

LESLIE OLIVER

Education

Sculpture – Alexander Mackie College of Advanced Education, Sydney

Editing and Directing – Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS), Sydney

Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 Artist in Focus (online exhibition), May Space, Sydney
- 2018 Things from Other Places, May Space, Sydney
- 2016 Now and Then, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2014 Walking Sticks – Crooks, Staves and Scepters, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 Love Stories, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 Leslie Oliver, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 Narrative Objects and Surfaces, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2006 The Punctured Plane, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 In Collaboration with Sokquon Tran, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2003 In Collaboration with Sokquon Tran, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 Leslie Oliver, Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 2000 Port Jackson Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
In Collaboration with Sokquon Tran, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1999 100 Abstract Moments, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 Leslie Oliver, Canberra National Sculpture Forum, Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 1997 Gesture Here, Gesture Now, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1996 Posturing, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
Leslie Oliver Sculptures – New Work, BMG Fine Art Gallery, Adelaide
- 1994 Still, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1993 A Silent Frontier, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1991 The Pivotal Surface, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1990 Careful Toys, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney

Group Exhibitions

- 2026 Five Easy Pieces, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Gathering, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2025 Size Is Not Important, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Golden, Urunga Art Space, Urunga, NSW
- 2024 Summer Show, Urunga Art Space, Urunga, NSW
Size is Not Important, 6x6x6”, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2018 MUGGED!, May Space, Sydney
- 2017 Thinkers and Dreamers, Stanley Street Gallery, Sydney
May Space: Fourteen, May Space, Sydney
- 2016 “Yeah. Cheers. Thanks a lot”, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture 2016: Bronze, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney

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- 2015 30 Years | 30 Artists | 30 Works, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Untitled Show, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Love. Lament. Loss., Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
20th Annual Miniature Sculpture Exhibition, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2014 2014 Christmas Show, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
In Tandem, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Group, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
MINUMENTAL – 6” Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture 2014, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2013 Mighty Small, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Please Be Seated, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
MAXIMUS MINIMUS – 6” Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture 2013, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 Major Artists, Major Works, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Sculpture 2012, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Tiny Titans & Miniliths – 6” Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2011 Five Easy Pieces, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Mini Majors – 6” Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 Defiant Little Devils – 6” Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 Sculpture 2009 – Animal Farm, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
14th Annual 6” Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2008 Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
13th Annual 6” Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2007 Art + Humour Too, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
12th Annual 6” Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Birthday Show, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2006 SMALL, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
11th Annual 6” Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2005 Colour in Abstraction, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
10th Annual 6” Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Couples, Collaborators + Other Partnerships, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Object Show, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 Sculpture 2004 – Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
9th Annual 6” Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2003 Sculpture 2003 – Dangerous Toys, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
8th Annual 6” Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 New Objects / New Things Pt.1, Brenda May Gallery
1st Birthday Show, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2001 Small Wonders – 6” Show, King Street Gallery/Defiance Gallery, Sydney

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- 2000 Artfair 2000, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Sculpture 2000, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
Contemporary Sculpture by Leslie Oliver and Peter Tilley, Penrith Regional Gallery, Emu Plains, NSW
Importance of Being Small – 6” Show, King Street Gallery & Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 1999 Five Easy Pieces, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Big Thoughts Small Works –6” Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 Figure in the Landscape, King Street Gallery, Sydney
Bloom, Open House Gallery, Sydney
Toys by Artists, Touring, Faculty of Art & Design Gallery, Uni of Newcastle, NSW
ACAF•6, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
4th Annual 6” Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 1997 3rd Annual 6” Sculpture Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 1996 ACAF•5, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 1994 ACAF•4, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 1993 New Art Eight, Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1992 ACAF•3, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Access to Adelaide, Sculpture Exhibition, BMG Fine Art, Adelaide, SA
- 1990 Birthday/Survey Exhibition, Access Contemporary Art Gallery
- 1990 ACAF•2, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 1984 Four in Hand, The Gallery, NSW House, The Strand, London, UK
- 1982 Christmas Show, Irving Sculpture Gallery, Sydney.
- 1981 To Surface, with Bronwyn Oliver, War Memorial Gallery, University of Sydney
A Survey of Australian Sculptors, Irving Sculpture Gallery, Sydney
- 1976 Leeton Artisans Community Open Art Exhibition, Leeton, NSW
- 1973 Two Artists, with Sue Leitch, The Gallery, Albury, NSW

Awards & Residencies

- 2004 The Frank Saxby Bequest Invitational Art Acquisitions Prize, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW
- 2002 Woollahra Sculpture Prize (finalist), Woollahra Redleaf Gallery, Sydney
- 2001 Fishers’ Ghost Art Prize, Campbelltown Regional Gallery
- 1983 NSW Traveling Art Scholarship (H. Commended), Blaxland Gallery, Sydney
- 1980 NSW Traveling Art Scholarship Exhibition, Blaxland Gallery, Sydney
- 1978 Student Exhibitor (selected) First Australian Sculpture Triennial, Melbourne

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