

## Laura Jones

Paintings and monotypes by Laura Jones convey a focus on the complex relationships between humanity and nature in their composition, subject matter and in the looseness and lack of resolution in the paint itself. The vulnerabilities of the environment are expressed alongside her own domestic interiors, exposing the private (and human) in parallel with the natural world. They unfurl their narratives, opening like a flower to expose precious sensitivities, also expressed in the space that invites us between the brushstrokes.

'I have always turned my concern for the environment into art. My recent work weaves more private moments into the tapestry of the natural world. I am interested in capturing moments of vulnerability and wonder. This gives context and heart to the ineffable, expressing the rawness of how it feels to be alive right now. I try to conjure familiar emotions and describe them with paint in a new way. Hopefully, I can remind people that fragility and optimism can co-exist.'

Jones grew up in nature in the Blue Mountains outside Sydney. She studied Japanese and art history, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (2003). She completed a Masters of Art (printmaking) from the College of Fine Arts, University of NSW (2006). Her work has been exhibited in public and private galleries since 2011, with residencies at the Great Barrier Reef, Lizard Island, Heron Island, The Glasshouse Regional Art Gallery, Byron Bay School of Art, New York, Japan, and Antarctica. In 2023 she was awarded the Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence at Tweed Regional Gallery. She is a many times finalist in art awards including the Archibald Prize (2023, 2022, 2019) and Wynne Prize (2021), and won the People's Choice Award at the Paddington Art Prize (2021). Her work has been acquired for the Artbank Collection and national and international private collections.

BIOGRAPHY	1982	Born in Sydney
EDUCATION	2006	Master of Arts (Printmaking), College of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales, SYDNEY
	2003	Bachelor of Arts, Asian Studies, University of New South Wales, SYDNEY
SOLO EXHIBITIONS	2023	<i>The Geometry of Longing</i> , Chalk Horse Gallery, SYDNEY
		Solo presentation at Sydney Contemporary, Chalk Horse Gallery, SYDNEY
	2022	<i>Music for Trees</i> , Sophie Gannon Gallery, MELBOURNE
		<i>Hot Pink Mountains</i> , Sophie Gannon Gallery, Melbourne Art Fair, VIC
	2021	<i>Monotypes</i> , Olsen Gallery Annexe, SYDNEY
		<i>Dirty Pretty Things</i> , Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
	2020	<i>The Garden</i> , Manly Art Gallery and Museum, SYDNEY
		<i>The Listening Ship</i> , Sophie Gannon Gallery, MELBOURNE
		<i>Arcadia</i> , Glasshouse Regional Gallery, Port Macquarie, NSW
	2019	<i>Olympia</i> , Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
	2018	Works on Paper, Olsen Gallery Annexe, SYDNEY
		<i>Too Much/ Not Enough</i> , Sophie Gannon Gallery, MELBOURNE
	2017	<i>Bleached</i> , Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
2016	Wildflower, Olsen Irwin Gallery, SYDNEY	
2015	<i>I Woke Up Like This</i> , Chalk Horse Gallery, SYDNEY	
	<i>Laura Jones- Still Life</i> , Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor, NSW	
2014	<i>Punch</i> , Gallery Ecosse, Exeter, NSW	
	<i>Shadow and Soul</i> , TDF Collect, MELBOURNE	

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (CONT)

- Light is Fugitive*, Gallery Ecosse, Exeter, NSW
- 2013 *With Flowers*, Maunsell Wickes Gallery, SYDNEY
- The Conductor's Project*, St James and Museum Stations, SYDNEY
- 2012 *On Air*, Maunsell Wickes Gallery, SYDNEY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Light and Life*, Tweed Regional Gallery, NSW
- Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- 2022 Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- The Art of Music*, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- 2021 Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW
- The Paddington Art Prize, Defiance Gallery, SYDNEY
- The Environmental Art & Design Prize, Manly Art Gallery & Museum, SYDNEY
- Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- EZY Art Show 2, EZY Mart, Darlinghurst, SYDNEY
- 2019 The Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- Sydney Contemporary, Olsen Gallery SYDNEY
- 2018 *A Painted Landscape*, Special Group Studios, SYDNEY
- Paper Contemporary*, Sydney Contemporary, SYDNEY
- The King's School Art Prize, SYDNEY
- Spring*, Sophie Gannon Gallery, MELBOURNE
- All We Can't See: Illustrating the Nauru Files*, Fortyfive Downstairs, MELBOURNE
- The Art of Music*, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- All We Can't See: Illustrating the Nauru Files*, Yellow House, SYDNEY
- 2017 *Still: National Still Life Award*, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, NSW

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (CONT)

- Salon des Refusés*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
- Good Neighbours*, Artbank, SYDNEY
- 2016 Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
- EMSLA Eutick Memorial Still Life Award, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, NSW
- 602 Art Fair, Olsen Irwin Gallery, MELBOURNE
- Gallipoli Art Prize, Gallipoli Memorial Club, SYDNEY
- Percival Portrait Painting Prize, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD
- Flora Australis*, Bega Regional Gallery, NSW
- The Art of Music*, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- 2015 Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize, Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW
- Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
- Sydney Contemporary, Olsen Irwin Gallery, Carriageworks, SYDNEY
- Manning Art Prize: *Naked & Nude 2015*, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW
- Mug Shot*, Gallery Ecosse, Exeter, NSW
- Kogarah Art Prize, Kogarah Library and Cultural Centre, SYDNEY
- NSW Parliament Plein Air Painting Prize, NSW Parliament, SYDNEY
- Group Show: 5 Artists, Gallery Ecosse, Exeter, NSW
- In the Still*, Arthouse Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2014 Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
- The Shirley Hannan Portrait Award, Bega Regional Gallery, Bega, NSW
- The Boondocks Experiment: Off the Beaten Track*, Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor, NSW
- Efflorescent- A Contemporary Take*, Goulburn Regional Gallery, Goulburn, NSW
- 2013 Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (CONT)

- On the table - Still lives*, Olsen Irwin Gallery, SYDNEY
- Autoportrait*, Gallery Ecosse, Exeter, NSW
- 2012 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, Moran House, SYDNEY
- 2011 Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
- Salon des Refuses, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2010 Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2008 Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship, Brett Whiteley Studio, SYDNEY
- The Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2007 Smash Hits, Parramatta Artists' Studios, SYDNEY
- Blacktown City Art Prize, Blacktown Arts Centre, SYDNEY
- The Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2006 COFA Annual, Cofaspace, University of New South Wales, SYDNEY
- The Last Supper*, Kudos Gallery, University of New South Wales, SYDNEY
- 2005 *Thai-Australia Contemporary Prints*, ChiangMai University, THAILAND
- COFA Spring Fair Printmakers' Exhibition, COFA, UNSW, SYDNEY
- Money Makes the World Go 'Round'*, Kudos Gallery, UNSW, SYDNEY
- AWARDS
- 2023 Finalist, The Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- 2022 Finalist, The Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- 2021 Finalist, Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
- Finalist in 2 categories, Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW
- Winner People's Choice, The Paddington Art Prize, Defiance Gallery, SYDNEY
- Finalist, The Environmental Art & Design Prize, Manly Art Gallery & Museum, SYDNEY
- 2019 Finalist, The Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY

## AWARDS (CONT)

- 2018 Finalist, The King's School Art Prize, *SYDNEY*
- 2017 Finalist, *Still*: National Still Life Award, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, *NSW*
- 2016 Finalist, EMSLA Eutick Memorial Still Life Award, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, *NSW*
- Finalist, Portia Geach Memorial Award, SH Ervin Gallery, *NSW*
- Finalist, Gallipoli Art Prize, Gallipoli Memorial Club, *SYDNEY*
- Finalist, Percival Portrait Painting Prize, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, *QLD*
- 2015 Finalist, Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize, Lismore Regional Gallery, *NSW*
- Finalist, Manning Art Prize: *Naked & Nude 2015*, Manning Regional Art Gallery
- Finalist, The Kogarah Art Prize, Kogarah Library and Cultural Centre, *SYDNEY*
- Finalist, NSW Parliament Plein Air Painting Prize, Parliament House, *SYDNEY*
- 2014 Finalist, Portia Geach Memorial Award, SH Ervin Gallery, *SYDNEY*
- Finalist, The Shirley Hannan Portrait Award, Bega Regional Gallery, Bega, *NSW*
- 2013 Finalist, Portia Geach Memorial Award, SH Ervin Gallery, *SYDNEY*
- 2012 Finalist, Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, Moran Hose, *SYDNEY*
- 2011 Finalist, Portia Geach Memorial Award, SH Ervin Gallery, *SYDNEY*
- 2010 Finalist, Portia Geach Memorial Award, SH Ervin Gallery, *SYDNEY*
- 2008 Finalist, Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship, Brett Whiteley Studio, *SYDNEY*
- Finalist, The Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, *SYDNEY*
- 2007 Finalist, Blacktown City Art Prize, Blacktown Arts Centre, *NSW*
- Winner, The Young Emerging Artists' Award, Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, *SYDNEY*

RESIDENCIES & PROJECTS	2023	Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence, Tweed Regional Gallery, <i>NSW</i>
	2021-present	Incognito Art Show Founder
	2019	Artist Residency, Byron Bay School of Art, <i>NSW</i>
		Artist in Residence, Glasshouse Regional Art Gallery, Port Macquarie
	2017-present	Printmaking residency at Whaling Road Studios, <i>NORTH SYDNEY</i>
	2017	Heron Island Research Station, University of Queensland, <i>QLD</i>
		Three-month painting residency, Private Studio, Brooklyn, <i>NYC</i>
	2016	Australian Museum Lizard Island Research Station, <i>QLD</i>
		Guest Artist in Residence, Studio A, <i>SYDNEY</i>
	2011	Drawing Marathon, New York Studio School of Painting, Drawing and Sculpture, New York, <i>USA</i>
Printmaking residency, Skopelos Foundation for the Arts, <i>GREECE</i>		
PUBLICATIONS	2023	Charlotte Middleton, <i>Collectors Love: Laura Jones</i> , Art Collector, Issue 103, January-March
	2022	Charlotte Middleton, <i>Artist Profile: Laura Jones</i> , Art/ Edit, November issue
		Karina Dias Spires, <i>Artists at Home</i> , Thames & Hudson
	2021	Emma Kate-Wilson, <i>Laura Jones: The Garden</i> , Art Almanac, Cover story, January/ February issue
2018	Amber Creswell Bell, <i>A Painted Landscape</i> , Thames & Hudson	
COLLECTIONS		Artbank