

LINDA GILBERT - CURRICULUM VITAE

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I am a contemporary abstract painter based in Aotearoa (New Zealand). Unseen energies and earth sciences interest me. My practice gives form to barely conscious, intangible sensations I experience from particular environments and sometimes people. These sensory experiences combine with an ongoing enquiry into way finding. Working intuitively the paintings are grounded in recent scientific research around sensory perception and consciousness.

The materiality of the surfaces used reflects my interest in limestone - a vault for cycles of life and death. The idea of making contemporary rock art feels primal and exciting. Inscribing and painting on surfaces made from limestone connects me back to the first evidence of humanity's cultural mark making. I have a deep sense of connection to the Earth through these materials.

With our current moment in the Anthropocene, it seems the following sentiment from Patrick Howard is usefully pursued through the materiality of the work itself.

'Through deepening our attunement for our embodied integration in a living world we may relearn and restore a capacity to dwell more thoughtfully with newfound sensitivity, respect and restraint in the ecosystems on which we wholly depend.'

(Patrick Howard, *Phenomenology and Practice*, Volume 16 (2021), No. 1, pp 40-56).

Education

2023 Master of Fine Arts (Hons), Whitecliffe School of Art, Auckland, NZ.

2018 Bachelor of Visual Arts, Auckland University of Technology

1991 Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor to the High Court of New Zealand.

1990 Bachelor of Laws, University of Auckland.

Awards

2024 *Aspiring Art Prize* (Finalist)

2023 *Kumeu Art Awards* (Finalist)

2022 *Walker and Hall Art Awards* (Finalist)

2021 *Kaipara Art Awards* (Finalist and Merit Award)

2019 *Walker and Hall Art Awards* (Finalist)

2019 *Molly Morpeth Canaday Awards* (Finalist)

Solo Exhibitions

2022 *Energy Maps*, Graduation Show, Whitecliffe School of Art and Design

2022 *Energy Maps*, Demo Gallery, Auckland.

- 2020 *Magnetic Fields Under Neon Skies*, Wallace Gallery, Morrinsville.
- 2017 *Eye Space*, Pataka Museum & Art Gallery, Porirua.
- 2006 *Love Birds*, Toi Poneke Gallery, Wellington.
- 2006 *Birdy*, Margrain Vineyard, Martinborough, Wairarapa.
- 2002 *Crime of Passion*, Fluxus Gallery, Dunedin.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 Baradene Art Show
- 2024 Aspiring Art Prize
- 2023 Kumeu Art Awards
- 2023 Baradene Art Show
- 2023 *Fertile Ground*, Alumni Exhibition, Demo, Auckland
- 2023 *Earth Songs*, at Mangawhai Artists Gallery
- 2022 Walker & Hall Art Awards (Finalist)
- 2021 Kaipara Arts Awards (Merit)
- 2020 *Here and There*, Megan Dickinson Gallery, Whangarei
- 2019 Walker & Hall Art Awards (Finalist)
- 2019 Molly Morpeth Canaday Awards (Finalist)
- 2019 *The Lovers*, Black Asterisk Gallery, Ponsonby, Auckland
- 2018 *The Laterals*, part of Wahine Take Action Celebrations, Auckland City Library
- 2018 *Can we dialogue about this?*, AUT Art Gallery, Auckland
- 2011 *Art in a Box*, Pataka Museum & Art Gallery, Porirua
- 2010 *Fine Spells*, Solander Gallery, Wellington
- 2009 *Local Colour*, Pataka Museum & Art Gallery, Porirua
- 2008 *Aspects*, LeSa Gallery, Wellington
- 2006 *Artbox*, High Street, Auckland

Grants and scholarships

- 2024 Invited Research Associate, Auckland Museum
- 2022 Creative New Zealand - Building Business Capability Funding
- 2019 Klein Artist Works (Pacific Scholarship) - Paul Klein, Chicago
- 2017 Creative Communities Grant - Porirua, costs towards solo show 'Eye Space'
- 2005 Creative Communities Grant - Wellington, Fringe Festival, 'Love Birds'
- 2002 Creative Communities Grant - Dunedin, Fringe Festival, 'Crime of Passion'

Private Commissions

- 2016 High Rise, acrylic on canvas
- 2006 Birdy Series, acrylic on canvas

Professional Development

- 2024 Art2Life Academy with Nicholas Wilton (USA)
- 2024 The Creative Visionary Programme with Nicholas Wilton (USA)
- 2023 The Working Artist with Crista Cloutier (France)
- 22/23 Toipoto Creative Career Development (Auckland)
- 2019 Klein Artists Works - Paul Klein (Chicago)

Residencies

2019 Matariki Road Trip - 3 months self funded van residency

2009 Chatham Islands Art Residency - led by printmaker and geologist Chris Adams

Arts related employment

2024 Senior Consultant, QWB Lab (www.qwblab.com)

2023 Freelance arts writer for *The Big Idea*

2014 Founder *Drawn Together: Visual Storytelling and Visual Literacy*
www.drawntogether.net