

**CHRISTINE JOHNSON** was born in Melbourne in 1959 and was educated at Sacre Coeur, Glen Iris from 1964 - 1976. She studied Fine Art at Monash University and completed Post Graduate studies in Fine Art at RMIT University in 1980.

Johnson has had over 20 solo exhibitions throughout Australia. In 2012 Johnson was awarded a Creative Fellowship Grant by the State Library of Victoria and in 2013 she was Artist In Residence at Baldessin Press, St. Andrews, Victoria. She has been awarded the 9th RM Ansett Art Award, the Ernest Horton Memorial Grant and several Visual Arts Board grants.

In 1999 Johnson was commissioned to produce a suite of four paintings for the foyer of Melbourne's Park Hyatt Hotel. In 2003 Crown Promenade Hotel commissioned two rose paintings for the foyer of the new hotel in Melbourne's Southbank. Collaborative projects include "Suburban Landscape", painted with former partner, Howard Arkley.

Johnson worked as an art director on independent films in the 1980's and later combined teaching at Prahran and Dandenong TAFE colleges with her art practice. In 1991 she was the curator of a touring exhibition, Artists Make Books, which travelled through Tasmania, Victoria and Canberra.

Her work is represented in the collections of The Australian Embassy, Paris, Monash University, Queensland University, BHP, Artbank, several regional galleries including Benalla and Hamilton Art Galleries and in many private collections.

In 2005 The Victorian Tapestry Workshop made a large tapestry based on Johnson's *Mutabilis* painting, which has toured internationally and was featured in a major survey exhibition of Johnson's work, *Dark Wood To White Rose*, opened by Sir Gustav Nossal at Benalla Art Gallery and which toured to Hamilton Art Gallery in Victoria.

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## EDUCATION

- 1979 Diploma of Fine Art, Caulfield Institute of Technology (now Monash University)
- 1980 Graduate Diploma of Fine Art, RMIT
- 1981 Diploma of Education, Melbourne State College

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Voyages Botanical*, LaTrobe Regional Gallery, Morwell, VIC  
*Florae*, Fox Galleries, Melbourne
- 2015 *Voyages Botanical*, Montsalvat, Victoria  
*Voyages Botanical and Inland*, at Mildura Arts Centre, Mildura, VIC
- 2014 *Launch of Voyages Botanical*, Alliance Francaise, Melbourne  
*Voyages Botanical*, The State library of Victoria, Melbourne
- 2011 *Indigène*, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne  
*The Botany of Beauty*, Greenhill Galleries, Perth
- 2010 *Halation*, BMG, Adelaide  
*Afterglow*, Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 *Hothouse*, Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
- 2008 *Arabesque*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2006 *Other Echoes*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2005 *Sub Rosa*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 2004 *Spira Mirabilis*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney  
*Dark Wood to White Rose*, survey exhibition, Benalla Art Gallery and Hamilton Art Gallery, Victoria
- 2003 *New paintings*, Eastgate and Holst, Dealers in Fine Art, Melbourne  
*By autumn... the rose-garden*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 2001 *Paintings*, Eastgate Gallery, Melbourne
- 2000 *Spiritus, paintings and drawings*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 *Paintings*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1997 *Paintings*, Eastgate Gallery, Melbourne
- 1996 *A garden for the heart*, Garden's House, Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne
- 1995 *Rosegarden and Labyrinth*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1993 *Night Garden*, Melbourne Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne  
*Paintings*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1992 *Paintings*, Melbourne Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne
- 1991 *A still place*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1990 *Ornamental Gardens*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1989 *Ornamental Gardens*, Melbourne Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 DENFAIR, Fox Galleries, Melbourne
- 2015 *Wrap Up*, Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
- 2008 Melbourne Art Fair, Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne  
*Autumn Catalogue Exhibition*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2007 *Summer Stock Show*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne  
Art Sydney, Royal Hall Industries, Sydney  
*Autumn Salon*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney  
*The Sunshine Coast Art Award* (finalist), Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, QLD  
*Small Pleasures*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 2006 *Stock Show*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne  
*New Year Group exhibition*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne  
*A rose is a rose...*, Latrobe Regional Gallery, Morwell, VIC  
Melbourne Art Fair, Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne  
*Sacre Coeur Alumnae Art Show*, Sacre Coeur, Melbourne  
*One Square Foot*, Melbourne Art Rooms, Melbourne  
*50th Anniversary Exhibition*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 2005 *Thirty*, Port Jackson Press Gallery, Melbourne  
*The Art of Collaboration, Masterpieces of Modern Tapestry from the Victorian Tapestry Workshop*, Singapore Tyler Institute Gallery, Singapore  
*Artists for Kids Culture Annual Art Exhibition and Auction*, Prahran Town Hall, Melbourne  
*The Big Small Tapestry Show*, Victorian Tapestry Workshop, Melbourne  
*New Acquisitions*, Benalla Art Gallery, Benalla, VIC  
Brisbane Art Fair, Martin Browne Fine Art, Brisbane  
*MLC Acquisitive Exhibition*, MLC, Melbourne  
*Wild Garden*, Martin Browne Fine Art at The Yellow House, Sydney  
*Notes from the Natural World*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 2004 *Summer Exhibition*, Martin Browne Fine Art at The Yellow House, Sydney  
*Collectors Exhibition*, Port Jackson Press Print Room, Melbourne  
*The Year in Art*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
*The Blake Prize For Religious Art*, Hermann Black Gallery, Sydney University, Sydney  
The Melbourne Art Fair, Martin Browne Fine Art, Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne  
*Artists for Kid's Culture Trust*, Melbourne  
*Print Room Opening*, Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
- 2003 *The Year in Art*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
*Artists for the Tarkine*, Bright Gallery, Melbourne  
*Artists for Kid's Culture Trust*, Melbourne  
*Opening exhibition*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2002 *City, Land, Sea*, University and Schools Club, Sydney
- 2000 *We are Australian*, touring exhibition  
Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne
- 1999 *Redlands Exhibition*, Sydney  
*Evolution*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne
- 1997 *Mulch and Metaphors; The Garden in Contemporary Art*, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington  
*Being there*, Legge Gallery, Sydney  
*A collector's exhibition*, Eastgate Gallery, Melbourne
- 1995 *Group show*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1992 *The 9th R.M. Ansett Art Award*, Hamilton Art Gallery, Hamilton, Victoria  
*Homage to Spain*, Melbourne Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne  
*Public Sphere Personal Vision Public Space*, Linden Gallery, Melbourne
- 1991 *Group exhibition*, Legge Gallery, Sydney  
*The Green show*, Irving Galleries, Curator Robin Williams, Sydney  
Conrad Jupiters Art Prize for Painting, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, QLD  
Charleston Square Art Prize, Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, New South Wales  
*An installation publication – Potlotch*, 200 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne
- 1990 Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne  
*Group exhibition*, Gallery artists, Melbourne Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne  
*Artists against animal experimentation*, Deutscher Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne  
*Monash University Collection – A selection*, Monash University Gallery, Melbourne  
*Works on paper*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1989 *Opening exhibition*, Gallery artists, Melbourne Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne  
*Heidelberg Heritage 9" x 5" Exhibition*, Linden Gallery, Melbourne  
*Artworkz one Exhibition*, South Melbourne Town Hall, Melbourne

- Caulfield Ten Years After*, Chisholm Institute of Technology, Melbourne  
*Exhibition No.31*, Store 5, Curator Gary Wilson, Melbourne  
 1988 *St Kilda Arts Festival Exhibition*, Linden Gallery, Melbourne  
 1987 Box Hill Invitation Drawing Prize, City of Box Hill, Melbourne  
*Ormond College Welcomes New Art*, Ormond College, Curator Tony Clark, Melbourne University, Melbourne  
 1986 *Diamond Valley Invitation Exhibition*  
 1980 *Drawings by four artists*, Hawthorn City Art Gallery, Melbourne  
 1979 *Group exhibition*, Hawthorn City Art Gallery, Melbourne

#### **AWARDS, GRANTS & COMMISSIONS**

- 2013 Artist In Residence, Baldessin Press, St. Andrews, VIC  
 2012 Creative Fellowship Grant, State Library of Victoria, Melbourne  
 2005 Two etchings, *Elina and Australian Sunrise*, produced with printer Belinda Fox and published by Port Jackson Press, Melbourne  
 2004 Tapestry design for the Victorian Tapestry Workshop, Melbourne  
 Two colour etchings, *Memento and Winter Rose* produced with printer Belinda Fox and published by Port Jackson Press, Melbourne  
 2003 Paintings for the Function Foyer of the Crown Promenade Hotel, Southbank, Melbourne  
 2000 Commission for Karalyka Centre, City of Maroondah, VIC  
 1999 Commission for foyer of the Park Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne  
 1997 Ernest Horton Memorial Grant  
 1992 The 9th R.M. Ansett Art Award, Hamilton Art Gallery, VIC  
 1991 Curator, *Artists Make Books*, an exhibition of artists' books hosted by Linden Gallery, St Kilda and sponsored by the Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council. The exhibition toured the following regional and interstate venues: Chameleon Gallery, Tasmania, La Trobe Valley Arts centre, Victoria and Contemporary Arts Space, Canberra  
 1990 Project grant, Visual Arts Board, Australia Council  
 1988 St Kilda Arts Festival Acquisition Prize

#### **COLLECTIONS**

- Artbank, with paintings hanging at Australian Embassy, Paris and University of New South Wales  
 Benalla Art Gallery, VIC, BHP Collection  
 Crown Casino  
 Hamilton Art Gallery  
 Monash University Collection  
 Queensland University Collection  
 St Kilda Arts Festival

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