

Gretchen Albrecht

Born 1943, Auckland, New Zealand  
Lives and works in Auckland

Diploma of Fine Arts (Hons Painting), University of Auckland Elam School of Fine Arts, Auckland (1963)

Arts Foundation of New Zealand Patronage Award (2007)  
Companion of the Order of New Zealand (CNZM) (2000)  
Alumni Award Medal University of Auckland (1999)  
Frances Hodgkins Fellow (1981)

#### Solo Exhibitions

2024

*Liquid States*, Te Uru, Auckland

2023

*Lighting the Path*, Two Rooms, Auckland

2022

*Eight Hours*, Two Rooms, Auckland  
*Nine Illuminations*, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown

2021

*Light Breaks*, Two Rooms, Auckland

2020

*After Goya*, Michael Lett Gallery, Auckland Collages 1988–1989, Two Rooms, Auckland

2019

*Between gesture and geometry*, Two Rooms, Auckland  
*Gretchen Albrecht*, Fine Arts, Sydney, Australia

2016

*Gretchen Albrecht: The Fire and the Rose*, Sarjeant on Quay, Whanganui  
*Last Light – Looking West*, Nadene Milne Gallery Arrowtown  
*On Copper*, Two Rooms, Auckland

2015

*Swimming into Darkness*, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown  
*Colloquy*, Two Rooms, Auckland  
*Gretchen Albrecht*, Old Government House, Auckland

2014

*Gretchen Albrecht: Painting*, Two Rooms, Auckland, New Zealand

2013

*Gretchen Albrecht – Violet Dusk*, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown

2012

*A Luminous Shade*, Tauranga Art Gallery, Tauranga  
*Open Studio*, Camberwell, London

2011

*Making Arrangements*, with Eve Armstrong, Michael Lett Gallery, Auckland

*Falling on Grass*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Shimmer*, Black Barn Gallery, Hawkes Bay

2010

*Roses in the Snow*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Radiance*, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown

*Open Studio*, Camberwell, London

2009

*Between Paint and Nature – Five Decades*, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown

*Rosea*, Mark Hutchins Gallery, Wellington

2008

*Rose Gardens and the Deep Sea Swell*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

2007

*Horizon*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

2006

*Print Survey*, Judith Anderson Gallery, Hawkes Bay

*Time*, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown

*Plantae Oceaniae*, Mark Hutchins Gallery, with Jo Torr, Wellington

Gretchen Albrecht, Michael Carr Art Dealer, Sydney

2005

*Returning: A 24 year Survey of the Hemispheres and Ovals*, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, touring to City Gallery Wellington

*Crossing the Threshold*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Paintings & Sculpture*, Mark Hutchins Gallery, Wellington

2004

*Oceans, Clouds & Thresholds*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

2003

*Works on Paper*, Tinakori Gallery, Wellington

*Threshold*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

2002

*Illuminations: A 23 Year Survey of the Hemispheres and Ovals*, Auckland Art Gallery

2001

*Blind*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Ovals – New Paintings*, Robert Steele Gallery, New York

2000

*15 years – 1984–1999*, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch

1999

*Crossing the Divide: a painter makes prints; a survey of graphic work 1964–1999*, Sarjeant Gallery, Whanganui

*The Cicada's Song*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Paintings and Prints*, Art above AVID, Wellington

1998

*Gains and Losses*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1997

*Mirrors and Lakes*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1996

*Meditation on the Life of My Father*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1995

*The Seven Sorrows of Mary*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1994

Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1993

*Nomadic Geometries*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1992

Clare Hall Gallery, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK

1991

*Nocturne*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1990

Centre for Contemporary Art, Hamilton

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

Todd Gallery, London

1989

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1988

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

Todd Gallery, London

1987

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

Forum North Gallery, Whangarei

1986

Centre for Contemporary Art, Hamilton

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Afternature – a survey, 23 years*, Sarjeant Gallery, Whanganui

1985

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Artist in Focus*, Dowse Art Gallery, Lower Hutt

*Seasonal – Artist Project*, Auckland City Art Gallery

1984

New Vision Gallery, Auckland

Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch

1983

Janne Land Gallery, Wellington

1981

Bosshard Galleries, Dunedin  
Hocken Library, Dunedin  
Peter Webb Galleries, Auckland  
Dunedin Public Art Gallery

1980

Peter Webb Galleries, Auckland

1977

Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland  
Bosshard Galleries, Dunedin

1976

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington

1975

Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch  
Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland

1974

Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland

1973

Dawson's Gallery, Dunedin

1972

Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland

1970

Holdsworth Galleries, Sydney  
Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland

1967

Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland

1964

Ikon Gallery, Auckland

#### Selected Group Exhibitions

2024

*A Winter Reivew*, Hamish McKay, Wellington  
*Theatre*, Two Rooms, Auckland

2023

Core Sample, Two Rooms, Auckland

2022

XXXL, Two Rooms, Auckland

2018

*Sisters Communing*, Hocken Library Gallery, Dunedin  
*I come out of surgery looking golden*, Two Rooms, Auckland

2017

*Hotere, Smither, Albrecht & Bambury*, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown  
*Pacific Rim – Abstraction from the South Pacific*, Nadene Milne Gallery, Christchurch

2016

Drawing Rehearsals, Two Rooms, Auckland

2012

*Walls and Corners*, with James Ross, Mark Hutchins Gallery, Wellington

2011

*Painting*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland  
*Oceania – Imagining the Pacific*, City Gallery Wellington  
*Call Waiting*, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki  
*Not Far From Home*, with Elizabeth Thompson, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown

2015

*Selection from the Rutherford Trust Collection*, Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art & History, Masterton

2014

*Modern Paints Aotearoa*, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

2013

*Line / Form / Colour / Intention*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington  
*The Bold and the Beautiful*, Two Rooms, Auckland

2012

*Paper Jam: Artists Between the Covers*, Gus Fisher Gallery, Auckland  
*Luminous World*, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth

2010

*Islandsong*, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown  
*100UP: A Snapshot of Dunedin Life 1910–2010*, Hocken Gallery, Dunedin

2009

*Diaspora: Pluralism + Singularity*, Millennium Public Art Gallery, Blenheim

2008

*Refractions/Shadows*, Lemon Street Gallery, Truro, UK  
*Western Gothic*, Corban Estate Arts Centre, Auckland  
*The Enchanted Garden*, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

2007

*ULTRAMARTE*, Casa Museo Benlliure, Valencia, Spain

2006

*Plantae Oceaniae*, Mark Hutchins Gallery, Wellington

2002

*Decades*, Robert Steele Gallery, New York  
*3 + 1*, Galerie Pieter van Ulden, Leiden, Netherlands

2001

*Prospect 2001*, City Gallery Wellington

*Kunsthal Hof 88*, Almalo, and Beeld and Ambeld Gallery, '4', Enschede, Netherlands

*New Ovals*, Robert Steele Gallery, New York

2000

*Orange/Blue*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*New Works*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*25th Anniversary Exhibition*, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch

*Het Koopmanshuis*, '4', Leusden, Netherlands

1999

*The Journey is the Destination*, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

1998

*Dream Collectors*, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Leap of Faith: Contemporary New Zealand Art*, Govett-Brewster Gallery, New Plymouth

1997

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Western Lights: Art & Design in West Auckland 1945-1980*, Lopdell House Art Gallery, Auckland,

1996

*Group Exhibition*, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch

*Gallery Artists - Group Show*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*NZ LIVE: Rutherford Trust Collection*, City Gallery Wellington

1995

*New Space*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Group Show*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*New Works, New Directions*, Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton

*20 Years*, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch

1994

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Taking Stock of the '90s*, Sarjeant Gallery, Wanganui

*Town and Gown*, City Gallery Wellington

1993

*Reclaiming the Madonna*, Usher Gallery, Lincoln, UK

*Academy Women: 100 Years of Women's Art in New Zealand*, Academy of Fine Arts, Wellington

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1992

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Distance Looks Our Way*, Pabellon de las Artes, EXPO '92, Seville, Spain; toured to Sarjeant Gallery, Whanganui; Stelling Gallery, Leiden, Netherlands; Centro Cultural del Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain; Centro Cultural de Caja Espana, Zamora, Spain; Centre Civic Casa Elizalde, Barcelona, Spain; Auckland City Art Gallery

1991

*Cross-Currents*, Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton

*Signature of Place*, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth

Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland  
Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch

1990

*Works on Paper*, Todd Gallery, London  
*Albrecht, Apple, Killeen, Mrkusich, Walters*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

1989

*The Cross*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, curated by John Reynolds  
*Community of Women*, National Art Gallery, Wellington

1988

*Early Works*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

1987

*Albrecht/Reynolds*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

1986

*New Zealand Art Today*, Marianne Deson Gallery, Chicago  
*Content/Context*, National Art Gallery, Wellington

1985

*NZ/NY*, 22 Wooster Gallery, New York  
Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland  
*Prints by Contemporary New Zealand Artists*, World Print Council, San Francisco

1984

*Contemporary New Zealand Prints*, New Zealand–Japan Exchange Programme travelling exhibition organised by National Art Gallery, Wellington

1983

*Albrecht/Bambury/Gimblett/Ross*, Centre for Contemporary Art, Hamilton

1982

*Seven Painters/The Eighties*, Sarjeant Gallery, Wanganui; toured to Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch; Dunedin Public Art Gallery; Auckland City Art Gallery; National Art Gallery, Wellington  
*New Zealand Drawing 1982*, Dunedin Public Art Gallery

1981

*Paint – 4 Artists*, Dowse Art Gallery, Lower Hutt

1979

*Aspects of Recent New Zealand Painting*, Wairarapa Arts Centre, Masterton

1978

*Auckland Artists*, Auckland City Art Gallery  
*Benson and Hedges Art Award*, Dowse Art Gallery, Lower Hutt,  
Fomison/Clairmont/Albrecht, Elva Bett Gallery, Wellington  
*Opera Sets and Small Works*, Canterbury Society of Arts Gallery, Christchurch

1977

Dowse Art Gallery, Lower Hutt

1976

*Land 1976, Festival Exhibition*, Canterbury Society of Arts Gallery, Christchurch

1975

*New Zealand's Women Painters*, Auckland City Art Gallery

1974

*Art '74*, Canterbury Society of Arts Gallery, Christchurch

1973

*Twenty Women Artists*, Auckland Society of Arts

1972

*New Zealand Society of Sculptors and Painters 10th Anniversary Exhibition*, Osborne Galleries, Auckland  
*Works in Progress*, Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland

1971

*New Zealand Young Contemporaries*, Auckland City Art Gallery

1970

*Art of the Sixties, Royal Tour Exhibition*, Auckland City Art Gallery

1969

*10 Years of New Zealand Painting in Auckland*, Auckland City Art Gallery

1968

*New Zealand Women Painters*, Auckland Society of Arts

1967

Manawatu Art Gallery, Palmerston North

1965

*New Zealand Painting 1965*, Auckland City Art Gallery

1964

*Contemporary New Zealand Painting 1964*, Auckland City Art Gallery

#### Selected Catalogues

*In a Luminous Shade*, Tauranga Art Gallery, Tauranga, 2012

*Making Arrangements Gretchen Albrecht and Eve Armstrong*, Michael Lett Gallery, Auckland, 2011

*Decades*, Robert Steele Gallery, New York, 2002

'4', Het Koopmanshuis, Leusden; Kunsthal Hof 88, Almelo; Beeld & Aambeeld Gallery,  
*Enschede*, The Netherlands, 2000

*Distance Looks Our Way: 10 artists from New Zealand*, Distance Looks Our Way Trust, Wellington, 1992

*Gretchen Albrecht: Collages 1988–89*, Centre for Contemporary Art, Hamilton, 1989

*NZ/NY: 6 New Zealand artists at 22 Wooster Gallery*, New York, 1985

*Seven Painters/The Eighties*, Sarjeant Gallery, Wanganui, 1982



*New Zealand Women Painters (1945–1968)* Auckland Society of Arts, Auckland, 1968

*New Zealand Painting 1964, 1965*, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland,

#### Selected Books

Luke Smythe, *Between gesture and geometry*, Massey University Press, Auckland, 2019

Elizabeth Caughey & John Gow, *Contemporary New Zealand Art 2*, David Bateman, Auckland, 1999

Warwick Brown, *100 New Zealand Paintings*, Godwit Press, Auckland, 1995

Anne Kirker, *New Zealand Women Artists, A Survey of 150 Years*, Craftsman House, Tortola BVI, 1993

Michael Dunn, *A Concise History of New Zealand Painting*, David Bateman, Auckland, 1991

Gil Docking, with additions by Michael Dunn, *Two Hundred Years of New Zealand Painting*, David Bateman, Auckland, 1990

Elizabeth Eastmond & Merimeri Penfold, *Women and the Arts in New Zealand: Forty Works: 1936-86*, Penguin, Auckland, 1986

Anne Kirker, *New Zealand Women Artists*, Reed Methuen, London, 1986

WH Oliver, (ed), *The Oxford History of New Zealand*, Oxford University Press, Oxford & Wellington, 1981

Jim Barr & Mary Barr, *Contemporary New Zealand Painters A–M*, Alister Taylor, Martinborough, 1980

Peter Cape, *New Zealand Painting Since 1960: A Study in Themes & Developments*, Collins, Auckland, 1979

#### Selected Public Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

University of Auckland

Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

Victoria University of Wellington Art Collection

Creative New Zealand, Wellington

Dunedin Public Art Gallery

Hocken Collections, University of Otago, Dunedin

Waikato Art Museum, Hamilton

Manawatu Art Gallery, Palmerston North

Suter Gallery, Nelson

Sarjeant Gallery, Whanganui

Dowse Art Gallery, Lower Hutt

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth

Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū

Southland Art Gallery, Invercargill