

# SONIA PAYES

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Sonia Payes is a photographer, sculptor and new media artist based in Melbourne, Australia. Her body of work explores the narrative of humanity's affect on the landscape and environment and the resulting resilience and capacity of the ever-changing world to adapt and grow. Payes's sculptural practice is an extension of, and in conjunction with her photographic work.

Payes is represented by Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Australia

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017**            *Terra Mysteria*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2017**            *Emergence*, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne
- 2016**            *Parallel Futures*, McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Victoria
- 2016**            *Art16 London*, Fehily Contemporary, Olympia Grand, London
- 2016**            *FabrikExpo 2016 – Sonia Payes*, Los Angeles, USA
- 2014**            *Re Generation*, Queensland Festival of Photography, Percolator Gallery,  
Brisbane
- 2013**            *Interzone*, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
- 2013**            *Luminous Interlude*, Queensland Centre for Photography, Brisbane
- 2013**            *The White Dress*, L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival, Glen Eira City  
Council Gallery, Melbourne
- 2012**            *Fantastic Dreamland – Australian Contemporary Photography*, Shanghai,  
China
- 2011**            *Luminous Interlude*, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
- 2009**            *Insomnia I + II*, Cube 37, Frankston Arts Centre, Victoria
- 2008**            *Portraits of Australian Artists*, John Curtin Access Gallery, Perth
- 2007**            *Portraits*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2006**            *Portraits*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2005**            *Agender*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2003**            *Body of Work*, John Buckley Fine Art, Melbourne

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018**            *Christmas Exhibition*, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne
- 2018**            *Sculpture in the Gardens*, Mudgee, NSW
- 2018**            *The Wild Song: Photographic Portraits of Australian Female Artists*,  
Town Hall Gallery, Melbourne
- 2018**            *Mandorla Art Prize Exhibition*, Turner Galleries, Perth, Western Australia;

travelling to New Norcia Museum and Art Gallery 2018

- 2018** *Hillview Sculpture Biennial*, Southern Highlands, New South Wales
- 2018** *Hillview Small Sculpture Exhibition*, New South Wales
- 2018** *Lorne Sculpture Biennale*, Lorne, Victoria
- 2018** *Lorne Small Sculpture Exhibition*, Lorne, Victoria
- 2018** *Wyndham Art Prize 2018*, Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee, Victoria
- 2018** *Winton Wetlands, Environmental Project Art Walk*, Benalla, Victoria
- 2018** *Heads and Bodies*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2018** *White Night*, Melbourne, Queen Victoria Gardens, Melbourne
- 2017** *A Gathering*, La Trobe Art Institute, Bendigo
- 2017** *CCP Salon*, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne
- 2017** *Sculpture by the Sea: Bondi*, Sydney
- 2017** *Sculpture by the Sea: Sculpture Inside*, Bondi, Sydney
- 2017** *Swell Sculpture Festival*, Currumbin Beach, Brisbane
- 2017** *Swell Smalls Gallery*, Dust Temple, Queensland
- 2017** *2017 Montalto Sculpture Prize*, Montalto Sculpture Park, Victoria
- 2016** *William & Winifred Bowness Photography Prize Exhibition*, Monash Gallery of Art, Victoria
- 2016** *Sculpture by the Sea*, Cottesloe Beach, Western Australia
- 2016** *Now 16*, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
- 2015** *Sunshine Coast Art Prize Exhibition*, Maroochy Bushland Botanic Gardens, Brisbane
- 2015** *Maroochy Music and Visual Arts Festival*, BOMA Shipping Container Gallery, Brisbane
- 2015** *Highlights from the MGA Collection*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2015** *Art15 London*, Fehily Contemporary, Olympia Grand, London
- 2015** *Arcadia*, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne
- 2015** *Photo Independent*, Raleigh Studios, Los Angeles, USA
- 2015** *Fabrik Expo*, Los Angeles, USA
- 2014** *McClelland Sculpture Survey, 2014*, McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Victoria
- 2014** *Electron Salon*, Los Angeles Centre for Digital Art, Los Angeles, California
- 2014** *Badland*, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
- 2014** *Wildcards: Bill Henson Shuffles the Deck*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2014** *Liminal Narratives*, Bayside Arts & Cultural Centre, Melbourne
- 2014** *DUO Percival Photographic Portrait Prize*, Pinnacles Gallery, Townsville

- 2014** *Art14 London*, Fehily Contemporary, Olympia Grand, London
- 2014** *The 23rd Annual International Los Angeles Photographic Art Exposition*, Queensland Centre for Photography @ Photo Los Angeles, California
- 2013** *Compact*, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
- 2013** *Censored*, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
- 2013** *Summer Salon*, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne
- 2013** *Auckland Art Fair*, The Video Zone, Queens Wharf, New Zealand
- 2013** *Arts Can Do Charity Exhibition*, ACAF, Hong Kong
- 2013** *Clip Award, New Perspectives in Landscape Photography*, Perth Centre of Photography, Western Australia
- 2013** *Momentum*, McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Victoria
- 2012** *Final Countdown*, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
- 2012** *SH Contemporary, Asia Pacific Contemporary Art Fair*, Australia China Art Foundation, Shanghai
- 2012** *Beyond Like-ness*, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, University of Western Australia, Perth
- 2012** *A Private View*, Art of Collecting, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne
- 2012** *Chromogenic 2012*, The Age, Media House Gallery, Melbourne
- 2011** *William & Winifred Bowness Finalists Exhibition*, Monash Gallery of Art, Victoria
- 2011** *A Private View: Art of Collecting*, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Victoria
- 2011** *Fehily Contemporary Artists – Inaugural Exhibition*, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
- 2010** *Outside In*, McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Victoria
- 2010** *Melbourne Art Fair 2010*, Charles Nodrum Gallery at Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 2010** *Mandorla Finalists Exhibition*, Moores Building Contemporary Gallery, Western Australia
- 2010** *Get smART*, John Curtin Gallery, Curtin University of Technology, Perth
- 2010** *Remoteness*, Frankston Arts Centre, Victoria
- 2009** *The Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture 2009*, Tweed River Art Gallery, New South Wales
- 2009** *Earth Sea and Sky*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2008** *Rubik*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2008** *Human Landscape: The Cult of Personality*, Cube 37, Frankston Art Centre, Victoria

- 2008**            *The Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture 2008*, Tweed River Art Gallery, New South Wales
- 2008**            *Gallery Artists' Exhibition*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2008**            *In a Different Light: Artists Portrayed*, Monash Gallery of Art, Victoria
- 2007**            *The Farside of the Moon*, McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Victoria
- 2007**            *Snap Freeze*, Still Life Now, Tarrawarra Museum of Art, Victoria
- 2007**            *Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historical Museum*, Victoria
- 2007**            *Art for Science: Murdoch Childrens' Research Institute Charity Exhibition*, Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne
- 2007**            *Bodies & Minds*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2006**            *Inaugural Bowness Photography Exhibition*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2006**            *Exhibition of Gallery Artists*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2006**            *Kodak Autumn Salon*, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne
- 2005**            *Works on Paper*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
- 2005**            *Kodak Autumn Salon*, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne

## **RESIDENCY**

- 2012**            *Australia China Art Foundation Residency*, Qiao Zi Art Comune, Beijing

## **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

- 2018**            *Mandorla Art Prize* (Finalist)
- 2018**            *Lorne Sculpture Biennale* (Finalist)
- 2018**            *Wyndham Art Prize* (Finalist)
- 2017**            *2017 Australia Council for the Arts Grant*
- 2017**            *2017 Montalto Sculpture Prize*, Montalto Sculpture Park, Victoria (Finalist)
- 2016**            *William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art (Finalist)
- 2016**            *Sculpture by the Sea*, Cottlesloe Beach, Western Australia (Finalist)
- 2015**            *Sunshine Coast Art Prize New Media Award* (Finalist)
- 2014**            *McClelland Sculpture Survey & Award* (Winner: *MAP14, McClelland Achievement Prize*)
- 2014**            *Mandorla Art Prize* (Finalist)
- 2014**            *DUO Percival Photographic Portrait Prize* (Finalist)
- 2013**            *Perth Clip Award*, Perth Centre of Photography (Winner)
- 2012**            *Mandorla Art Prize* (Finalist)

- 2012** *Moran Photographic Prize* (Semi-finalist)
- 2010** *Mandorla Art Prize* (Finalist)
- 2009** *The Olive Cotton Award for Portraiture*, Tweed River Art Gallery, (Finalist)
- 2008** *The Olive Cotton Award for Portraiture*, Tweed River Art Gallery, (Finalist)
- 2008** *Human Landscape: The Cult of Personality*, Frankston Art Centre, 6 Art Prize (Winner)
- 2006** *Inaugural William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art, (Finalist)

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- Sasha Grishin, *Regenerating the future*, The Article, November, 2016  
 URL: <http://thearticle.com.au/2016/11/sonia-payes-regenerating-the-future/>
- Ashley Crawford, *Transformations: The Work of Sonia Payes*, Thames & Hudson, Port Melbourne, Victoria, 2016.
- Robert Lindsay, *Map 14 Sonia Payes Parallel Futures*, McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery, exhibition catalogue, 2016
- Annemarie Kiely, *Profile: Face Value*, Vogue Living Magazine, May/June 2016, pp.62-66  
 URL: <https://www.vogue.com.au/vogue-living/arts/the-melbournebased-artist-challenging-herself-in-all-mediums-from-photography-to-3d-printing/news-story/6ffa1143691588b702a10c6c9c47503f?>
- Belinda Kochanowska, *Sonia Payes*, Imaginarium, Queensland Centre for Photography Emerging Curators Program, online exhibition, December 2014 – February 2015. pp 26-29  
 URL: [http://issuu.com/qcppublications/docs/1\\_ecp\\_imaginarium/1](http://issuu.com/qcppublications/docs/1_ecp_imaginarium/1)
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 URL: <http://www.commongroundjournal.com/issues/#/issue02/>
- Design is Difference: agIdeas 2013*, Sonia Payes, pp.286-291, agIdeas Press 2013
- Ashley Crawford, *Interzone*, exhibition catalogue, Fehily Contemporary, 2013
- Ashley Crawford, ‘Abstract Reality’, *Shanghai Contemporary*, Australia China Art Foundation, 2012
- Professor Lin Lu, ‘Surrealistic World Full of Classical Charm’, *Fantastic Dreamland*, exhibition catalogue, Shanghai, 2012
- Sun Yongkang ‘Dancers in a Dreamy Fantasyland of Images’, *Fantastic Dreamland*, exhibition catalogue, 2012
- Professor Marsh Anne, *Luminous Interlude*, exhibition catalogue, Fehily Contemporary, 2011

Professor Anne Marsh, *Look: Contemporary Australian Photography since 1980*, Macmillan Art Publishing, 2010, pp. 6-7, 80-81, 151, 177

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Professor Ted Snell, *Portraits*, exhibition catalogue, Charles Nodrum Gallery, 2006

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S, Connellan, *Take a peek at Australia's open-air exhibition Sculpture by the Sea*, Mashable Australia, 19 October 2017

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E. Fortescue, *James Dive and Sculpture by the Sea catch us hook, line and sinker*, Arts Editor, The Daily Telegraph, 16 October 2017.

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D, Sim, *Sculpture by the Sea 2017: Huge outdoor exhibition on Sydney's Bondi and Tamarama beaches (images)*, International Business Times, 19 October 2017

URL: <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/sculpture-by-sea-2017-huge-outdoor-exhibition-sydneys-bondi-tamarama-beaches-photos-1643743>

S, Kahn, *Sculpture by the Sea exhibition opens in Australia*, Getty Images, 18 October 2017

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D. Brandy, *23 striking works from this year's Sculpture by the Sea*, Business Australia, 20 October 2017

URL: <https://www.businessinsider.com.au/23-striking-works-from-this-years-sculpture-by-the-sea-2017-10>

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URL: <http://artsreview.com.au/sonia-payes-parallel-futures/>

*Salon August 2016*, Trouble Mag, 2016

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John McDonald, *McClelland Sculpture Survey & Awards*, Sydney Morning Herald, January 2015

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Stephen Bevis, *Visual Arts*, The West Australian, October 2010

Melissa Amore, *Debut – Sonia Payes*, Photofile 86, April 2009

Katrina Strickland, *Perspective: The valuable artful book*, W.A. Financial Review, December 2008

Pip Christmas, *Rooms with a view*, The West Australian, Feb 2008

Jenny Brown, *The dark side of the spectrum*, The Age, September 2007

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Sasha Grishin, *Creative callings: Artists in their own space*, The Canberra Times, September 2007

Lesley Chow, *UNTITLED: Portraits of Australian Artists*, Artist Profile, Spring 2007

Zoe Turner, *UNTITLED: Portraits of Australian Artists, by Sonia Payes*, Art Review, 30 September 2007

Ashley Crawford, *Art around the Galleries*, A2 Magazine: The Age, 30 June 2007

Lexi Landsman, *Behind the Lens*, AJN, November 2007. pp. 6-7

Alison Waters, *UNTITLED: Portraits of Australian Artists, by Sonia Payes*, 101 Quarterly, 2007

Clare Morgan, *The Inner Sanctum*, West Weekend Magazine: The West Australian, December 2007



Clare Morgan, *Face to Face with Artists in their Domain*, Sydney Morning Herald, November 2007

Simon Plant, *Makers Unmasked*, Visual Art: The *Herald Sun*, August 2007

Patricia Maunder, *Artists in the frame – Sonia Payes*, Metro: The Age, July 2007

David Hansen, *Sight Lines Critical Guide*, The Age, June 2006

Megan Backhouse, *Kiss and tell*, A2: The Age, February 2005

Inga Walton, *Body language*, The Independent Arts Review, Issue 21, February 2005

Cath Pope, *Gender Odyssey*, MCV, Issue 215, February 2005

## **COLECTIONS - Australia**

National Gallery of Victoria

La Trobe University Art Museum

McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery

National Bank Art Collection

Monash Gallery of Art

Curtin University of Technology Art

New Norcia Museum and Art Gallery

Jewish Museum of Australia

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern

Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historical

Territory

Museum

City of Melville, Western Australia

ALP Victoria

Private Collections