

Born: Sydney, Australia, 1972. Lives and works in Balmain, Sydney, Australia

Lara Scolari



Australia's most exciting emerging contemporary visual artist, Lara Scolari's gestural paintings have made a serious splash on the International art scene.

Influenced by major artistic figures such as Brett Whiteley, Helen Frankenthaler, John Olsen, Hans Hoffman and Mark Rothko, Lara has developed her own distinct approach to the 'abstract expressionist' style where a variety of media, developed experimental techniques and processes are used to create depth through exquisite transparent layers that reveal hidden dioramas.

Featuring organic forms and fluid shapes her stunning works are inspired by memory, meditation, music and the culture and essence of Australia. Each of her eye-catching paintings feature a beautiful translucent veiled colour palette that reflects the natural landscape.

Lara's coveted artworks explore multilayered organic forms, lines, shapes and composition that create an enlivening space for contemplation and a resting place for thoughts.

Her use of tonal combinations with rich and luscious colours has been a particular hit with some of Australia's leading interior designers including the multi-award-winning Greg Natale who has purchased Lara's exquisite pieces for many of his A-list clients. In 2019, her collaboration with Designer Rugs Australia will see the release of a Lara Scolari Collection showcasing her exquisite designs on carpet and rugs with exceptional quality for high

end residential homes and commercial spaces all over the globe.

Lara was recently featured in the Australian television network SBS documentary [Why Diversifying Is the Key to Lara Scolari's Artistic Success](#) as well as Real Estate Lifestyle – [In my Place with Abstract Expressionist - Lara Scolari](#) together with many other [print and online media](#) networks showcasing her exciting work and her incredible journey thus far!

From the USA where she recently exhibited, across to Europe, Asia and Australia, Lara's work is represented in public and private collections throughout the world.

**MEDIA:**





## Lara Scolari, Credentials

### EDUCATION

- Master of Cross-disciplinary Art and Design UNSW Art & Design (MCDArtDes)
- Diploma of Fine Arts
- Post Graduate Visual Arts Residency (Selective) – Western Institute of TAFE
- Diploma of Arts Administration
- Certificate III Ceramics

### UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS 2019

- Asia Contemporary Art Show – Hong Kong
- Designer Rugs “Lara Scolari Collection” Launch, Sydney – AUSTRALIA
- Affordable Art Fair – Hong Kong
- Saatchi Art – The Other Art Fair – NY, USA
- Saatchi Art – The Other Art Fair – LA, USA
- Art2Muse, Sydney – AUSTRALIA
- Florence Biennale, Florence – Italy
- Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Sydney AUSTRALIA

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Back to the Bush, Corner Store Gallery, Orange, NSW
- 2018 FLUX, Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2018 VOYAGE, Left Bank Gallery, Southport, QLD
- 2017 NOCTURN, Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington, NSW
- 2017 Contemporary Noir, Art2Muse, Double Bay, NSW
- 2016 COOL LUXE, The Corner Store Gallery, Orange, NSW
- 2016 Contemporary Luxe, Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, NSW
- 2016 Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW
- 2016 MONO2, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW
- 2015 Mono, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW
- 2015 Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, NSW
- 2015 Grand Opening Exhibition, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW
- 2015 Moree Art Gallery, Moree, NSW
- 2014/15 Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW

- 2014 Depot II Gallery, Danks St, Waterloo, NSW
- 2012 Lazy River Estate Winery, Dubbo, NSW
- 2011 LUDO, Orange Regional Gallery, Orange, NSW
- 2010 Occulo, Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW
- 2010 Fairview Art Space, Mudgee, NSW
- 2009 Latent, Dubbo Regional Gallery – The Armati Bequest, Dubbo, NSW
- 2009 Lazy River Estate Winery, Dubbo, NSW

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

#### 2018

- Saatchi Art - The Other Art Fair – Santa Monica, LA – USA
- Saatchi Art – The Other Art Fair – Melbourne, Australia
- Saatchi Art – The Other Art Fair – Sydney, Australia

- Works on Paper – Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington, NSW, Australia

#### 2017

- Selected Finalist Brisbane Art Prize, Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Art, Fortitude Valley, QLD
- Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington, NSW
- Fenton & Fenton, Prahran, Victoria
- Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, NSW
- Selected Finalist, Hunters Hill Art Prize, Hunters Hill, NSW
- Paper Pear Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW

#### 2016

- Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington, NSW
- Fenton & Fenton, Prahran, Victoria
- Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, NSW
- Paper Pear Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW
- The Corner Store Gallery, Orange, NSW



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- Martine Gallery, Northbridge, NSW
- Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW

#### 2015

- Tusk Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria
- Art2Muse, Double Bay, NSW
- Selected Finalist, Moreton Bay Art Awards, Strathpine, Queensland
- Selected Finalist, Hunters Hill Art Prize, Hunters Hill, NSW
- Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Resident Artists Exhibition, Hunters Hill, NSW
- Twist Gallery, Alexandria, NSW
- Martine Gallery, Northbridge, NSW

#### 2014

- Tusk Gallery, South Yarra, Victoria
- Selected Finalist Mosman Art Prize, Mosman, NSW
- Kenthurst Galleries, Kenthurst, NSW
- SOHO Galleries, Woolloomooloo, NSW
- NG Gallery, ART NOW, Chippendale Creative Precinct, NSW
- Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Resident Artist Exhibition, Hunters Hill, NSW
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- Wenona Alumni Art Show, Milsons Point, NSW
- Balmain Art Gallery, Balmain, NSW
- Brisbane Modern Art Gallery, Fortitude Valley, QLD
- Nexus Gallery, Albert Park, Melbourne, VIC
- Paper Pear Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW
- Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW
- Panoply Art Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- Art2Muse, Double Bay, NSW
- Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Balmain Pop Up, Balmain, NSW

#### 2013

- A Decade of Stories – Artist in Residence Exhibition, Ashfield, NSW
- Tracks, Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo, NSW

#### 2012

- Blake Prize Directors Cut Exhibition
- Salerno Gallery, Glebe, NSW
- Calleen Art Award Finalist, Corwa Art Gallery, Cowra, NSW
- Shimmer on the Bay, St Josephs College Exhibition, Walsh Bay, Sydney, NSW
- I Love Art Exhibition, St Augustines School, Narromine, NSW
- Fresh Arts, Dubbo Theatre and Convention Centre, Dubbo, NSW

#### 2011

- Finalist Calleen Acquisition Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- Paper Pear Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW
- Hill Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW
- Alchemy, Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW
- Art Unlimited Prize, Dunedoo, NSW
- Fresh Paint, Red Door Gallery, Dubbo, NSW

#### 2010

- Michael Reid Gallery, Murrurundi, NSW
- St Joseph's College, Art Show, Hunters Hill, NSW
- Newport Artworks, Newport Beach, NSW
- Hill Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW
- Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW



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- Finalist Calleen Acquisition Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- Around The World, Fresh Arts Group Show, Macquarie Regional Library, Dubbo, NSW

#### 2009

- Finalist Morton Bay Art Awards, Strathpine, QLD
- Fresh Meat, Fresh Arts Group Show, Chop Art Shop, Milthorpe, NSW
- Fairview Art Space, Mudgee, NSW
- Jayes Gallery, Molong, NSW
- Percy Street Gallery, Wellington, NSW
- Wood for the Trees Fresh Arts Group Show, Dubbo, NSW
- Winner into the Drip Art Prize, Fairview Artspace, Mudgee, NSW

#### 2008

- Bowerhouse, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW
- Fairview Artspace, Mudgee, NSW
- Finalist Art Unlimited Prize, Dunedoo, NSW
- Fresh Arts 08, Dubbo Regional Gallery – The Armati Bequest, NSW
- Finalist Calleen Acquisition Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW

#### 2007

- Expose, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW
- Fresh off the Plains, Canowindra Art Gallery, NSW

#### 2006

- Visible, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW
- Fresh & Fruity, The Art Gallery Coonabarabran NSW
- Fresh & Fruity, Dubbo Regional Gallery, NSW

- A Fresh Look, Dundullimal Homestead, Dubbo, NSW
- Rigi Dige, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW

#### 2005

- Upstarts, Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo, NSW
- Save the Sumatran Tiger, Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo, NSW

#### RESIDENCES

- **2015** Gallery Lane Cove, Lane Cove, NSW
- **2014/15** Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW
- **2013** Artist in Residence, Ashfield Council, Pratten Park, Ashfield, NSW
- **2008** Western Institute of TAFE, Dubbo Campus, NSW
- **2006** Fresh Arts Residency, Dundullimal Homestead, Dubbo, NSW

#### ARTIST RUN INITIATIVE'S

- **2015** Current, Lara Scolari Gallery, Balmain, NSW – Gallery Director & Principal
- **2014** Current, Hunters Hill Art Gallery, Hunters Hill, NSW – Director

#### EMPLOYMENT WITHIN CULTURAL SECTOR

- **2007 – 2013** Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo, NSW (Arts Administration, Exhibition Installation & Education Officer)



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