



Leisa Russell

Leisa is a Gold Coast based artist who works predominantly as a sculptor. Her love of art began in early childhood. She developed her passion for making objects with clay and other materials she found in the bush around her hinterland home. Growing up on a rural property gave her the opportunity to have a strong appreciation of nature. She still enjoys exploring the natural bushland around her home and the beaches of the gold coast. Snippets from these adventures assist in the creation of her more environmentally themed works.

Essentially a self taught artist Leisa's work showcases a versatile and broad skills base including a variety of mediums such as: Bronze, Clay, Resin, Silver, wood, forged steel, concrete and found objects. She displays an unwavering insistence on portraying her messages by cleverly combining different mediums to achieve the desired results whilst maintaining the integrity of the process. The scale of her pieces range from the most intricate porcelain and sterling silver forms to life size bronze and concrete works.

Her works reflect her increasing passion for porcelainous clay bodies and her energetic enthusiasm for both found and created objects being featured in her repetition projects where she tirelessly reproduces miniature forms in porcelain to create surfaces and textures that arouse not only the visual but most importantly the tactile experience of her audience.

AWARDS

2014	Themed Award – Gold Coast Potters Exhibition
2012	Shirley Kennedy Encouragement Award – Border Art Prize
2012	Highly Commended – Border Art Prize
2012	Winner – Gold Coast Potters Society Annual Members Exhibition
2012	Overall Winner - Gold Coast International Ceramic Art Award
2008	People's Choice Award - Gold Coast Potters Exhibition
2007	Kaske Award - Southern Cross University

EXHIBITIONS

2015	Solo Exhibition – Galley One: “A Sense of Self” Solo Exhibition
2014	Gallery One: “INNER-SELF”
2014	Solo Exhibition 19 Karen Gallery: “TACTILE FUSSION”
2014	Gold Coast International Ceramic Art Award
2014	Finalist Border art prize
2014	Finalist Gold Coast Potters Annual Exhibition
2014	Themed Award Border Art Prize
2013	Finalist Gold Coast Art Prize
2013	Finalist Swell sculpture festival
2013	Finalist Wilson art prize
2013	Finalist Border Art Prize
2012	Shirley Kennedy Encouragement Award, Highly Commended. Gold Coast Potters Annual Members Exhibition
2012	Overall Winner Townsville Ceramic Award
2012	Ignition
2012	Swell Sculpture Festival
2012	Ceramic Art Award
2011	Winner 19 Karen
2009	The Women’s Project Border Art Prize Gold Coast Potters’ Association Annual Members’
2008	People’s Choice Winner Swell Sculpture Festival
2007	Sculptors Society Annual Exhibition
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