

ANN THOMSON

Education

- 1978 Artist in Residence, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
Studied etching with Paul Frank & Henri Goetz, Paris, France
Resident, Arthur Boyd Studio, Tuscany, Italy
- 1957–62 National Art School, Sydney
- 1956 Studied under Jon Molvig, Brisbane

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 Ann Thomson On Paper, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2024 Ann Thomson at Clayton Utz, 333 Projects, Sydney
Time Makes Change, Messums London, UK
Ann Thomson Survey Exhibition, SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney & Orange Regional Gallery
- 2023 Ann Thomson, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2021 Osmosis, Defiance Gallery at Mary Place, Sydney
- 2020 Air and Space, Mitchell Fine Arts, Brisbane
SANBAO – Painted Ceramics by Ann Thomson with Joe Furlonger, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2019 Ann Thomson, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Sydney
SANBAO, Ann Thomson with Joe Furlonger, Nock Art Foundation, Hong Kong
Emerging Landscape, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2018 Paintings, Works on Paper & Ceramics, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2016 Ann Thomson and Contemporaries, National Art School, Sydney
Ann Thomson: Works on Paper, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Ann Thomson: Survey of Recent Paintings, Defiance Gallery at the Yellow House, Sydney
- 2015 Freehand, Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, Canberra
Variations, Olsen Irwin Annex, Sydney
- 2013 Touch – Works on Paper, Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney
Librairie Benoît Forgeot, Paris, France
- 2012 Inscapes, Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 After Mount Ruapehu, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2009 Chance, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2008 Oceans Apart, Australian Galleries, Sydney
Heiser Gallery, Brisbane
- 2007 Leaving for Paris, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2006 Heiser Gallery, Brisbane
Other, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2005 Works on Paper, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2003 Stephane Jacobs, Paris, France
Galerie Walter Bischoff, Berlin, Germany

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- 2001 Annandale Gallery, Sydney
Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 1997 Peter Gant Gallery, Melbourne
- 1996 Australian Galleries, Sydney
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- 1994 Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 1993 Meridian Sculpture Gallery, Melbourne
Australian Galleries in conjunction with Australia Felix, Art Gallery of NSW
- 1992 Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 1990 Coventry Gallery, Sydney
- 1989 BMG Fine Art, Adelaide
Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 1988 Coventry Gallery, Sydney
Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 1986 Michael Milburn Gallery, Brisbane
Coventry Gallery, Sydney
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- 1984 Stadia Graphics Gallery, Sydney
Coventry Gallery, Sydney
- 1983 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
- 1982 Gallery A, Sydney
- 1980 Monash University, Melbourne
- 1979 Gallery A, Sydney
- 1977 Gallery A, Sydney
Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
- 1974 Gallery A, Sydney
- 1973 Gallery One Eleven, Brisbane
- 1965 Watters Gallery, Sydney

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 Collectors., Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2025 Terrain, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Paper, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Defiance 30 Years, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2024 Summer Salon, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Defiance 2024, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Stockroom Selection, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2023 Paper, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2021 Abstraction 2021, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Abstraction 21, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne

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- 2020 Twenty, Mitchell Fine Arts, Brisbane
Sanbao, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Defiance Gallery 25 Years, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Abstraction 2020, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Abstraction 20, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2019 Defiance, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Stuck Together, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Autumn Group Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Stockroom Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Paper, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Emerging Landscape, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
Petite, Mitchell Fine Arts, Brisbane
Directors Choice, Mitchell Fine Arts, Brisbane
- 2018 The Art of Friendship, Gallery Lane Cove, Sydney
6 Artists, 7 Days, the AWC Newhaven Exhibition, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Jamberoo Mountain Road: Contemporary Australian Artists, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra
Abstract Landscape II, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Abstract Landscape, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Defiance at Mary Place: Painting and Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Group: Painting, Sculpture & Works on Paper, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2017 Artist Profile: Australian Painters 2007–2017, Orange Regional Gallery
Makers Mark, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2016 Step up to the Plate, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Spring Fever, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
SAVE NAS: A Celebration of the National Art School, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Abstract Landscape, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2014 Landscapes: Ways of Looking, Olsen Irwin Annex, Sydney
Taking Form, Olsen Irwin Annex, Sydney
- 2010 A Summer Survey, Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney
Miscellanea, Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney
Three Sydney Artists: Let Loose in the Landscape, Bega Regional Gallery
On This Island, Meeting & Parting, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre
- 2009 Water, King on William Gallery, Sydney
Windows on Pain, Carriageworks, Sydney
- 2008 Rubik, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
Stock Exhibition, Australian Galleries Painting & Sculpture, Sydney
Wish You Were Here, Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah
Group Exhibition, Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney
- 2007 Stock Show, Australian Galleries, Melbourne

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- 2006 Small Pleasures: Painting and Sculpture, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Who Cares?, Boutwell Draper Gallery, Sydney
Same Place, Many Views – Painting the Australian Landscape, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
The Big Picture, Delmar Gallery, Sydney
Summery, Australian Galleries, Sydney
50th Anniversary Exhibition, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 2005 Salon Start, Galerie Arts d’Australie, Stéphane Jacob, Strasbourg, France
10th Annual 6x6x6” Miniature Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 Salon Art Paris, Galerie Arts d’Australie, Stéphane Jacob, Paris, France
Salon Art Event, Galerie Arts d’Australie, Stéphane Jacob, Lille, France
- 2002 Salon Art Paris, Carrousel du Louvre, Galerie Arts d’Australie, Stéphane Jacob
La Loire–Atlantique donne rendezvous à l’Australie, Art et Culture des Antipodes, Arts d’Australie, Stéphane Jacob & Conseil Général de Loire–Atlantique, Nantes, France
- 2001 5 Artistes Australiens, Galerie Odile Boiscosk, Paris, France
Voyage dans la matière, Arts d’Australie, Stéphane Jacob, Paris, France
Atelier Claude Cerf, Paris, France
- 2000 Stephane Jacob, Paris, Galerie Visages de l’Art, Marly–le–Roi, France
Australia – Visages d’un continent, Arts d’Australie, Stéphane Jacob, Paris, France
A Studio in Paris – Australian Artists at the Cité, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Accents Australiens, Espace Adamski Designs, Paris, France
Arts d’Australie, Stéphane Jacobs, Paris, France
- 1999 Skin Culture, Tin Sheds, Sydney
Primary Colours – Red, Annandale Galleries, Sydney
Icarus, Goulburn Regional Gallery
Prize Pictures, King Street Gallery on Burton, Sydney
Silver, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 Toys by Artists, University of Newcastle, Faculty of Art & Design and New England Regional Art Museum
Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Australian Contemporary Paintings, Lui Hai–su National Art & Music, Axia Modern Art, Melbourne
Skin Culture, The George Gallery, Melbourne
Primary Colours – Blue, Annandale Galleries, Sydney
- 1995 New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale
- 1994 Drawing on Inspiration, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
- 1993 Chandler Coventry Collection, Campbelltown Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1992 Interpretations, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, Sydney
Portfolio of Women Artists, Macquarie Galleries, Sydney
Campus Collection, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney

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- 1990 A Young Collectors' Exhibition, Coventry Gallery, Sydney
- 1989 Intimate Drawing, Coventry Gallery, Sydney
- 1988 Drawing in Australia, Australian National Gallery, Canberra
Contemporary Views of New England, New England Regional Art Museum
Tenth British International Print Biennale, Bradford, UK
- 1987 Australian Works on Paper, Dion Fine Art, Dallas, USA
Colour II, Coventry Gallery, Sydney
Surface for Reflexion, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
- 1986 Colour I, Coventry Gallery, Sydney
- 1985 Contemporary Australian Art, The Warwick Arts Trust, London, UK
Galleria Lillo, Venice, Italy
Salute to Lloyd Rees, Macquarie Galleries, Sydney
- 1984 Musée de l'Art Wallon, Liège, Belgium
- 1982 Anzacs 82, Macquarie University, Sydney
- 1980 Summer Exhibition, Gallery A, Sydney
- 1978 Exposition, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
Australian Women Artists, Contemporary Arts Society, Sydney
Landscape & Image, Contemporary Australian Art to Indonesia
Gallery A, Sydney
- 1977 Opening Exhibition, Warehouse Gallery, Melbourne
- 1975 Ten Australians, Gallery A, Sydney
- 1974 Ten Years, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Gallery A, Sydney
- 1972 Bonython Galleries, Adelaide
Von Bertouch Galleries, Newcastle
Blaxland Gallery, Sydney
Seven Figurative Painters, Barry Stern Gallery, Sydney
Clune Galleries, Sydney

Selected Awards, Grants & Residencies

- 2018 Artist in Residence, the Nock Art Foundation Hong Kong & Jingdezhen, China
Salon des Refusés, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 2017 Artist in Residence, Jamberoo Mountain Road, Knights Hill
Australian Wildlife Conservancy Residency, Newhaven, NT
- 2016 Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize, Brisbane, Winner
- 2014 Reims Residence, Reims, France
- 2013 Sydney Contemporary Art Prize, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2011 Fleurieu Art Prize, SA, Finalist
- 2006 Artist in Residence, Cité Internationale de Arts, Paris, France
- 2006 Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, Finalist

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- Salon des Refusés, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Dobell Prize for Drawing 2006, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, Finalist
- 2005 Kedumba Drawing Prize, Blackheath, NSW, Winner
Paddington Art Prize, Sydney, Finalist
- 2003 Artist in Residence, Cité Internationale de Arts, Paris, France
- 2002 Geelong Contemporary Art Prize, Geelong, Winner
- 2000 Artist in Residence, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, Finalist
Fleurieu Prize, SA, Finalist
Archibald Portrait Prize, Art Gallery of NSW & Touring, Finalist
- 1999 Artist in Residence, Cité Internationale de Arts, Paris, France
Redlands Westpac Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney, Finalist
Visy Board Art Prize, Hill Smith Fine Art, Adelaide, Finalist
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, Finalist
- 1998 Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, Winner
- 1995 Artist in Residence, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
- 1987 The Jack Manton Prize, Queensland Art Gallery
- 1986 John McCaughey Award, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
- 1985 Arthur Boyd Studio Residency, Tuscany, Italy
- 1985 The Sydney Morning Herald Arts Prize, Sydney, Finalist
- 1984 Purchase Prize, University of NSW, Sydney, Finalist
- 1981 Canberra Times National Arts Award, Canberra, Finalist
- 1980 Visual Arts Board Grant to Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
- 1978 Visual Arts Board Grant to Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
- 1976 David Jones Art Prize, Brisbane

Selected Commissions

- 1992 Centrepiece, The Australian Pavilion, World Expo, Seville, Spain
- 1990 The Australian Legal Group Contemporary Print Collection
- 1987 Convention Centre, The Darling Harbour Authority, Sydney
- 1977 The Malley Refectory Mural, University of Queensland

Selected Collections

- Artbank
- Art Gallery of New South Wales
- Australian National Gallery
- Australian Consolidated Press
- Alcoa Foundation, USA
- Coventry Collection, New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale
- 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Collection, Paris, France

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Griffith University, QLD
James Cook University, Townsville
Macquarie Bank, Sydney
Macquarie University, Sydney
Medibank Collection, Canberra
Myer Collection
Newcastle Regional Art Gallery
New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale
Parliament House, Canberra
Perc Tucker Regional Art Gallery, Townsville
Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
Queensland University of Technology Art Collection, Brisbane
Sydney College of Advanced Education
The Darling Harbour Authority, Sydney
Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, Madrid, Spain
University of Western Australia
Visual Arts Board
Villa Haiss Museum, Germany
Wollongong University College

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