

ANITA JOHNSON

Education

Bachelor of Visual Arts, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney University
Doctorate of Creative Arts, University of Wollongong, 2023

Solo Exhibitions

2021 *Come to me without a word*, Australian Design Centre, Sydney
2020 *Come to me without a word*, Wollongong Art Gallery
2017 *Reasonable Mayhem*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
The Breath of Felt Timeless, Textiles Gallery, Newcastle
2015 *The Breath Within*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
2013 *Wunderkammer*, Studio 19 Wollongong
2012 *The Improbable Object*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Anita Larkin Art, Images Gallery, Adelaide
2011 *Leaping Chair*, Wollongong Art Gallery
2009 *Anita Larkin*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
2007 *Object Incognito*, Wollongong Art Gallery
1997 *Bodily Felt*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong

Selected Group Exhibitions

2021 *A Conspicuous Object: Maitland Hospital*, Maitland Regional Art Gallery
Defiance Gallery 25 years, Defiance Gallery
Miniatures, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
2020 *Fabrications*, Wollongong Art Gallery
Everybody, Wollongong Art Gallery
Meroogal Women's Art Prize 2020, Meroogal House, Nowra
2019 *Beyond the Bowl*, Hurstville Museum and Gallery curated by Renee Porter
Figural, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
Exploded Textiles, Tamworth Regional Gallery
2018 *Beyond the Seam*, Contemporary Art Space Mandurah (CASM) WA
Petite, Wangaratta Art Gallery
Sentient Visibility, Grace Cossington Smith Gallery, Sydney
Meroogal Women's Art Prize Meroogal House, Nowra
The Fishers Ghost Award Campbelltown Arts Centre (C-A-C)
2017 *Thinkers and Dreamers*, Stanley Street Gallery, Sydney
Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award 2017, Wangaratta Art Gallery
2016 *Stuck Together*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
The 64th Blake Prize Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Sydney
Sculpture 2016: Bronze, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Borne: Conversations on Sculpture & the Body, Stanley Street Gallery, Sydney
Holding, Newcastle, Art Gallery
Petite, Wangaratta Art Gallery
2000-2015 *6" Miniature Sculpture Show*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
2015 *Sculptural Felt International*, Tamworth Regional Gallery and Wollongong Art Gallery
Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Council
Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award 2015, Wangaratta Art Gallery
2014 *Off the Wall*, Defiance Gallery

- Sculptural Felt International Museum Nagele, Museum de Kantfabriek, Horst, The Netherlands
- The 2nd Tamworth Textile Triennial, Tamworth Regional Gallery
- Petite Miniature*, Textiles Wangaratta Art Gallery
- The Blake Prize Touring Exhibition*: Delmar Gallery, NSW; Bayside Arts and Cultural Centre, Brighton, Victoria; Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, Goulburn, NSW; University of Newcastle, Newcastle, NSW; Schoolhouse Gallery, Rosny Park, Tasmania.
- 2013 *Me, the road and I*, Wollongong Art Gallery
- Please be Seated*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Feltportation*, The University of Wollongong, FCA Gallery
- The 62nd Blake Prize, Galleries UNSW, Paddington, Sydney
- 2012 The 5th Beijing International Art Biennale, The National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China
- Petite Miniature*, Textiles Wangaratta Art Gallery
- Defiance Gallery Sculpture Park Gate Gallery, Wollombi
- The Cimate is Changing*: Cardiff, Wales; Sedburgh; Cumbria;England;
- Musée du Feutre de Mouzon, France
- Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Council
- What Tomorrow Brings*, Wollongong Art Gallery
- 2011 6th International World Textile Art Biennial of Contemporary Art, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Xalapa, Mexico
- The Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award, Wangaratta Art Gallery
- 5 Easy Pieces*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Line of Sight*, Project Contemporary Artspace Wollongong
- 2010 *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
- UWS Acquisitive Sculpture Award, The University of Western Sydney
- Sculpture*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Council
- The Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award, Wangaratta Art Gallery
- Curious Cars and Miniature Movers*, Ipswich Art Gallery
- Sculpture*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2008 The Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
- The Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize, South Australia
- Museum Narrative*, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- Sculpture*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- David Harold Tribe Sculpture Award, Finalists Exhibition: SCA Galleries Sydney
- 2006 The Wynne Prize Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
- Meroogal Women's Art Prize Shoalhaven City Arts Centre
- Liminal Personae*, Gallery 4a, Asia-Australia Arts Centre, Sydney
- University of Western Sydney Acquisitive Sculpture Award, Campbelltown
- 2005 *Sculpture at the Seymour Centre*, Seymour Centre, Sydney
- Sculpture*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 *Thee, made of the hair of sheep*, The Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest
- New Works*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney, Sculpture Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- University of Western Sydney Acquisitive Sculpture Award, UWS, Campbelltown
- 2003 *Sculpture by the Sea*, Bondi
- Sculpture*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Defiance group show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 *Sculpture by the Sea*, Bondi
- Defiance group show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- Sculpture*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 Astronomy Art Project, Sydney Cove Authority Gallery, Sydney
- 1994-5 *The Really Big Paper Show*, Tin Sheds Gallery, Sydney;
- Broken Hill City Gallery; Tamworth Regional Gallery
- 1992 *Exit*, Sydney College of the Arts, Balmain

Awards

- 2019 Australian Government Research Training Program Award for Doctorate of Creative Arts
- 2016 Copyright Agency Creative Individuals Career Fund Award
- 2011 6th International World Textile Art Biennial of Contemporary Art, Xalapa, Mexico,
Salon for Textile Art Object Award
- 2006 Wollongong Art Gallery Friends Resident Artist Award
- 2002 The Allens Arthur Robinson Award, Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi

Collections

Wollongong Art Gallery
The Lady Ethel Nock Sculpture Collection
The Australian War Memorial Art Collection
Australian National Textile Collection
World Textile Art Organization
Tamworth Regional Gallery
Westmead Hospital
Maitland Hospital
Shellharbour City Council
Wollongong City Council
The University of Wollongong
Cowra Sculpture Park