

# Sonya Jane | Artist Curriculum Vitae

Sonya Jane, a visual artist from Canberra, Australia, is rekindling her passion for painting after taking a hiatus to raise her children post-Art School graduation. Sonya reflects, "Art is the soul's language; sometimes, we must step away and live fully to enrich the stories we tell when we return." Now, with renewed vigour and a wealth of life experiences, she is ready to immerse herself back into the vibrant world of art, creating works with an aim to connect and resonate with depth and emotion.

## Education

Australian National University (ANU), School of Art, Bachelor of Visual Arts, Textiles and Printmaking, 1995 - 1992

## Group | Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *The Incognito Art Show*, Sydney, NSW, 31 May - 1 June
- 2024 *Tim Copes Portrait* Exhibition, Bowral District Art Society (BDAS), Val Fox (Sitter), Oil on Canvas NSW, 21 Sep - 7 Oct  
Canberra Art Workshop, M16 Art Gallery 1, ON SHOW, Sustainability, Members Exhibition, ACT, 13 June - 7 July
- 2023 Strathnairn Arts Association, Woolshed Gallery, LITTLE SQUARES, ACT, 5 - 27 Aug, ACT  
Canberra Art Workshop, M16 Art Gallery 1, TESTAMUR 5, Members Exhibition, ACT, 27 Oct - 19 Nov  
Canberra Art Workshop, M16 Art Gallery 1, ON SHOW, Transitions, Members Exhibition, ACT, 11 May - 4 June
- 2022 *John Copes Portrait* Prize, BDAS, Professor Mark Howden (Sitter), Oil on Canvas, NSW, 17 Sep - 3 Oct  
Canberra Art Workshop, M16 Art Gallery 1, ON SHOW, Emergence, Members Exhibition, ACT, 14 April - 1 May  
Canberra Art Workshop, M16 Art Gallery 1, TESTAMUR 4, Members Exhibition, ACT, 20 Oct - 6 Nov  
Canberra Art Workshop, M16 Art Gallery 1, PROFILE, Portrait Member Exhibition, ACT, 16 June - 3 July
- 2021 Canberra Art Workshop, The Link, Strathnairn Arts Association. ON SHOW, Members Exhibition, ACT, 18 April - 24 May  
Canberra Art Workshop, M16 Art Gallery 1, TESTAMUR 3, Members Exhibition, ACT, 30 Oct - 14 Nov
- 2020 Southern Bouy Studios Portrait Prize, UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Neville Perkins (Sitter), Mornington, Victoria, 18 May - 10 June  
Canberra Art Workshop, M16 Art Gallery 1, ON SHOW, Members Exhibition, ACT, 13 - 30 Aug, ACT
- 1996 Australian National Capital Artists (ANCA), Emerging Artist Exhibition, MEGALO Print Studio, Sonya Jane, A selection of prints
- 1995 Canberra School of Art, Drill Hall Gallery, FINISH, Graduating Student Exhibition, ACT, 17 - Dec  
Canberra School of Art, MEMENTO MORI MUROROA, Chat's Café, Australian National University, ACT
- 1993 Canberra School of Art, Photospace Gallery, GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS, Australian National University, ACT

## Awards | Prizes

- 2024 Finalist, TIM COPES PORTRAIT Prize, Bowral District Art Society, Val Fox (Sitter) oil on canvas, Bowral, NSW
- 2022 Finalist, JOHN COPES PORTRAIT Prize, Bowral District Art Society, Professor Mark Howden (Sitter) oil on canvas, Bowral, NSW
- 2020 Finalist, SOUTHERN BOUY STUDIOS PORTRAIT Prize, UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Neville Perkins (Sitter) oil on canvas, Mornington, Victoria
- 1995 Awardee, Emerging Artist Award Scheme (EASS), Megalo Arts Organisation, ACT
- 1995 Awardee, Emerging Artists Award Scheme, Canberra School of Art, ACT

## Grants

- 2021 Recipient, Inaugural Mavis Hall Trust Grant, Canberra Art Workshop, ACT
- 2019 Recipient, ACT Bursary Award Scheme, Australian Museums & Galleries Association

## Travelling Exhibitions

- 1995 As the recipient of the above EASS Award, my artwork was chosen as part of the Emerging Artists travelling exhibition which travelled around Australia.
- 1994 Student exchange exhibition as part of the International School of Art in Glasgow, my artwork travelled around Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Chicago, and Japan.

## Artist Residencies

- 1996 Recipient, Emerging Artist Award Art Residency, Megalo Arts Organisation, ACT (2 weeks)
- 1985 Recipient, Canberra School of Art/Canberra Rep theatre, student residency, ACT (2 weeks)

### **Workshops (teaching) | Presentations**

- 2023 Presentation, THE ARTISTS ROUND UP, Canberra Art Workshop, M16 Artspace, ACT, 27 - 28 May
- 2022 Presentation, EXPOSE Canberra Art Workshop, Art Studio members, ACT, 7 Oct
- 2020 Workshop, THE ART OF FRAMING, FramebyFrame, Fine art picture framing studio, ACT, 10 - 11 Feb
- 2019 Workshop, HOW TO STRETCH YOUR CANVAS FramebyFrame, Fine art picture framing studio, ACT, 15 - 16 Sep

### **Professional Development (attended in person and or online)**

- 2025 Workshop, Expressive Head Drawing with Korean Artist Zin Lim, 11 - 13 April, Sydney, NSW
- 2024 Workshop, Expressive Drawing with Australian Artist Jody Graham, 19 - 20 Oct, Bowral, NSW
- 2023 Workshop, Dynamic Portraits with Australian Artist Noel Thurgate, 20 - 21 May, Canberra, ACT
- 2023 Workshop, Acrylic Plus with Australian Artist Kerry McInnis, 25 - 26 Feb, Bowral, NSW
- 2023 Workshop, Life Drawing with Australian Artist Noel Thurgate, 23 - 24 Sep, Bowral, NSW

### **Interviews | Publications**

- 2022 The CBR Woman, Interview Rapid Fire, Vimeo video
- 2021 HerCanberra, A unique journey: meet Sonya Thoms, 22 Dec
- 1995 The Canberra Times, Those Finishing Touches, Dec

### **Community Projects**

- 1995 Refugee Week, designed and screen-printed a promotional poster