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JOANNA GAMBOTTO is a Sydney-based painter, known for her courageous and expressive brushstrokes of dreamscapes, still lifes and interior scenes. Gambotto swoops you into lively spaces that clutter mundane imagery of personal relics and places visited.

Interacting with the traditions of interiors, her rooms become discombobulated with a saturation of personal symbolism to the point of absurdity. Her painting style cannot be constricted, rather it is inherent with abstract expressionist, pop art and surrealism. Vivid, slippery and animated mysteries are where Gambotto cleverly contorts the boundaries between reality experienced and the unrestricted imagination. Her deft compositions and layered paintings allow for a precarious, haphazard quality that provides a seriously amusing and entertaining perspective on the humble interior.

EDUCATION

2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts, National Art School, Sydney

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 Coast to Coast, Michael Reid Southern Highlands, Berrima
2022 Dreamscapes, Fox Galleries, Melbourne
2020 Interior Worlds: Hill End, Manly Art Gallery and Museum
2018 Everyday Mix-Ups, Thienny Lee Gallery, Edgecliff
2017 Tracing Space, Australia Square, Sydney CBD
2016 Interiors, Janet Clayton Gallery, Paddington
2015 Junk Yard, Gaffa, Sydney CBD
2015 27.05.15, Home @ 735, Redfern
2015 ORIENTed – collection of works from residency in Penang, Georgetown, Malaysia
2014 Finders Keepers, The Art Space on The Concourse, Chatswood

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 Morning Bell, Fox Galleries, Melbourne
2023 Dobell Drawing Prize #23, National Art School, Darlinghurst, finalist
2022 M16 Drawing Prize, M16 Artspace, Griffith, ACT, Winner of People's Choice Award
2022 Heysen Prize for Landscape, Hahndorf Academy, Hahndorf, SA, Highly Commended
2022 Hornsby Art Prize, Highly Commended
2022 Northern Beaches Environmental Art & Design Prize, winner (Film & Video)
2021 Paddington Art Prize, finalist
2021 Naked & Nude Art Prize, Manning Regional Art Gallery
2021 Dobell Drawing Prize #22, National Art School, Darlinghurst, winner of People's Choice Award
2020 Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery
2020 Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award, Grafton Regional Gallery
2020 Michael Reid Studio Direct Showcase, Michael Reid Gallery, Surry Hills
2020 Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, finalist
2019 In My Backyard, Rochfort Gallery, North Sydney
2019 Home Affairs, Manly Art Gallery and Museum
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2019 Land Rhythms, Rochfort Gallery, North Sydney
2017 Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Gallery, finalist
2017 Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, finalist
2016 Northbridge Art Prize, winner
2015 Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Gallery, finalist
2015 Hunters Hills Art Prize, finalist
2014 Saatchi & Saatchi Exhibition Award
2014 Clyde & Co Art Award, winner
2013 Hornsby Art Prize, winner
2013 Mosman Art Prize, finalist
2013 Lloyd Rees Memorial Youth Art Award

AWARDS

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2021 Dobell Drawing Prize #22, People's Choice Award
2016 Northbridge Art Prize – winner
2014 Clyde & Co Community Art Award – winner
2013 Hornsby Art Prize – winner
2010 Northbridge Art Prize for works on paper

COLLECTIONS

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery
Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick

RESIDENCIES

2019 Hill End Artists in Residence program
2016/17 Artist-in-Residence program, Curwoods Lawyers, Sydney CBD
2014/15 Residency in Penang, Malaysia