

Lesley Dumbrell

1941 Born Melbourne, Australia.

Education

1959 – 62 Diploma of Art (Painting), Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Melbourne

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2024 'Thrum', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
2019, 2022 Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
1969 Bonython Gallery, Sydney
1970 Strines Gallery, Melbourne
1973, 76, 79 Powell Street Gallery, Melbourne
1973 Coventry Gallery, Sydney
1974 Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
1976 Abraxas Gallery, Canberra
1977, 81 Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
1977 Lesley Dumbrell – Paintings and Studies 1966 – 77, Monash University, Melbourne
1978, 80 Gallery A, Sydney
1982 Axiom Gallery, Melbourne
1984, 85, 87, 89, 90, 91, 93, 97, 99 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
1989 Macquarie Galleries, Sydney
1999 Shades of Light: Lesley Dumbrell 1971 – 1999, The Ian Potter Museum of Art
2005, 2010 Annandale Galleries, Sydney
2008, 2010, 2012 John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne
2017 Gallery H, Bangkok Thailand

Selected Group Exhibitions

1974 Moravian International, Bethlehem, USA
1975 A Room of One's Own, Ewing & George Paton Galleries, University of Melbourne
1976 Six Women Painters, travelling to regional Galleries
1977 Australian Colourists 77, WAIT (Curtin University), Perth
1978 Some recent Acquisitions of Australian Art, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
1981 Works on Paper, Cunningham-Ward, New York
1981 Australian Perspecta '81, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
1982 Betty Cunningham, New York
1982 The Seventies: Works from the Collection of the National Australia Bank, NGV

1983 A Melbourne Mood: Cool Contemporary Art, National Gallery of Australia, ACT

1984 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne

1985 Abstract Art in Australia, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Melbourne

1985 The Mosaic, the Grid, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

1985 Surface for Reflection, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

1986 Colour and Transparency: Lesley Dumbrell, Robert Jacks and Victor Majzner

1986 Galleria Cavalino, Venice, Italy

1986 Backlash: The Australian Drawing Revival, 1976-1986, National Gallery of Victoria

1986 Watercolour in the Eighties, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

1986 A Resistant Spirit, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney

1986 Realities, Melbourne

1986 Geometric Abstraction, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne

1987 Four Australian Artist, Gillian Jason Gallery, London

1988 From the Southern Cross, Art Gallery of New South Wales and MGV

1988 Drawing in Australia: 1770s to 1880's, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra

1989 Jack Manton Exhibition, Queensland Art Gallery

1993 Art Asia, Hong Kong Convention Centre, Hong Kong

1995 Works on Paper, Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne

1997 Geelong Contemporary Art Prize, Geelong Art Gallery, Victoria

1998 Geometric Painting in Australia 1941 – 1997, University Art Museum, Brisbane

2002 The Legacy of Op Art in Australia, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne

2002 Towards Colour, McClelland Gallery, Melbourne

2003 Clemenger Contemporary Art Award, National Gallery of Victoria

2003 Annandale Galleries, Sydney

2003 Abstraction III, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne

2004 Imagining the Apple, Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Victoria

2007 The Summer Exhibition, John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne

2009 The Winter Collectors' Exhibition 2009, John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne

2010 The Summer Salon 2010, John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne

2011-12 Conversations, John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne

2015 After 65, The Legacy of Op, LaTrobe Regional Gallery, Victoria

2017 Abstraction: Celebrating Australian Women Abstract Artists. A touring exhibition by the National Gallery of Australia.

2018 Charles Nodrum Gallery

2019 Geometries, QAGOMA, Brisbane
The Moon, Geelong Gallery, VIC

2020 Lightworks, Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, Canberra, ACT
Know My Name (part one), NGA, Canberra

2023 Melbourne Now, NGV, VIC

2024 Systems and Structures, Tarrawarra Museum of Art, VIC
2025 Know my Name: Global, NGA, ACT
Praxis, Utopia Art Sydney

Awards

1982 Travel grant, Visual Arts Board, Australia Council
1983 Alice Prize, Northern Territory
1980 R.M Ansett Hamilton Art Award
1979 Georges Invitation Prize
1979 Camden Municipal Art Festival Award
1977 Georges Invitation Award

Residencies

1977 Artist in Residence, Monash University, Melbourne
1996 Artist in residence (Macgregor Fellow.) The University of Melbourne

Collections

AGNSW, Sydney	Gippsland Art Gallery, VIC
AGSA, Adelaide	Griffith Uni, Brisbane
AGWA, Perth	Hamilton Art Gallery, Vic
NGA, Canberra	Heide Museum of Modern Art, VIC
NGV Melbourne	Holmes a Court Collection, WA
QAGOMA Brisbane	Monash Uni, Melb
Artbank	Parliament House, Canberra
Araluen Art Collection, Alice Springs	QUT Brisbane
Benalla Art Gallery	Sheila Foundation, UWA, Perth
Camden Council, NSW	State Library of WA, Perth
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	TarraWarra Museum of Art, Vic
Deakin Uni, Melb	UNI OF MELB, VIC
Federation Uni, Ballarat, Vic	University of WA, Perth
Geelong Gallery, VIC	University of Tasmania, TAS