

ANITA JOHNSON

Education

1993 Bachelor of Visual Arts, Sydney College of the Arts

Solo Exhibitions

2026 Caring for the Brokenness of Things, University of Wollongong
2022 The Secret Lives of Things, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
2020 Come to me Without a Word, Wollongong Art Gallery
2015 The Breath Within, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
2011 Leaping Chair, Wollongong City Gallery
2009 Anita Larkin, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
2007 Object Incognito, Wollongong City Gallery
1998 Tidal Old Fire Station Gallery, Kiama
1997 Bodily Felt, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong

Group Exhibitions

2026 Second Look: Legacy – An Exhibition of Contemporary Textile Works, Australian Design Centre, Sydney
2025 Nature Machine: 6th Tamworth Textile Triennial, Tamworth Regional Gallery
Size is Not Important, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
30 Years, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
2022 A Conspicuous Object, Maitland Regional Gallery
2011 6” Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
6th International World Textile Art Biennial of Contemporary Art, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Xalapa, Mexico
5 Easy Pieces Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Hard Rubbish Show, Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne
Just Imagine, Wollongong City Gallery, NSW
The Climate is Changing, The North Light Gallery, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield West Yorkshire, UK; Atkinson Gallery, Somerset, UK
2010 6” Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
The Climate is Changing, Museo del Tessuto, Prato, Italy
Jap.Palais Dresden, Germany; Pfalzmuseum, Forchheim, Germany; Historisches Zentrum Wuppertal HZW, Wuppertal, Germany; Holzhof Gottingen GmbH & Co, Gottingen, Germany; Neue residenz, Halle, Germany
Hard Rubbish Show Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne
Surf and Sea Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong
No.10, Contemporary Arts Precinct, Jamberoo
2009 6” Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney

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- Curious Cars and Miniature Movers, Ipswich Art Gallery
The Sculptors Society, Darling Park, Sydney
- 2008 6" Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Narrative, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2007 6" Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Arts in the Valley, Outdoor Sculpture Prize, Kangaroo Valley
- 2006 6" Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Afresh, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong
Liminal Personae, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong; Gallery 4a,
Asia-Australia Arts Centre, Sydney
- University of Western Sydney Acquisitive Sculpture Award, Campbelltown
- 2005 6" Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Felt, Sinclair Gallery, Geelong
FECCA, Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong
Sculpture at the Seymour Centre, Seymour Centre, Sydney
- 2004 6" Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Thee, Made of the Hair of Sheep, The Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest
New Works, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2003 6" Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Of this Place, Precinct Galleries, Berry
Defiance Group Show 2, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
- 2002 6" Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- On the Shore, Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Thirroul
The Sculptors Society Darling Park, Sydney
Defiance Group Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
- 2001 6" Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Alchemy, Bondi Spice Gallery, Sydney
On the Shore, Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Thirroul
- 2000 6" Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Drift, Collaboration with Composer Marianthe Loucataris, Thirroul
Artlink, Wollongong City Gallery, Wollongong

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- The Sculptors Society, Darling Park, Sydney
- 1998 Tears, Installation at Royal Botanical Gardens, Sydney
Astronomy Art Project, Sydney Cove Authority Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 The Really Big Paper Show, Tin Sheds Gallery, Sydney
Broken Hill City Gallery and Tamworth City Gallery

Awards & Residencies

- 2023 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf, Sydney
- 2011 Salon for the Textile Art Object, 6th International World Textile Art Biennial of Contemporary Art, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Xalapa, Mexico
Willoughby Sculpture Prize, The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
Bowral Sculpture Prize, BDAS Gallery
The Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award, Wangaratta Art Gallery
- 2010 University of Western Sydney Acquisitive Sculpture Award, Campbelltown
- 2009 People's Choice Award, Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Council, Sydney
The Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award, Wangaratta Art Gallery
- 2008 The Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
The Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize, South Australia Museum
David Harold Tribe Sculpture Award Finalists Exhibition, SCA Galleries, Sydney
- 2007 Pics 'n Flics, Short Film Award
Phoenix Prize for Spiritual Art, ANU School of Art, Canberra
- 2006 The Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
Meroogal Women's Arts Prize, Shoalhaven City Arts Centre; The Mint, Sydney; Spiral Gallery, Bega; HHT members Lounge, ACT; Sturt Gallery, Mittagong
- 2004 People's Choice Award, University of Western Sydney Acquisitive Sculpture Award, Campbelltown
- 2002 On the Shore Sculpture Prize
The Allens Arthur Robinson People's Choice Award, Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi

Collections

- Wollongong City Gallery
Macquarie University
The Lady Ethel Nock Sculpture Collection
World Textile Art Organization
Westmead Hospital
Wollongong City Council
Shellharbour City Council

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Liminal Personae, Project Contemporary Art Space Catalogue, 2006
Jamberoo Sculptor Makes the Final Cut, Kiama Independent, April 19, p6. 2006
Felting the World Together, Textile Fibre Forum, No. 77, 2005
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University of Western Sydney Acquisitive Sculpture Award, Catalogue, 2004
Anita Larkin – Sparx, Artist Profile, Aug/Sept, 2004
Heart–Felt: Sculptor Shows in Hungary, Kiama Independent, June 16, 2004
Sculpture by the Sea Bondi, Catalogue, 2003
Sculpture by the Sea Bondi, Catalogue, 2002
Jamberoo Sculptor a People's Choice Winner, Kiama Independent, December 11, 2002
Bodily Felt, Textile Fibre Forum, No.49, 1997
Really Big Paper Show, Barrier Daily Truth, Broken Hill, March 28, 1995
The Really Big Paper Show, Tin Sheds Gallery, Catalogue, 1994
Exit, Sydney College of the Arts, Catalogue, 1992