



# PERRAN COSTI



After the Storm  
Size: 16cm x 16cm x 11cm  
Media: Photography on glass with maple frame



City Skyline  
Size: 24cm x 24cm x 12cm  
Media: Photography on glass with maple frame



Pods  
Size: 32cm x 32cm x 13cm  
Media: Photography on glass with maple frame

## Perran Costi

### BIO

Perran started a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the College of Fine Arts (COFA) Sydney in 2006 and held his first exhibition in the same year. Since then Perran has received a lot of international exposure and acclaim exhibiting in New York, Los Angeles, London, Singapore, Japan, and Toronto. Perran has also shown throughout Australia in shows including Dream Home at the Australian Centre for Photography (ACP), as part of the FBi Radio Art Auction at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) and the Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW), and at Cockatoo Island and Carriageworks as part of the Underbelly Arts Festival.

Perran has won a number of prizes and awards including a highly commended in the 2011 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, the Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW) Basil & Muriel Hooper Scholarship, and the Small Works 08 at BSG in Melbourne and was nominated for Best New Artist at the 2008 FBi Radio Sydney Music Arts & Culture Awards (SMACs).

Perran has also received numerous positive articles and reviews in publications including RealTime, Australian Art Review, Artgaze, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Telegraph, Das 500, and The Canvas Project

In addition to his solo practice, Perran is a core member of the artist collectives Case Study, Team Vespertine and P&C and the artist run initiatives Underbelly Arts and Tortuga Studios.

### ARTIST STATEMENT

On Thursday February 19th, 2009, Perran Costi was hit by a tractor as he bicycled through a small village in India. As well as seeing his whole life flash in front of his eyes, Perran was both moved and surprised by what followed afterwards, an overwhelming sense of wellbeing and the feeling that something had shifted, that a set of blinkers had been lifted, to reveal the staggering beauty of the world. Then the pain set in. This near death experience had a profound effect on him, and the questions and examination of self that have surfaced as a result have since been folded into his creative practice.

Perran has never limited himself to a single medium. Instead he chooses to use sculpture, photography, video, light, audio and installation to create artworks which deal with the broad and elusive themes of mortality, beauty, the self and the natural and built environment. His work commonly touches on aspects of everyday life, which he finds deeply moving and moments that are often overlooked, and yet profoundly beautiful. His works often incorporate found and everyday objects, and rely on and explore nostalgia, to trigger an emotional response from the viewer.



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## EDUCATION

- 2005–11 | BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS - College of Fine Arts (UNSW)
- 2004 | ADOBE CREATIVE SUITE - Alpha Computer College
- 2002 | MACROMEDIA FLASH - Sydney University
- 1999 | INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA - Metro Screen

## AWARDS

- 2011 | WOOLLAHRA SMALL SCULPTURE PRIZE - Finalist.
- 2011 | ROCKS POPUP PROJECT - Award
- 2010 | WOOLLAHRA SMALL SCULPTURE PRIZE - Finalist.
- 2010 | KUDOS PRIZE - Finalist.
- 2009 | COFA Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement - December
- 2009 | Dinosaur Design Prize - Highly commended - December
- 2009 | Isenbergs Prize - November
- 2009 | Ranamok Contemporary Glass Art Prize - Finalist - September
- 2008 | Art Gallery of NSW - Basil & Muriel Hooper Scholarship 08 - December
- 2008 | Best New Artist - Sydney Music Arts & Culture Awards 08 - Finalist - December
- 2008 | BSG Picture This 08 - Peoples Choice - September
- 2008 | GAS Grant - COFA Student Association - Paddington - September
- 2008 | BSG Small Works 08 - First Place - June
- 2007 | Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society - Scholarship 07 - Finalist - August
- 2007 | Porosity Exchange Grant - COFA - Paddington - October
- 2007 | Golden Ticket Art Prize 07 - Finalist - October
- 2007 | Photography and the Built Environment Prize 07 Award - June
- 2006 | GAS Grant - COFA Student Association - Paddington - October

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 | The Affordable Art Fair Mexico City - Mexico
- 2012 | The Affordable Art Fair New York Fall - USA
- 2012 | The Affordable Art Fair Hamburg - Germany
- 2012 | The Affordable Art Fair Amsterdam - Holland
- 2012 | The Affordable Art Fair Stockholm - Sweden
- 2012 | Shanghai Contemporary Artfair - Shanghai - China
- 2012 | KIAF Artfair - Korea
- 2012 | ART HAMPTONS - New York, USA
- 2012 | WE ONLY COME OUT AT NIGHT - Kaleidoscope Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 | ANALOG - Tortuga Studios, Sydney
- 2012 | REDFERN BEACH - 107 Projects, Sydney
- 2012 | PICTURA AUSTRALIANA - Tortuga Studios, Sydney
- 2012 | ART MELBOURNE - The Royal Exhibition Centre, Melbourne
- 2012 | CAPTURING LIGHT - Retrospect Galleries, Byron Bay
- 2012 | AAF LONDON - London, UK
- 2012 | LONDON ART FAIR - London, UK
- 2011 | AFF SINGAPORE - Singapore
- 2011 | HOME GROWN - COFA Space, Sydney
- 2011 | TORONTO ART FAIR - Toronto, Canada



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- 2011 | SMALL SCULPTURE PRIZE - Woollahra, Sydney
- 2011 | PERSONAL SPACE - The Rocks Pop Up Project
- 2011 | AAF NEW YORK - New York, USA
- 2011 | ART LONDON - London, UK
- 2011 | AAF AUTUMN LONDON - London, UK
- 2011 | 20/21 BRITISH ART FAIR - London, UK
- 2011 | IN THE NIGHT GARDEN - Tortuga Studios, Sydney
- 2011 | UNDERBELLY ARTS - Cockatoo Island, Sydney
- 2011 | EASYSPEAK - Tortuga Studios, Sydney
- 2011 | ART MELBOURNE - The Royal Exhibition Centre, Melbourne
- 2011 | SHUTTERSPEED - Retrospect Galleries, Byron Bay
- 2011 | AAF LONDON - London, UK
- 2011 | LONDON ART FAIR - London, UK
- 2010 | ART SYDNEY - Royal Hall of Industry, Moore Park, Sydney
- 2010 | ART TORONTO - Toronto, Canada
- 2010 | ART & ABOUT - Open studios | Tortuga Studios, Sydney
- 2010 | KUDOS PRIZE - Kudos Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 | STILL...LIFE - FBI Radio, Art Auction | Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW), Sydney
- 2010 | AAF NEW YORK - New York, USA
- 2010 | DREAM HOME - Australian Centre for Photography (ACP), Sydney
- 2010 | Art Melbourne - The Royal Exhibition Centre - Melbourne - VIC
- 2010 | Sydney Fringe Festival launch - Seymour Centre - Newtown - NSW
- 2009 - 2010 | Ranamok Contemporary Glass Art Tour - September - August - Canberra Glassworks ACT - Angel Place Foyer Sydney - QLD Parliament House Brisbane - Noosa Regional Gallery - Shoalhaven Arts Centre Nowra - Wagga Wagga Art Gallery
- 2009 | COFA Annual 09 - College of Fine Arts (COFA) - Paddington
- 2009 | Art Sydney 09 - Royal Hall of Industry - Moore Park
- 2009 | FBI Radio Art Auction - Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) - Circular Quay
- 2009 | BSG Small Works 09 - Brunswick Street Gallery - Fitzroy - VIC
- 2009 | The Longest Night - Tortuga Studios - St Peters
- 2009 | Loss - Medium Rare Gallery - Redfern - NSW
- 2009 | Art Melbourne - The Royal Exhibition Centre - Melbourne - VIC
- 2008 - 2009 | Peats Ridge Festival - NYE 08/09 - Peats Ridge
- 2008 | Sydney Music Arts & Culture Awards (SMACs) 08 - Sydney Opera House - Sydney - NSW
- 2008 | Finders Keepers 08 - Carriageworks - Eveleigh
- 2008 | Art Sydney 08 - Royal Hall of Industry - Moore Park
- 2008 | BSG Picture this 08 - Brunswick Street Gallery - Fitzroy - VIC
- 2008 | 2042: Art on the Street - King Street - Newtown - NSW
- 2008 | Anode Festival - The Domain Carpark - Domain Sydney - NSW
- 2008 | BSG Art Auction 08 - Brunswick Street Gallery - Fitzroy - VIC
- 2008 | Underbelly: Public Arts Lab and Festival - Carriageworks - Eveleigh
- 2008 | BSG Small Works 08 - Brunswick Street Gallery - Fitzroy - VIC
- 2007 | Space Invaders - Kudos Gallery - Paddington
- 2007 | Porosity Exhibition - Politecnico - Bovisa Milan - ITALY
- 2007 | Golden Ticket - Kudos Gallery - Paddington
- 2007 | ADFAS Scholarship Exhibition - COFA Space - Paddington
- 2007 | Transformations - Newington Armory Gallery - Sydney Olympic Park - NSW
- 2007 | Rush Rush - COFA Space - Paddington
- 2007 | Underbelly: Public Arts Lab and Festival - Carriageworks - Eveleigh