

Liam Benson

Lives and works in Sydney, Australia

Education

2002 Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Western Sydney

Selected Solo Exhibitions

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 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, Arterial, 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, ARTERIAL, 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, ARTERIAL, 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, Gympie
 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, Gympie
 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 & 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.

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, Gympie
- 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, Gympie

Commissions

- 2019 Jackson Bella Room Commission, MCA, Sydney

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