

# Liam Benson

Lives and works in Sydney, Australia

## Education

2002 Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Western Sydney

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

2022 Within the Nook, Online, Arterreal Gallery, Sydney  
2022 Liam Benson: Virtue Without, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG), New South Wales  
2022 Liam Benson: You Already Know, Glasshouse Port Macquarie, New South Wales  
2020 Mapping the Immeasurable, Arterreal Gallery, Sydney  
2019 Jackson Bella Room Commission, MCA, Sydney  
2017 I have a wealth of unconditional love and it's yours if you want it, Arterreal Gallery, Sydney  
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

2019 UNYOKED, YOKE x Arterreal Gallery Pop Up Exhibition, Sydney Fringe, Sydney  
2019 Ramsay Art Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Art Gallery of South Australia  
2019 Just Not Australian, Art Space, Sydney  
2019 Theatre of the Alienated Land, The Australian Pavilion at the Milan Triennale, Milan  
2018 Site of Passage, Customs House, Sydney  
2018 shhhOUT: art from a GLBTQIA+ perspective, ESD Gallery, Sydney  
2018 Mosaic – LGBTIQ Artists of Western Sydney, Parramatta Artist Studios, Sydney  
2017 64th Blake Prize Touring Exhibition, throughout Australia  
2017 Young & Free, Bega Valley Regional Gallery, Australia  
2017 Exploring Identity: Ned, Koala and Me, Art Space, Sydney  
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. Degraes 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

### **Awards**

2019 Ramsay Art Prize, Finalist  
2016 Glenfiddich Artist in Residence Prize, Finalist  
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, Gymea  
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,  
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  
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

### **Commissions**

2019 Jackson Bella Room Commission, MCA, Sydney

### **Ongoing Projects & Performances**

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.

### **Collections**

Artbank  
Art Gallery of South Australia  
Bathurst Regional Art Gallery  
Gold Coast City Gallery  
Museum of Contemporary Art Australia  
University of Western Sydney Art Collection  
Private Collections