

BRIAN McKAY

- 1926 Born Meckering, Western Australia
1944-45 Served Overseas in and around India with the Royal Australian Navy
1945 Worked as a Graphic Designer for various companies
1961 Formed Perth Group with Guy Grey-Smith, Robert Juniper and Tom Gibbons
1964 Travelled to Greece with his family - lived, painted in Kythera for 1 year
1965 Arrived in London - worked in Screenprinting, Graphics and Publicity
1967 26 April - Greek military coup - Involvement with a group working towards the restoration of democracy in Greece, produced posters and banners and raised money for families of political prisoners. Held concerts for fund raising with other artists and performers including John Williams, Melina Mercouri, Janet Suzman, Judy Dench
1968 Participated in protests and demonstrations against the military coup in Greece
1970-71 Travelled to Spain, South of France and Morocco
1971-73 Travelled to Ireland - 3 visits to County Cork
1974 Returned to Australia
1976 Joined Praxis
1979 Taught Painting and Printmaking at Perth Technical College
1982 Became involved with Media Space
1983 Artist in Residence, Mount Lawley Campus
West Australian College of the Arts
1984 Founding Member of the Perth Institute of Contemporary Art

ONE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 1962 Barry Stern Galleries, Sydney
1963 Skinner Galleries, Perth (with Robert Juniper)
1966 Skinner Galleries, Perth
1970 Skinner Galleries, Perth
1972 Skinner Galleries, Perth
1974 Skinner Galleries, Perth
1979 Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth
1981 Review Exhibition, Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth (Festival of Perth)
1983 Seventh Anniversary, Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth
1984 The Roundhouse, Fremantle Arts Centre
1988 Survey Exhibition, Art Gallery of Western Australia
1991 Out of the Box, Fremantle Arts Centre
1994 Gunyalgup Galleries (with Donald Brook), Yallingup, Western Australia
2000 On Reflection, Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth
2001 Further Reflections, Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1956 Sunday Times Outdoor Art Exhibition, Supreme Court Gardens, Perth
1960 West Australian Artists, Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne
1961 Perth Group, Skinner Galleries, Perth
1973 Moran Galleries, London
1975 A Christmas Exhibition of Paintings, Skinner Galleries, Perth
1975 Celebration '75 Art Exhibition, St. George's Cathedral, Perth
1976 10 West Australian Artists, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
1977. Spectrum Western Australia, Greenhill Galleries, Adelaide
1978 Exhibition of Silverware and Jewellery, Australian Graphic Art, Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth
1978 Praxis, Fremantle
1981 Fifth Anniversary Exhibition, Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth
1982 Art Gallery of Western Australia
1982 Fremantle Arts Centre
1982 The Foulkes Taylor Years, Invitation Exhibition organised by W.A.I.T. (now Curtin University, Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth)
1983 The Western Australia Week Invitation Art Award, Fremantle Art Gallery
1983 The W.A.I.T. Collection 1968-1983, Art Gallery of Western Australia
1983 Austmark Centre, Perth
1984 Form-Image-Sign, Art Gallery of Western Australia

- 1984 Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
- 1984 Destination China, Nexus Galleries, Fremantle, and Guandong Academy of Art, China
- 1985 Celebration, 9th Anniversary Exhibition, Galerie Düsseldorf
- 1986 The Peace Show, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
- 1986 Mandorla Art Prize, New Norcia, Western Australia
- 1987 The Fremantle Dozen, Fremantle Arts Centre
- 1987 Second Annual Survey, David Jones Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1987 Invitation Art Purchase Exhibition, Bunbury City Art Gallery
- 1987 13 Artists at Galerie Düsseldorf, Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth
- 1988 First Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
(Represented by Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth)
- 1989 Heidelberg and Heritage, Two Visions of Australia - One Hundred Years Apart
Linden Gallery, Melbourne
- 1990 Second Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
(Represented by Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth)
- 1991 Western Australian Art, Gallery Sanyo Tokyo
- 1993 Works from the Holmes à Court Collection, Perth Institute of Contemporary Art
- 1995 Colour Abstractions of the 70's, Goddard de Fiddes, Perth
- 1996 Artists' Self-Portraits, Mundaring Arts Centre
- 1997 Galerie Düsseldorf - 21 Years On, Galerie Düsseldorf, Perth
- 1997 Swingtime, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, University of Western Australia
- 1998 Sixth Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
(Represented by Galerie Düsseldorf)

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 1986 Trades and Labor Council, commission for 6 banners for the Trade Unions
- 1991 Central Park Building, Perth
- 1992 Reserve Bank of Australia, Perth
- 1993 Joondalup Library (260 metre external artwork)
- 1994 Melville City Council (free standing outdoor sculpture)
- 1995 Wanneroo City Council (170 metre external artwork)
- 1999 East Perth Development Authority (free outdoor sculpture - with Architect Ahmad Abas)
- 2002 Large internal sculpture commission, new Maritime Museum in Fremantle, Western Australia.

AWARDS/PRIZES

- 1975 Celebration '75' St. George's Cathedral Art Prize with 'Roman Banner'
- 1977 David Jones Art Prize with 'Calabria'
- 1983 Western Australia Week Award with 'Savannah'
- 1984 Western Australia Week Award with 'Quarry'
- 1986 Mandorla Art Prize with 'Helix'
- 1987 Bunbury Invitation Art Purchase Exhibition with 'The Death of Avizo'
- 1990 Australia Council Emeritus Award
- 1991 Order of Australia Medal for Services to Contemporary Art

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of Western Australia, University of Western Australia, Curtin University of Technology
Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University, Royal Perth Hospital, Artbank, City of Fremantle
Holmes à Court Collection, BankWest, Bunbury Art Gallery, Kalgoorlie Art Centre
Charles Gairdner Hospital, Western Underwriters, Education Department of Western Australia
City of Joondalup Collection

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