

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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| 2026 | <i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i> , Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
<i>Brisbane Portrait Prize</i> (forthcoming), State Library of Queensland, Brisbane |
| 2025 | <i>Summer</i> , Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
<i>Brisbane Portrait Prize</i> , State Library of Queensland, Brisbane
<i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i> , Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
<i>Sydney Contemporary Art Fair</i> , Michael Reid Gallery, Sydney
<i>National Photographic Portrait Prize 2025</i> , National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
<i>Bowness Photography Prize 2025</i> , Museum of Australian Photography, Melbourne
<i>HOTA Collects</i> , HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
<i>Souter's Bondi</i> , Bondi Pavilion Gallery, Sydney
<i>De-centre re-centre</i> , Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery/ Perth Centre for Photography, Perth
<i>Performing Presence</i> , Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland QLD
<i>Common Ground</i> , Bondi Pavilion Gallery, Sydney |
| 2024 | <i>HOTA Collects</i> , HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
<i>Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize</i> , HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
<i>Brisbane Portrait Prize</i> , State Library of Queensland, Brisbane
<i>The Autumn Edit</i> , Michael Reid Gallery, Berlin
<i>Newcastle</i> , Michael Reid Gallery, Newcastle
<i>Synergy: identity, portraiture and the moving body</i> , Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW |
| 2023 | <i>Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture</i> , Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW
<i>Halfway</i> , Yarrila Arts and Museum, Coffs Harbour NSW |
| 2022 | <i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i> , Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
<i>Transcending Likeness: contemporary portraits from the collection</i> , Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW |
| 2021 | <i>City in the sun</i> , Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane
<i>Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture</i> , Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW
<i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i> , Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD |
| 2020 | <i>Sydney Contemporary Art Fair</i> (online), Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
<i>The Alice Prize</i> , Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT
<i>New Collectors</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
<i>Razzle Dazzle</i> , Brisbane Outdoor Gallery - Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane |

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		<i>Figure and Ground</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
		<i>Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture</i> , Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed NSW
		<i>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</i> , Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
		<i>Widgets and Doohickies 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
2017		<i>The Alice Prize</i> , Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
		<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
2016		<i>Fisher's Ghost Art Prize</i> , Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney NSW
		<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

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (CONT)	2012	<i>No Longer So Linear</i> , Queensland Centre for Photography, Brisbane <i>Reveal: Midsumma</i> , 1000 Pound Bend, Melbourne <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	2026	Finalist, Brisbane Portrait Prize, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
	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

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2018	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
	Finalist, The Alice Prize, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
2017	Finalist, William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
	Finalist, Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize, Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
	Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD
	Finalist, Fisher's Ghost Art Prize, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney
2016	Finalist, Clayton Utz Art Award, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane
	Finalist, Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize, Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
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	Finalist, Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize, Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast QLD
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
	'Strange Magic' by Gerwyn Davies seduces with its surreal costume play, Stir Pad (online), 4 March

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- 2022 Lisa Davidson, *Gerwyn Davies – Strange Magic*, We Heart (online), 9 March
Shortcuts to the weekend - Art, Courier Mail, 12 – 13 March
- 2021 Steve Dow, *Iridescent: Gerwyn Davies' colourful, camp costume sculptures*, The Guardian Australia (online), December 2021
Alexandra English, *Carried Away*, Harper's Bazaar Australia/New Zealand, November 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

COLLECTIONS (CONT)

Tweed Regional Gallery, NSW

Private collections nationally and internationally