

LIAM BENSON

Born in Sydney, Australia

Lives and works in Sydney, Australia

EDUCATION

2002 Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Western Sydney

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015 Inheritance, Gallerysmith, Melbourne
2015 NOBLE SAVAGE, Arterreal Gallery, Rozelle
2012 Motherland, Arterreal Gallery, Rozelle
2011 Liam Benson, Arterreal Gallery, Rozelle
2011 The Bòcan, The Lewers Bequest, Penrith Regional Gallery, Penrith
2010 Southern Cross' Lullaby, The Lock Up residency & exhibition, Newcastle
2006 Werewolves, MOP Gallery, Redfern

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2016 X/I, Arterreal Gallery, Rozelle
2016 The Blake prize, National touring exhibition Australia
2015 Adorned, Parramatta Riverside Theatre, Parramatta
2015 Dream Merchant, Mosman Art Gallery, Mosman
2015 The Narrative of Location, GAFFA Gallery, Sydney
2015 The Narrative of Location, Seventh Gallery, Melbourne
2015 Façade, Arterreal Gallery, Rozelle
2015 Disco Dome, ICE, Parramatta
2015 Street Screen, ACP Paddington
2014 Unveiled, Gallerysmith, Melbourne
2014-15 Overview, International touring exhibition
2014 Compassionate Voices, Rosebery
2014 FOMO, ARTERREAL, Rozelle
2013 Same, Same, Arterreal, Rozelle
2013 Please allow me to introduce myself, Strange Neighbour, Fitzroy
2013 Beyoncé is a Feminist, Fontanelle, Bowden
2013 Peripheral Visions: Contemporary Art from Australia, Garis and Hahn, New York
2013 The Social, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown
2013 Blue and Pink Phenomenon, The Substation, Newport
2012 SEXES, Performance Space, Eveleigh
2012 Tough Love, AEA, Lion Arts Centre North Terrace Adelaide, South Australia

2012 Motherland, ARTEREAL, Rozelle
 2011 Hello Dolly, Gaffa, Sydney
 2011 The Bòcan, The Lewers Bequest, Penrith Regional Gallery, Penrith
 2011 Femmes & Hommes, John Buckley Gallery – Prahran, Melbourne
 2011 Liam Benson, ARTEREAL, Rozelle
 2011 The Pioneers, MOP Projects, Chippendale
 2010 No Artist is an Island, The Lock Up residency & exhibition, Newcastle
 2010 Body capital, Loop Space, Newcastle
 2010 Southern Cross' Lullaby, The Lock Up residency & exhibition, Newcastle
 2010 In Temperance, Popup Gallery, Sydney
 2010 Re/Gendered, Platform Artists Group Inc. Degraives St Subway (Campbell Arcade), Melbourne
 2009 Horror Come Darkness, Macquarie University Art Gallery, Macquarie Park
 2009 The More You Ignore Me the Closer I get, The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
 2009 Identifiable Culture, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown
 2008 Dream Merchant, Blacktown Arts Centre, Blacktown
 2008 Becos I'm Worf It, MOP Projects, Chippendale
 2008 Performing for the Camera, Firstdraft Galley, Surry Hills
 2008 SafARI 2008, Gaffa, Surry Hills
 2008 MAN, Penrith regional Gallery, Emu Plains
 2008 Bent Western, Blacktown Arts Centre, Blacktown
 2007-08 Our Lucky Country (still different) Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Gynea
 2007 Becos I'm Worf It, Linden Centre for Contemporary arts, Melbourne
 2007 At the Vanishing Point; the show to launch the space, At the Vanishing Point, Newtown
 2007 Postcards from the edge, The Black Loft, Dublin, Ireland
 2007 Dream Merchant, Kings artist run initiative, Melbourne
 2006-07 Our Lucky Country, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Gynea
 2006 Snowdropping, Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Camperdown
 2006 Queering the Mardi Gras, MLC Gallery, Ultimo
 2006 Overt Compensation: Reloaded, Depot Gallery, Waterloo
 2006 Gang Festival 05-06, Pelt Gallery, Chippendale
 2005-06 Horsepower, Liverpool Regional Gallery, Liverpool
 2005 Designfesta: Through a Strangers Eyes, Tokyo
 2005 Gang Festival 05-06, Various spaces, Indonesia
 2005 Western front, Art is a Social Space, Blacktown Arts Centre, Blacktown
 2005 C-Town Bling, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown
 2005 Satellite of love, Bus Gallery, Melbourne
 2005 Satellite of love, Phatspace, Darlinghurst
 2005 Dress code, MOP Gallery, Redfern
 2005 Weapons of Mass Destruction, Mori Gallery, Sydney, February
 2005 Overt Compensation, Depot Gallery, Waterloo
 2004 Sideshow Valley: opening night and installation launch, 2004 SOOB festival, Brisbane
 2004 Going Pro Project, The Lewers Bequest, Penrith Regional Gallery, Penrith

2004	Energex Arbour Contemporary Art Prize, Southbank Brisbane
2004	L'Ovest, Firstdraft Gallery, Surry Hills
2003	The art of condoms, Phatspace Gallery, Darlinghurst
2003	What the world needs now 2, Phatspace Gallery, Darlinghurst
2003	Decoding Sub-cultures, Blacktown Arts Centre, Blacktown
2003	Self Discipline, Phatspace Gallery, Darlinghurst
2002	Structurally unsound, UWS Grad show, University of Western Sydney, Kingswood
2002	Smudge, Palace Gallery, South Brisbane, Queensland
2002	Queering the streets, Sydney 2002 Gay Games, Sports and Culture Festival

ONGOING PROJECTS/PERFORANCES

Adorned, 2015- present

White Lady, 2015 - present

You and Me, 2013 - present

The Motel Sisters is an ongoing performative/inter-arts collaboration between Liam Benson and Naomi Oliver since 2004.

AWARDS

2016	The Blake Prize, Finalist
2015	The Fishers Ghost Art Award, Finalist
2014	Winner, Champions of the West grant, (Arts category)
2013	Winner, The Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Award, Gold Coast Art Centre
2013	The Blake Prize, Finalist
2012	Winner, The Hawkesbury Art Award, Purple Noon Gallery, Freemans Reach
2011	Winner, The Fishers Ghost Art Award, Contemporary Award
2011	Winner, Hazelhurst art on paper award, Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery, Gynea
2011	Winner, The Mardi Gras Award
2011	The Substation Contemporary Art Prize, The Substation, Melbourne, Finalist
2007	Josephine Ulrick & Win Schubert Photography Award, Finalist, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Gold Coast, Finalist
2009	Winner, The Fishers Ghost art Award, Photographic Award
2009	The Blake Prize, Finalist
2007	The Helen Lempriere Traveling Art Scholarship, finalist 2007
2007	Josephine Ulrick & Win Schubert Photography Award, Finalist, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Gold Coast, Finalist
2007	Art and Australia RIPE award, Finalist 2007
2007	Linden Innovators program, Recipient, Linden Centre For Contemporary Art, St Kilda
2006	Iris Award, Finalist, PCP, Perth, 2006
2006	CCP Colour Factory Award, Finalist, CCP, Fitzroy, 2006
2005	Josephine Ulrick & Win Schubert Photography Award, Finalist, Gold Coast City

Art Gallery, Gold Coast

RESIDENCIES

2011 Arteles Creative Centre, Finland
2010 The Lock Up residency, Newcastle
2007 Our Lucky Country residency program, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Gymea

COLLECTIONS

Artbank
Art Gallery of South Australia
University of Western Sydney Art Collection
Private Collections