

Richard Lewer

BIOGRAPHY	1970	Born in New Zealand
EDUCATION	2000	Master of Visual Arts, Victoria College of the Arts, University of Melbourne, Melbourne
	1992	Bachelor of Fine Art, Elam School of Fine Art, Auckland University, New Zealand
SOLO EXHIBITIONS	2026	Suite Gallery, Aotearoa Art Fair, Auckland
	2025 - 2026	<i>Richard Lewer: Steve</i> , National Gallery of Australia, Canberra (followed by national touring exhibition)
	2025	<i>I only talk to God when I want something</i> , Geelong Gallery, Geelong VIC <i>The stories that persist are not always true</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
	2024	<i>Richard Lewer - Making Contact</i> , Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne <i>Richard's Disasters: A true story volume 2</i> , Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane <i>What They Didn't Teach Me at School</i> , New Zealand Portrait Gallery, Wellington <i>Bird Song</i> , Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne
	2023	<i>Adam and Eve - NGV Triennial</i> , National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne <i>The Confession - NGV Triennial EXTRA</i> , National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne Hugo Michell Gallery, Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney
	2022	<i>Leaving Northcote</i> , Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane <i>Misadventures</i> , Suite Gallery, Wellington New Zealand
	2021	<i>Richard's Disasters: A True Story</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
	2020	<i>You Were Always On My Mind</i> , Suite Gallery, Auckland NZ <i>As I stepped out into the bright sunlight</i> , Sullivan & Strumpf Gallery, Sydney <i>Collective Memory</i> , Auckland Art Gallery Toi O Tamaki, Auckland NZ <i>Endangered Birds</i> , Sullivan & Strumpf Gallery, Sydney
	2019	<i>Cool Southerly Change with Patches in the Afternoon</i> , Auckland Art Fair, Suite Gallery, Auckland NZ
	2018	<i>Kokoda: The Adventure of a Lifetime</i> , Sullivan & Strumpf Gallery, Sydney <i>It's better to burn out than to fade away</i> , Suite Gallery, Wellington NZ <i>The History of Australia</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
	2017	<i>Life, Love and Death</i> , Sullivan & Strumpf Gallery, Singapore <i>Getting to Know You</i> , Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland NZ
	2016	<i>The Best Thing About Being Away Is Coming Home</i> , Sullivan & Strumpf, Sydney

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (cont)	2015	<i>Believe it or not</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
		<i>Custom of the Sea – Wall Drawing and Live Performance</i> , St Paul's Gallery, AUT, Auckland NZ
		<i>It's more than a game</i> , Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland NZ
		<i>Parrngurr</i> , Sullivan & Strumpf, Sydney
	2014	<i>Mostly Sunny</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne
	2013	<i>The Ten Commandments</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
		<i>9 Day Swing</i> , Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
	2012	<i>Gertrude Edition – Tarot Card Series</i> , Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne
		<i>Sometimes all I look forward to is lunch – a collaboration with Tony Garifalakis</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
		<i>I must learn to like myself – Library Installation</i> , La Trobe University Museum of Art (LUMA), Melbourne
	2011	<i>Safe Travels</i> , Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
		<i>Painters and Dockers</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
		<i>The Drawing Wall Commission and Last Will and Testament</i> , Shepparton Art Gallery, Shepparton VIC
	2010	<i>The sound of your own breathing</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
		<i>New York Stories</i> , OREX Gallery, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne
		<i>I must learn to like myself</i> , Waikato Museum Survey Exhibition, Hamilton NZ
	2009	<i>10 Days in Gunbalanya</i> , Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
<i>Studio 12 Exhibition</i> , Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces, Melbourne		
<i>Nobody Likes A Show-Off – Survey Exhibition</i> , Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA), Melbourne		
2008	<i>Fourteen Stations of the Cross</i> , OREX Gallery, Auckland NZ	
2007	<i>True Stories – Australian Crime</i> , Block Projects, Melbourne	
	<i>As I stepped into the bright sunlight</i> , OREX Gallery, Auckland NZ	
	<i>It starts as an idle thought and grows into an obsession</i> , National Art School (NAS) Gallery, Sydney	
GROUP EXHIBITIONS	2026	<i>Archibald Prize</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
		<i>Where do I belong</i> , Logan Art Gallery, Logan QLD
	2025	<i>Good as Gold</i> , Rockhampton Museum of Art, Rockhampton QLD
		<i>Archibald Prize</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
	2023	Hugo Michell Gallery, Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney
		<i>Sulman Prize</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
		<i>NGV Triennial 2023</i> , National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
	<i>Just not Australian</i> , Museum of Sydney, Sydney	

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (cont)	2023	<i>One foot on the ground, one foot in the water</i> , Tweed Regional Gallery, Tweed NSW
	2022	<i>Archibald Prize</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney <i>Welcome home</i> , Rockhampton Museum of Art, Rockhampton QLD <i>The Arena</i> , Orange Regional Gallery, Orange NSW <i>One foot on the ground, one foot in the water</i> , Bunjil Place, Melbourne <i>Storylines</i> , Maitland Regional Gallery, Maitland NSW
	2021	<i>Archibald Prize</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney <i>Group show</i> , Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane <i>Shadow Boxer</i> , Maitland Regional Art Gallery, Maitland NSW <i>One Foot on the Ground, One Foot in the Water</i> , La Trobe Art Institute, VIC
	2020	<i>Just Not Australian</i> , Museums & Galleries of NSW, NSW (followed by national touring exhibition) <i>Archibald Prize</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
	2019	<i>A Resting Place</i> , Museum of Art & Culture, Lake Macquarie NSW
	2018	<i>Weapons for the Soldiers</i> , Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney <i>State of the Union</i> , Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne <i>JusticeNJustice</i> , The Lockup, Newcastle NSW
	2017	<i>Sorry father for I have sinned, it's been 8 years since my last confession</i> , Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney <i>Archibald Prize</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney <i>The National: New Australian Art</i> , Carriageworks, Sydney
	2016	<i>Sappers & Shrapnel – Contemporary Art and the Art of the Trenches</i> , Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
	2015	<i>Death</i> , Arts Centre, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney <i>Dobell Australian Drawing Biennial – Close to Home</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney <i>From the Collection: Gertrude Contemporary Regional Residencies</i> , Warrnambool Art Gallery, Warrnambool VIC
	2014	<i>Dark Heart: Adelaide Biennale of Australian Art – Worse Luck I'm Still Here</i> , Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide <i>Memento Mori</i> , Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, University of Western Australia, Perth <i>Basil Sellers Art Prize</i> , Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne <i>Worse Luck I'm Still Here, Dark Heart: Adelaide Biennale of Australian Art</i> , Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
	2013	<i>Melbourne Now, Group Exhibition – Northside Boxing Gym Wall Drawing</i> , National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne <i>Onside</i> , Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Sydney <i>The art of sport - Inside Running</i> , Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle WA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (cont)	2012	<i>Negotiating This World: Contemporary Australian Art</i> , National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne <i>Yonder</i> , Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, Perth WA	
	2010	<i>Freehand: Recent Australian Drawing</i> , Heidi Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne <i>Basil Sellers Art Prize</i> , Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne	
	2009	<i>I Walk the Line, Wall Drawing – 3 March 2009, Drawing Exhibition</i> , Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Sydney	
	2008	<i>True Crime – Murder and Misdemeanour in Australian Art</i> , Geelong Gallery, Geelong VIC <i>Better Places</i> , Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, Perth <i>Basil Sellers Art Prize</i> , Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne <i>Bon Scott Project</i> , Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle WA	
		2006	<i>Someone shows something to someone</i> , Canberra Contemporary Art Centre, Canberra <i>Game on! Sport and contemporary art</i> , Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne
	COMMISSIONS	2022	Site specific artwork for Sydney Modern, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
	AWARDS & RESIDENCIES	2026	Winner, Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
		2025	Finalist, Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
		2023	Finalist, Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
2022		Finalist, Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence, Tweed Heads Regional Art Gallery, Murwillumbah NSW	
		2021	Finalist, Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
2020		Finalist, Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney Winner, Paul Guest Drawing Prize, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo VIC Collie Print Trust Fellowship, Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne	
		2017	Finalist, Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
		2016	Winner, Basil Sellers Art Award, Melbourne Artist in residence, Vancouver Arts Centre, Albany WA
2015			Winner, Albany Art Award, Albany WA
2014		Winner, Blake Prize, Sydney Artist in residence, Parnngurr Community (Martumili Artists), Western Desert WA	
		2013	Winner, Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Perth
2012		Artist in residence, Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle WA	
2010		Winner, National Works on Paper Award, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC	

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES (cont)	2010	Finalist, Basil Sellers Art Award, Melbourne
		Artist in residence, ISCP, Brooklyn, New York
		Artist in residence, Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces, Melbourne
	2008	Winner, Wallace Art Paramount Award, New Zealand
		Winner, Maddocks Venice Art Award, Melbourne
	2008	Finalist, Basil Sellers Art Award, Melbourne
		Colin McCahon Residency, Titirangi, New Zealand
		Artist in residence, Gertrude Contemporary Art Space, Melbourne
	PUBLICATIONS	2022
2020		Emily Cormack, <i>What do we show the world?</i> , Art Toi Magazine, November
COLLECTIONS		Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
		Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
		Auckland Art Gallery Toi O Tāmaki, Auckland
		Bendigo Art Gallery, VIC
		Geelong Gallery, VIC
		Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne
		Maitland Regional Gallery, Maitland NSW
		Melbourne University Ian Potter Museum, Melbourne
		Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne
		Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
		Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, New Zealand
		National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
		National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
		Rockhampton Museum of Art, QLD
		Shepparton Art Museum, Shepparton VIC
		University of Auckland, New Zealand
	University of Waikato, New Zealand	
	Victoria University, Melbourne	
	Waikato Museum, New Zealand	