

Michael Simms

EDUCATION

- 2011 - 2014 Diploma of Fine Arts, The Julian Ashton Art School, Sydney
(Recipient of the Sydney Mechanics School of Art Scholarship)
- 2006 - 2011 Bachelor of Behavioural Science and Bachelor of Arts, Flinders University, Adelaide

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Body Talk, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
Stages: Part II, New England Regional Art Museum
- 2023 Stages: Sydney World Pride, Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf, Sydney
Charged, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane
Personas, Frances Keevil, Sydney
- 2022 Memories and Dust, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
Stages, Manning Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- 2021 Distance, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne (Online)
Epoch, Frances Keevil, Sydney (online)
- 2020 Drive, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2018 Interfacing, Stanley Street Gallery, Darlinghurst, Sydney
- 2017 Brink, Cambridge Studio Gallery, Melbourne
- 2016 Reverie, ArtWorld Studio Gallery, Brisbane

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 'Intro', Eloise Cato Gallery, Sydney
- 2024 Horizons, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
The Big Book of Little Art Essays, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2023 Lives of Their Own, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2022 Wanderlust, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
Glow, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane
- 2021 Reset, Frances Keevil Gallery, Sydney
Home, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane
- 2020 STILL, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
A Passion Shared: The Elliot Eyes Collection, Maitland Regional Gallery
Artist's to Watch, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane
- 2019 30 x 30, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
Nude, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2018 Undercurrents, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
Temporal, Lethbridge Gallery (Bulimba), Brisbane
- 2017 The Other Art Fair, Australian Technology Park Eveleigh, Sydney
Medley II, Gaffa Gallery, Sydney
Virtual Connections, No 1 Martin Place (Mezzanine Floor), Sydney
Exploration 17, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2016 Mythos, The Depot II Gallery, Sydney
Medley, The Depot Gallery, Sydney
Uncovered, Project [504], St Leonards, Sydney
- 2015 Vision, M2 Gallery, Surry Hills, Sydney
Every Boardroom Needs An Artist, The Museum of Contemporary Art

Quayside Room, Sydney

Opening Exhibition, Chancery Lane Gallery, Adelaide

Untitled, Athernden Street Pop-Up Gallery, The Rocks, Sydney

- 2014 The Julian Ashton Art School Students and Teachers Exhibition,
The Sydney Mechanics School of Art

The Rocks Village Bizarre, Pop Up Gallery, The Rocks, Sydney

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The Sydney Mechanics School of Art

- 2012 Building Bridges, The UTS Gallery, Sydney

- 2011 Adelaide Fringe Festival Shimmering West Art Collective, Higher Ground

AWARDS

- 2024 John Leslie Art Prize - Finalist
Fisher's Ghost Award - Finalist
Hornsby Art Prize - Finalist
Calleen Art Award, at Cowra Regional Gallery - Finalist
- 2023 Fisher's Ghost Award - Finalist
Gold Coast Art Prize - Finalist
Kennedy Art Prize - Finalist and Winner of the Packing Prize
Archibald Prize - Finalist
- 2022 Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Galley, NSW - Finalist
Darling Prize, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra - Finalist
- 2021 Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery - Finalist
Clayton UTZ Art Prize - Finalist
Manning Naked and Nude Art Prize - Finalist
Lethbridge Small Scale Art Award - Finalist
SBS Portrait Prize - Finalist
RSASA Portrait Prize - Finalist
- 2020 Shirley Hannan Portrait Prize - Finalist
Percival Portrait Prize - Finalist
Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery - Finalist
SBS Portrait Prize, Southern Buoy Studios, Mornington - Finalist
Lester Prize, WA - Semi-Finalist
- 2019 Eutick Memorial Still Life Award, Wollongong, NSW - Finalist
Naked & Nude Prize, Manning Regional Art Gallery - Highly Commended
Kennedy Art Award, Kennedy Arts Foundation, Adelaide - Finalist
Lethbridge Art Award - Finalist
Melt Portrait Prize, Brisbane Powerhouse - Highly Commended
14th International ARC Salon, Art Renewal Center - Finalist
- 2018 The Young Artist Prize, The Royal Art Society of NSW - Winner

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AWARDS CONTINUED...

- SBS Portrait Prize, Southern Buoy Studios, VIC – Winner
Kilgour Art Prize, Newcastle Gallery, NSW – Finalist
Hurford Harwood Portrait Prize, Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW – Finalist
Lethbridge 10,000, Lethbridge Galler, QLD – Finalist
Percival Tucker Portrait Prize, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery QLD – Finalist
Melt Portrait Prize, Brisbane Powerhouse, QLD – Finalist
Hunters Hill Art Prize, Hunters Hill Town Hall, NSW – Finalist
- 2017 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, NSW – Finalist
Lethbridge 10,000, Lethbridge Gallery, QLD – Highly Commended
Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Galley, NSW – Finalist
EBNA, YSC Consultancy, NSW – Highly Commended
- 2017 Fisher's Ghost Art Prize, Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW – Finalist
Lyn McCrea Drawing Prize, Noose Regional Gallery, QLD – Finalist
Manning Art Prize, Manning Regional Gallery, NSW – Finalist
Marie Ellis Drawing Prize, Jugglers Art Space, QLD - Finalist
Contemporary Art Awards, Brisbane – Finalist
- 2016 Cliftons Sydney Art Prize, Cliftons Sydney – Winner
Cliftons Sydney People's Choice Award, Cliftons Sydney – Winner
Who Is Looking At You Portrait Prize, Cambridge Studio Gallery, Melbourne - Winner
Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth – Finalist
- 2016 Emerging Artist Award, Fortyfivedownstairs, Melbourne – Finalist
Percival Tucker Portrait Prize, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville - Finalist
Blacktown Art Prize, Blacktown Arts Centre, Sydney – Finalist
Marie Ellis Drawing Prize, Jugglers Art Space, Brisbane – Finalist
Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, Cowra, NSW - Finalist
Contemporary Art Awards, Brisbane - Finalist
ArtWorld Studio Portrait Prize, ArtWorld Studio Gallery, Brisbane - Highly Commended
- 2015 Contemporary Art Awards, Brisbane - Finalist
Who Is Looking At You Portrait Prize, Cambridge Studio Gallery, VIC - Highly Commended
- 2013 Richard and Wenda Ashton Art Prize - Winner
Sydney Mechanics School of Art Full-time Scholarship for The Julian Ashton Art School

RESIDENCIES

- 2024 Bundanon Trust studios Artist Residency, Illaroo NSW
2024 Gang Gang Artist Residency, NSW
2021 Broken Hill Art Exchange, NSW
2019 New York Academy of Art in Tribeca, Manhattan

COLLECTIONS

Maitland Regional Art Gallery, The Elliott Eyes Collection, The Thomas Keneally Centre at the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, Cliftons Venues, Sydney, YSC Consulting Sydney, private collections across Australia and internationally.

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

- 'Michael Simms: Body Talk' by Dr Joseph Brennan, Art Almanac, June 2025
About Face: Contemporary portrait painting in Australia and New Zealand, Amber Creswell Bell, 2024
The Big Book of Little Art Essays, Flinders Lane Gallery, 2023
The Music, 'Top Talents to Watch in 2018', January 2018
Talking With Painters The Podcast, Episode 24, 2017
ABC Weekend Breakfast, 15 October 2017
The Guardian Australia, 11 October 2017
Western Sydney Local District News, Sydney Artist Paints Westmead Doctors in New Light', 19 January 2016
The Parramatta Sun, 'People Person Paints Portrait', 27 January 2016.
A Place To Call Home Season 3, Artist Hand Double, Seven Network, Nov 2015

