



NG ART
GALLERY

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

BERNARD OLLIS

Bernard Ollis Dip A.D. (B.A. Hons) M.A. Royal College of Art (Painting) London
1951 Born in Bath, England
1976 Arrived in Australia

STUDIES

1973 - 1976 Master of Art (Painting), The Royal College of Art, London UK
1970 - 1973 Diploma of Art and Design, Cardiff College of Art and Design, Wales UK
1969 - 1970 Foundation Studies Cardiff College of Art and Design, Wales UK

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2009

Ceramic Platters, Delmar Gallery, Sydney
Every Dog has it's Day, Letham Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

2008

Contemporary Drawing, Wimbledon Art Gallery, London
United Galleries, Perth
NG Art Gallery - Group Show: 'Sordid Tales'

2007

NG Art Gallery - Fragile Planet
NG Art Gallery - Group Show: 'There is No Place Like Home'

2006

Hong Ik University Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

2005

"Drawcard" Cell Block Theatre, NAS, Sydney
"Dog Trumpet" Michael Nagy Gallery, Sydney
"Drawing the line" Cell Block Theatre, NAS (academic staff exhibition), Sydney

2004

"Drawcard" Cell Block Theatre, NAS, Sydney
Hong Ik University gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Doug Moran Portrait Prize Mitchell Library (Touring Australia) Finalist
"Spectrum" NSW Parliament House, FONAS Exhibition

2003

Dobell Prize Finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales
"Beneath the Surface" Cell Block Theatre, NAS, Sydney

2002

Sulman Prize Finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales

2001

Manly Art Gallery Finalist, The Studio Tradition (Touring)
Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales

2000

Sulman Prize Finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales
Olympic Arts Festival Sydney (Various Locations)

1998

Pas D'Accrochage En Publique (Not a Public Hanging) National Art School

1997

Dominique Segan Drawing Prize, Castlemaine, Victoria

1996

Prime Television Invitation Prize (Touring) from Ballarat Gallery, Victoria
Jeans for Genes Royal Hospital Appeal via Art Gallery of New South Wales

1995

"Victorian Vistas", Rialto Melbourne Victoria
"Sport, The Most Accessible Theatre in the World" - Adelaide Festival Centre, South Australia (touring)
Australia Felix Benalla Easter Arts Festival, Victoria
"The Mask" Amnesty International, Art Gallery of New South Wales
"The Comedie Humane" Co-curated Australian Galleries, Sydney

1994

La Trobe University, Bundoora Victoria (staff exhibition)
QDOS Gallery, Lorne Victoria

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1992

Summer School Tutors Downs Gallery, University of Southern Queensland
"Artists Play" Westpac Gallery, Melbourne Victoria

1991

Solander Gallery, Canberra ACT
- Art Space, Bendigo Victoria
- Lake Macquarie Invitation Prize University Gallery, Sydney

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Solander Gallery, Canberra ACT
- Art Space, Bendigo Victoria
- Lake Macquarie Invitation Prize University Gallery, Sydney

1989

Fremantle International Print Award Exhibition, Fremantle Gallery WA
- University of New South Wales Purchase Prize, University Gallery Sydney
- Art Space, Bendigo Victoria
- Lake Macquarie Invitation Prize, University Gallery Sydney NSW

1988

9" x 5" Centenary Exhibition touring NSW and QLD regional Galleries
- Art Space, Bendigo Victoria

1987

University of New South Wales Purchase Prize, University Gallery Sydney
- Art Space, Bendigo Victoria

1986

Solander Gallery, Canberra ACT
- Art Space, Bendigo Victoria

1985

"On the Beach" Arts Council of Australia, Regional Tour of NSW and Victoria regional Galleries

1983

Anima Galleries, Adelaide SA

1982

Macquarie Galleries, Sydney NSW
- "Urban Environment" Travelling Exhibition, Ivan Dougherty Gallery Sydney and Regional Galleries of New South Wales

1981

Contemporary Arts Society, Adelaide SA

1980

College Gallery Darwin Community College, Darwin NT
- Browns Mart Theatre Company, Darwin NT

1978

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT

1977

"Work on Paper" Macquarie Galleries, Sydney NSW

1976

The Royal College of Art Gulbenkian Hall, London UK

1975

"New Contemporaries of British Art" Camden Arts Centre, London UK
- "Northern Young Contemporaries", Manchester UK

1974

Commonwealth Institute Arts Centre, London UK

1973

Brunel University with David Hockney, Peter Blake and Ron Kitaj, London UK

1970

Welsh Arts Council (acquisitive), Cardiff Wales
- Stowels Trophy Award - Institute of Contemporary Art, London, UK



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2008

'Urban Myth' United Galleries, Perth W.A.

2007

'Incognito' NG Art Gallery

2006

'The St Peters Suite' Michael Nagy Fine Art, Sydney NSW

2002

Stella Downer Galleries, Sydney NSW

2000

Michael Nagy Fine Art, Sydney NSW

1999

Michael Nagy Fine Art, Sydney NSW

1998

Mary Place Gallery, Sydney NSW
Sydney Theatre Company, Sydney NSW

1997

Hot Bath Gallery, Bath UK

1996

Australian Galleries, Melbourne Victoria

1994

Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria

1993

Botanical Gallery, South Yarra Victoria

1992

Retrospective Paintings and Pastels, Macquarie
Gallery, Sydney NSW

1991

Powell Street Gallery, South Yarra Victoria

1990

Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW

1989

Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW

1988

Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW
- Roz Macallan Gallery, Brisbane Queensland

1987

Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW
- Powell Street Gallery, South Yarra Victoria

1984 - 1986

Visual Arts Board, 'Bernard Ollis' The Australian Tour
- Exhibited at:
Undercroft Gallery for the Perth Festival University of
Western Australia

Hawthorn City Art Gallery, Victoria

Warrnambool Art Gallery, Victoria

Ararat Gallery, Victoria

Mildura Arts Centre, Victoria

Shepparton Regional Art Gallery, Victoria

Muswellbrook Art Gallery, NSW

Bathurst Regional Gallery, NSW

Orange Art Gallery, NSW

Benalla Art Gallery Victoria

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, NSW

Bendigo Art Gallery Victoria (extended survey
exhibition)

1984

Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW

1982

Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW

1981

Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW

1978

Warehouse Galleries, South Melbourne Victoria

1976

The Africa Centre Covent Garden, London UK

The Royal Commonwealth Society, London UK

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1974 - 1975

Commonwealth Institute Gallery, London UK

1972 - 1973

College of Art Gallery, Cardiff Wales - College Art Gallery, Cardiff UK

AWARDS, PRIZES & RESIDENCIES

2008

Cairo, Egypt Residency
Artist Residency, special guest of the
Australian Ambassador

2005

Conrad Jupiter Art Prize Gold Coast City Art Gallery,
Queensland

2000

Olympic Arts Festival

1992

Selected by Melbourne Theatre Company for
season's brochure

1989

Selected for Sydney Children's Choir catalogue

1988

Heritage Arts Festival Award, Queensland

1984

Visual Arts Board Australia, Council Grant

1983

Commissioned series of paintings for Napoleon
Brandy Advertising Campaign

1982

Gold Coast City Art Awards, Queensland

1977

Sir Fredrick Richards's Travelling Scholarship (drawing), UK

1976

John Minton International Painting Prize, London UK

1975

Artist-in-residence Maltese Studio International Youth
Arts Festival British representative
Artist-in-residence Paris Studio Cité Internationale des
Arts France
Paris Studio, Cité Internationale Des Arts,
France (artist in residence)

LECTURING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

1998 - 2008

National Art School (Sydney)

1997 - 1998 Head of Studies

National Art School (Sydney)

1996 - 1997 Head of Painting Department

National Art School (Sydney)

1994 - 1996 Senior Lecturer/Head of Fine Art

La Trobe University (Victoria)

1982 - 1994 Head of Painting

La Trobe University (Victoria)

1982 Acting Head of Visual Art Department

Darwin Community College (University NT)

1978 - 1982 Head of Painting

Drawing and Sculpture Section

Darwin Community College

(University Northern Territory)

1977 - 1978 Lecturer Fine Art

Darwin Community College

(University Northern Territory)

1974 - 1976 Visiting Lecturer

Various British Art Schools