

VALERIE SPARKS

Lives and works in Melbourne.

Education

2015	Masters Fine Art - Monash University
2003	Bachelor of Fine Art, Drawing: Victorian College of the Arts
2001	Diploma of Visual Arts: RMIT
1996	Honours: Anthropology / Sociology: La Trobe University
1994	Bachelor of Arts, Double Major, Pacific Studies and Anthropology: La Trobe University

Solo Exhibitions

2019	This is not a Wallflower, Bett Gallery, Hobart
2018	Allusion and Illusion: the fantastical world of Valerie Sparks, Monash Gallery of Art
2015	Le Vol, Masters Presentation, Monash Art School
2014	Le Vol, Turner Galleries
2012	Unnatural Migrations #1, Lowrise Projects
2011	Understory, Sutton Gallery Project Space; Little Bird, Big History, Gallerysmith
2010	this weather, Centre for Contemporary Photography
2008	Luminist, Alliance Franciase Melbourne; El Dorado Springs, Turner Galleries, Perth
2007	El Dorado Springs, Flinders Lane Gallery
2006	Linden Project Room, Melbourne Art Fair
2005	The Organisation of the View, 3015 Paris France
2004	With a View To Paradise, Linden St Kilda Centre for Contemporary Art

Selected Group Exhibitions

2019	Sublime Sea - Rapture and Reality, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Banyule Works on Paper Prize Hadley's Art Prize – Hobart Burnie Print Prize - Burnie Regional Art Gallery St Kevin's Art Prize, St Kevin's College Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize, Ravenswood School Bay of Fires Art Prize, St Helens
2018	St Kevin's Art Prize, St Kevin's College Tidal, Devonport Regional Gallery
2017	Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Art Centre Perth

- Speaking of History, Bett Gallery Hobart,
Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize, Ravenswood
Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Arts and Function Centre
- 2016 Tempest, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art – Winner
CCP 30 Years Fundraising Exhibition, CCP
- Birds – Flight paths in Australian Art, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery
- 2015 Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art
Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Art Centre
Arcadia, City of Glen Eira;
Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award, Gold Coast Art Gallery.
- 2014 Outland, Melbourne Art Fair
Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award, Gold Coast Art Gallery
Semblance, this is no fantasy
Outland, this is no fantasy – Volta10 Basel
- 2013 10 Years – 30 Residencies, Turner Galleries, Perth,
- 2012 Monash University Maribor
- 2012 European Cultural Capital Project, Venice Biennale
Bowness Photography Award, Monash Gallery of Art
Little Creatures Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Art Centre
- 2011 Private Paradise, Withworth Gallery of Art, Manchester
Hutchins Art Prize, Hobart
- 2010 Austral-Asia - Contemporary photomedia of the last ten years, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra;
Bowness Photography Award, Monash Gallery of Art
Little Creatures Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Art Centre
Tidal, Devonport Regional Art Gallery
Visions, Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Time Travel, Tweed River Art Gallery;
- 2009 Little Creatures Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Art Centre
Hutchins Works on Paper; Long Gallery Hobart
20Plus, Flinders Lane Gallery
Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award, Gold Coast Art Gallery
The View from here IV, Flinders Lane Gallery
- 2008 Treasures, Flinders Lane Gallery
Here and Now, FLG
The Perfumed Garden, Flinders Lane Gallery
- 2007 Little Creatures Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Art Centre;
Valerie Sparks and Polixeni Papapetrou, Roger Williams Gallery Auckland, New Zealand
The View from Here II, Flinders Lane Gallery
Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award, Gold Coast Art Gallery

2006 Proof, NGV Ian Potter
 Tidal, Devonport Art Award
 Treasures, Flinders Lane Gallery
 The Alice Prize; Araluen Art Centre
 Inhabitation, Australian Galleries
 Linden Post Card Show, Linden Contemporary Art Gallery

Awards and Prizes

2018 Bother McCarthy Memorial Prize for Best Work on Paper, St Kevin's Art Prize
 2017 2nd prize, Fremantle Print Award
 Career Development Grant from the Australia Council
 Highly Commended - Burnie Print Prize Burnie Arts and Function Centre
 2016 Winner - Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art
 2015 Honorary Mention, Bowness Photography Prize
 New Work Grant Australia Council
 Copyright Foundation Career Fund
 2012 Australian Postgraduate Award, Monash University
 2010 Arts Victoria Grant, International Program
 People's Choice, Little Creatures Fremantle Print Award
 2009 People's Choice, Fremantle Print Award
 2008 Skills and Arts Development Grant, Australia Council, London Residency
 2007 Rupert Bunny Fellowship, City of Port Phillip
 2006 The Tammy Kingsley, People's Choice Award
 The Alice Prize; Linden Post Card Show, 1 of 6 works selected for reproduction as a Linden Post Card
 Arts Victoria Grant, International Touring
 2005 Australia Council and Ian Potter Foundation grants to conduct research in France and Spain for new work.

Collections

National Gallery of Australia
 National Gallery of Victoria
 Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
 Whitworth Gallery of Art Manchester
 Monash Gallery of Art
 Art Bank
 Art Support, Creative Partnerships
 Little Creatures Collection
 City of Perth
 Artemesia Collection

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The Maatsuyker Collection

Private Collections Australia, London, Paris, Hong Kong