>, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT</p> <p><i>New Collectors</i>, Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide</p> <p><i>Razzle Dazzle</i>, Brisbane Outdoor Gallery - Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane</p> |
| 2019 | <p><i>Pleasure</i>, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne</p> <p><i>Figure and Ground</i>, Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide</p> |

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		<i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i> , Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
		<i>Widgets and Doochicks from a Camp Toolbox</i> curated by Dr Alison Bennett and Dr Ray Cook, RMIT, Melbourne
	2018	<i>Dress Code</i> , Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane
		<i>Class Act</i> curated by Liam Bryan-Brown, Outer Space, Brisbane
		<i>In Other Image</i> , When Words Fail: SIPF International Portfolio Showcase, Singapore International Photography Festival, Singapore
		<i>Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize</i> , Gallery at HOTA, Gold Coast QLD
		<i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i> , Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
		<i>Spring 1883</i> , Jan Murphy Gallery, Melbourne
		<i>Biennale of Australian Art</i> , Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat VIC
		<i>We the people that live for the beautiful</i> , Bondi Pavillion, Sydney
		<i>The Alice Prize</i> , Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
	2017	<i>The William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize</i> , Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
		<i>Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize</i> , Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
		<i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i> , Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
		<i>Fisher's Ghost Art Prize</i> , Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney NSW
	2016	<i>Clayton Utz Art Award</i> , Riparian Plaza, Brisbane
		<i>Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize</i> , Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
	2015	<i>Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize</i> , Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
	2014	<i>Churchie National Emerging Art Prize</i> , Griffith University Art Gallery, Brisbane
		<i>Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize</i> , Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
	2013	<i>Polarized: Political Photomedia in Queensland</i> , Colour Factory, Melbourne
		<i>Uncanny</i> , Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, Brisbane
	2012	<i>Photo L.A.</i> , Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, California USA
		<i>Synchronicity: Queensland Contemporary Photography</i> , Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton NSW
		<i>North by Northeast: Head on Photo Festival</i> , Depot Gallery, Sydney
		<i>Flipside: Contemporary Australian Photography</i> , Bergamot Station, California USA
		<i>No Longer So Linear</i> , Queensland Centre for Photography, Brisbane
		<i>Reveal: Midsumma</i> , 1000 Pound Bend, Melbourne

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (CONT)	2012	<i>FutureGen</i> , John Curtin Gallery, Perth
	2011	<i>Photo L.A.</i> , Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, California USA
COMMISSIONS	2021 - 2022	Hermès window display collaboration, Brisbane & Sydney
	2015	Artbank/QPAC Playhouse Photo Commission, Brisbane
AWARDS & RESIDENCIES	2025	Artist Residency, Museum of Brisbane & Brisbane Powerhouse - Melt Festival, Brisbane
		Artist Residency, Nancy Fairfax Artist Studio, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Murwillumbah NSW
		Finalist, Brisbane Portrait Prize, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane
		Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
		Finalist, National Photographic Portrait Prize 2025, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
		Finalist, Bowness Photography Prize 2025, Museum of Australian Photography, Melbourne
	2024	Finalist, Brisbane Portrait Prize, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane
		Finalist, Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize, HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
	2023	Finalist, Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW
		Finalist, Clayton Utz Prize, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane
	2022	Winner (Artist Residency), Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
	2021	Winner (Director's Choice Award), Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW
		Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
	2020	Highly Commended, The Alice Prize, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
		Highly Commended, Clayton Utz Prize, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane
	2019	Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
		Finalist, Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW
		Finalist, Clayton Utz Prize, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane
	2018	Artist Residency, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane
		Australia Council Kyoto Art Centre Exchange, Kyoto Japan
		Finalist, Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize, Gallery at HOTA, Gold Coast QLD
		Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
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	2013	Winner, Pedestrian.tv Photo of the Year Award
	2012	Winner, Australian Commercial and Media Photographers (ACMP)
		Australian Student Photographer of the Year Award
		Winner, Capture Magazine Top Emerging Fashion/Editorial Photographer Award
	2011	Winner, ACMP Australian Student Fashion Photographer of the Year Award
PUBLICATIONS	2026	Barnaby Smith, <i>In preview - Brisbane - Gerwyn Davies: Shimmer</i> , Artguide, Issue 160, Mar/Apr
	2025	Amber Creswell-Bell, <i>Exposure</i> , Thames & Hudson Australia
		Rebecca Blake, <i>Hiding in plain sight</i> , Portrait - Magazine of the National Portrait Gallery, issue 73
		Ross Bilton, <i>Heart of the Nation: Newcastle 2300</i> , The Weekend Australian Magazine, 22 February
	2022	<i>Friday Fabulous Five – See</i> , Belle Magazine (online), 2 September
		<i>Gerwyn Davies (Artefacts)</i> , Vault Magazine, Issue 38, May – July
		Philippa Coates, <i>Check out these hotel guests</i> , Australian Financial Review, 29 July
		Benjamin Judd, <i>Master of Illusion</i> , Wish Magazine, The Australian, 3 – 4 June
		<i>'Strange Magic' by Gerwyn Davies seduces with its surreal costume play</i> , Stir Pad (online), 4 March
		Lisa Davidson, <i>Gerwyn Davies – Strange Magic</i> , We Heart (online), 9 March
		<i>Shortcuts to the weekend - Art</i> , Courier Mail, 12 – 13 March
	2021	Steve Dow, <i>Iridescent: Gerwyn Davies' colourful, camp costume sculptures</i> , The Guardian Australia (online), December 2021
		Alexandra English, <i>Carried Away</i> , Harper's Bazaar Australia/New Zealand, November 2021

PUBLICATIONS (CONT)

- 2021 Jane Albert, *'He's quite shy and retiring': the artist behind Australia's most outlandish selfies*, Good Weekend Magazine, Sydney Morning Herald, September
- Dr Joseph Brennan, *Gerwyn Davies: Plush*, Art Almanac, March
- Rose of Sharon Leake, *Under your skin – Gerwyn Davies*, Art Edit Magazine, Issue 26
- 2020 Joseph Brennan, *Exhibitions: Pleasure (review)*, Art Almanac, Jan/Feb
- 2018 Phil Brown, *Top 10 Emerging Queensland Artists*, The Courier Mail, 8 September
- Tracy Clement, *Gerwyn Davies: Fur*, Art Guide Australia, June
- Con Gerakaris, *Fursona Grata*, Runway, 13 March
- 2017 Peter Speetjens, *The Tacky and Grotesque of Life Down Under*, Plastik Magazine, Spring
- 2016 Melissa Fletcher, *Artist Interview: Gerwyn Davies (AUS)*, Medium, 2 November
- Liam Bryan-Brown, *Glisten*, Exhibition Essay for Subtropics, July
- 2015 Miriam Kelly, *Gerwyn Davies: Chux, Glitter and the Occasional Hissy Fit*, Sturgeon Magazine, April
- 2014 Denise Carter, *Brisbane artist Gerwyn Davies brings Paradise to Cairns as part of KickArts Contemporary Arts triple exhibition launch*, Cairns Post, 13 November
- Gerwyn Davies: Beast/ Paradise*, Carnival Magazine, Issue 2
- 2013 *Gerwyn Davies' 'Beast'*, British Journal of Photography, 1 September
- Dr Nadia Buick, *The Body Made Strange*, Exhibition Essay for Beast, May
- Anthony Thomas, *Interview: Gerwyn Davies*, Moustache Magazine, 27 March

COLLECTIONS

Artbank

City of Sydney

HOTA Gallery, QLD

Ipswich Art Gallery, QLD

Museum of Sydney, Sydney

Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane

Queensland Children's Hospital, Brisbane

Queensland Centre for Photography, Brisbane

Redland Art Gallery Collection, QLD

Sunshine Coast Art Collection, QLD

Tweed Regional Gallery, NSW

Private collections nationally and internationally