

# Tessa MacKay

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## Born

1991 Perth, Western Australia

## Exhibitions/Residencies/Commissions

- 2022 September, Solo exhibition, *Retrospective*, PS Art Space, Fremantle
- 2022 August, Two week Artist in Residence (AIR) alongside Writer in Residence with Roderick MacKay (WIR) at The State Building, Perth
- 2022 Private commission of West Australian Ballet Founder, Kira Abricossova Bousloff OAM, Gifted to West Australian Ballet by The Landsmith Collection, Perth
- 2020 November, Perth International Art Festival (PIAF), exhibiting 22 costume illustrations alongside the premiere of Roderick MacKay's debut feature film, *The Furnace*, Perth
- 2020 October, Warders Hotel & Emily Taylor Restaurant, a bespoke collection of 22 original paintings for the heritage hotel and a 5x3m mural within the restaurant, Fremantle
- 2019 May, Archibald Portrait Prize (Sydney) and regional tour to Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery NSW, Bathurst Regional Gallery NSW, Bank Art Museum Moree (BAMM) NSW, Gosford Regional Gallery, Muswellbrook NSW and TarraWarra Museum of Art VIC.
- 2018 August, Cinefest Oz, Chairs Welcome, Unveiling the portrait of David Wenham, *Through the Looking Glass* alongside the portrait of Trevor Jamieson, *Everywhere Man*, Busselton
- 2016 January, Group exhibition, WA Portrait Association, Kidogo Arthouse, Perth
- 2014 September, Solo exhibition, *Return to Country*, PS Art Space, Fremantle
- 2012 February, Group exhibition, *Young Guns*, Linton and Kay Contemporary, Perth
- 2011 November, Solo exhibition, *Desert Seed*, Linton and Kay Contemporary, Perth
- 2010 August, Debut solo exhibition, *To the Core*, Linton and Kay Contemporary, Perth

## Finalist/Semi-Finalist

- 2019 May, Archibald Finalist, NSW
- 2018 May, Percival Portrait Prize, QLD
- 2017 May, Archibald (Semi-Finalist), NSW

2016 November Portia Geach, NSW  
2016 October, Doug Moran (Semi-Finalist), NSW  
2016 September Black Swan, WA  
2016 August, Mosman Art Prize, NSW  
2016 May, Percival Portrait Prize, QLD  
2016 April, BP Art Award (Semi-Finalist), UK  
2016 April, Alice Prize, ASP  
2015 October, Kennedy Art Prize, ADL  
2015 August, Cossack Art Award, WA  
2014 October, Black Swan Art Prize, WA  
2014 August, Cossack Art Awards, WA  
2014 August, Sunshine Coast Art Awards, QLD  
2014 May, Percival Portrait Prize, QLD  
2013 September, Black Swan Portrait Prize, WA  
2013 August, Cossack Art Award, WA  
2013 June, Kimberly Art Prize, WA  
2013 October, Doug Moran (Semi-Finalist), NSW  
2013 May, Clifton Art Prize, WA  
2012 October, City of South Perth, WA  
2011 September, Black Swan Portrait Prize, WA  
2011 August, Cossack Art Award, WA  
2009 April, Art @ PC, WA  
2008 October City of South Perth, WA

## Awards

2019 May, Archibald, Packing Room Prize  
2016 May, Percival Portrait Prize, Peoples Choice  
2015 August, Cossack Award, Emerging Artist Prize  
2014 October, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, People's Choice  
2014 August, Cossack Art Award, Works on Paper  
2013 August, Cossack Art Award, People's Choice  
2013 June, Kimberly Art Prize, Non-Kimberly Category  
2012 October, City Of South Perth Emerging Artist Award

- 2011 August, Cossack Art Award, People's Choice
- 2009 April, Art @ PC, Acquisitions
- 2008 October, City of South Perth Emerging Artist Award

## Press and Select Presentations

- 2022 Aug, Sunday Times Magazine (three-page artist profile), *Art & Soul*, written by Ben O'Shea, WA
- 2022 Aug, Artist in Residence (AIR), *Artist In Conversation*, The State Buildings, Perth, WA
- 2021 July, ABC iview, *Through the Looking Glass* named the most popular Archibald portrait in history attracting 250,000 votes cast nationwide
- 2019 May, NSW Art Gallery, Archibald, *Late Night Conversations*, Sydney, NSW
- 2019 May, MSN, "*Archibald's Packing Room Prize awarded to Tessa MacKay*"
- 2019 May, SBS News, "*David Wenham portrait takes out Packing Room Prize*"
- 2019 May, ABC News "*Archibald's Packing Room Prize awarded to Tessa MacKay for portrait of David Wenham*"
- 2019 May, AGNSW "*Celebrity Talks: the Archibald Prize*"
- 2019 May, Lime Light Magazine, "*Portrait of David Wenham wins Packing Room Prize*"
- 2019 May, SMH "*The Judges Love Wrinkles: Portrait of David Wenham Takes out the Packing Room Prize*"
- 2018 Aug, The West Australian "*Wenham a Glass Act*"
- 2017 October, The Australian "*Foxtel's The Archibald: making the cut on judgement day*"
- 2017 July, Four-part Foxtel Arts documentary series '*The Archibald, First Strokes*' alongside fellow artists Nicholas Harding, Yvette Coppersmith, Nick Stathopoulos, George Gittoes, Tim Storrier, Jason Phu and Wendy Sharpe
- 2017 May, West Australian, "*WA artist puts heart into big picture*"
- 2016 October, ABC News Online "*Pugs, potato growers and tattoo seafarers: One of Australia's richest art prizes celebrates its 10th year*"
- 2016 August, Fremantle Herald "*Black Swan Prize: four local artists in the line for top portraiture prize*"
- 2016 May, Percival catalogue "*The Percivals Exhibition Summary*" (Untitled page 14-15)
- 2016 May, Percival Major exhibition catalogue "*The Percivals*" (Untitled page 121)