

Stanley Street gallery

ZORICA PURLIJA

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Zorica Purlija (b. Montenegro) is a contemporary visual artist based on Gadigal land. Working predominately in photography, Purlija's work is based on attachment and care for the primary relationships and landscape she finds herself in. Informed by a background in graphic and digital media, her photographic practice draws on abstraction and collage to forge an ethereal reflective visual language. Recent exhibitions include Fade Into You, Portraits of Yumi and Transience.

In 2020 Purlija completed a MFA in Photo Media at UNSW Art and Design. She has been a finalist in the Gosford Art Prize (2023), the National Photographic Portrait Prize (2010, 2009, 2008), HeadOn Portrait Prize (2022), the Ravenswood Women's Art Prize (2020), the Fisher Ghost Art Award (2017), the MAMA Photography Prize (2016), the Winifred Bowness Award (2014), the Ulrick Award (2011) and the Olive Cotton Award (2009). She has exhibited in New York, Zurich and Venice.

Education

2020	Postgraduate Masters of Art in Digital Media	UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
2003	Portrait Summer Course	National Art School
1989	Associate Diploma of Visual Arts, Major in Photography with Distinction	University of Western Sydney

Solo exhibitions

2023	The Fall	Stanley Street Gallery, Darlinghurst
2021	Fade Into You	Stanley Street Gallery, Darlinghurst
	Portraits of Yumi	Home@735 Gallery Redfern
2017	Berlin #1- #3	SARA RONEY Gallery Sydney
2016	Crescent	BAROMETER Gallery Paddington
	Smoke and Haze	GALLERY 61 REVISITED, Newcastle
2014	Landscape-Jackson Hole	SARA RONEY Gallery Sydney
2012	Nebula	SARA RONEY Gallery Sydney
2011	Transience	SARA RONEY Gallery Sydney
2010	Awakenings	SARA RONEY Gallery Sydney
2000	Shedding Skin	PND Conference, Rex Centre Potts Point

Group exhibitions

2024	Among Trees	Northern Beaches Environmental Art & Design Prize, Manly Art Gallery, Sydney
	Minyon Falls	Canberra Contemporary Photographic Prize, Photo Access, Manuka Arts Centre, ACT
	Minyon Falls	UniSQ Biennial Art Award, Art Gallery, University of Southern Queensland 487-535 West Street, Toowoomba
	Into Silence, Rockhead	Beauty Runs the Gauntlet, Bondi Pavilion Gallery, Bondi Beach
2023	Yumi with pink Rose at 16	Paris Photo OFF at Galerie Joseph, Paris
	Submerge	Canberra Contemporary Photographic Prize Exhibition, Manuka Arts Centre Gardens
	The swan Sunbaker	PH21 Contemporary Photography Gallery Budapest, Portraits Beyond Faces
	In a Trance	City of Sydney Art and About Exhibition, Custom's House Circular Quay
	For our Children	A Festival of Repair, 107 Projects Redfern
	Gushing	Gosford Art Prize, Gosford Regional Gallery, East Gosford
	Into Silence	A Different Kind of Place, Group Exhibition, Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Camperdown
	Submerge	Awagami International Miniature Print Exhibition (AIMPE), Inbe Art Space, Japan
	9 x 5	Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre, Victoria
	Golden Moments	Earth Group Exhibition, Articulate Project Space, Marrickville
	Online	Humans and the Environment, Cista Arts, International Call Out
	Mum dying Rajka's hair, Featured artist	The Luupe's Visions of Motherhood
2022	Purple Dreams	The Little things Art Prize, Saint Cloche Gallery, Sydney
	Lethbridge Landscape Prize	Salon des Refuses, Queensland
2021	Contemporary Portrait Exhibition at The SE Center for Photography	Greenville, SC, US
	GOT THE SHOT, NOW GET CREATIVE	New York Center for Photographic Art, Curator Ellen Denuto
	Flora Exhibition	City of Greater Dandenong, Victoria

2020	Into Silence Biomorphic	Summer Group Show Aro Gallery Darlinghurst UNSW MFA Graduate's Exhibition, UNSW Galleries, Paddington
2019	Smoke and Haze #3 Berlin #2 Let the Love Shine Through	Goodnight, GAFFA Gallery, Sydney The Corner Store Gallery, Orange NSW Ilford CCP Salon, CCP Gallery Fitzroy, Victoria
2016	Persimmon, Pear	The Gaze, Gallery 61 Revisited, Newcastle
2015	Agent Fetish Ode to el Greco & Tam	Portraits, Stanley Street Gallery, Darlinghurst Passion Fruits Group Show Exhibition, GAFFA Gallery, Sydney
2013	Australian Identity and Beyond Nebula	MUSE Gallery, Ultimo SARA RONEY Annex Gallery, Sydney

Awards and achievements

2024	Long Listed	Aesthetica Art Prize, The Future Now Symposium, York Art Gallery, UK
2023	Winner	Charring Cross Photos 'Streets' call out
2017	Early Curator Award	ARC and UNSW School of Art and Design Paddington
2015	First Prize	Value Your Mind, Mental Health Month Art Exhibition, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
	Portrait Category 3rd prize, Yumi in her Bedroom 3rd prize, Yumi in her Bedroom	MIFA 2014 Winners Exhibition, Rooftop Gallery Bangkok Portrait Finalists Exhibition NYC4PA New Century Artists, Chelsea, NY
2014	3rd Place Fine Art Portrait Category, Yumi in her Bedroom	Moscow International Foto Awards
2009	Winner, Food for Thought	Wesley Mission Photography Competition - Our Community

Collections

NYC4PA New Century Artists, Chelsea, New York US
Malamegi Lab, Udine Italy
Tweed River Art Gallery, NSW
Sara Roney Gallery, NSW

Commissions

2020 Art in the Time of COVID-19 Nillumbik Shire Council, Victoria

Grants

2016 Student Community and Development Grant for Exhibition 'The Mother' ARC and UNSW Kensington