

Despard Gallery

Curriculum Vitae – Emma Van Leest

1978 Born in Melbourne
Currently based in Melbourne

EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Arts (Fine Arts) (Honours), RMIT University, Melbourne
1999 Bachelor of Arts (Fine Arts) RMIT University, Melbourne

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2009

Before the first rain, John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne

2008

Converging, installation at Little Salon during State of Design Festival, Melbourne

2007

Wintergarden, Fracture Gallery, Federation Square, Melbourne
Wayfaring, John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne

2006

A homage to a private place, First Draft Inc, Sydney
A barn for a goddess and other tales, Westspace, Melbourne

2005

The things you do for love, Bus Gallery, Melbourne
December Saints, Seventh Gallery Inc, Melbourne

2004

Recent works, Little Salon, Fitzroy
Recent works, Body, St Kilda East

2003

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144 grids (a piece of ivory), Red Gallery, North Fitzroy
Untitled installation, Early Space, Fitzroy
Untitled installation, Experimental Art Space, Melbourne University Student Union, Melbourne

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2009

Studio show, Kings Artist Run Initiative, Melbourne

2008

One's own obstacles, installation during Open Studio Event, Sanskriti Kendra, New Delhi, India
Paper-cut, 24HRArt Northern Territory Centre for Contemporary Art, Darwin

2007

Art, Design and Craft Biennial 2007, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane

Severance, Ryan Renshaw Gallery, Brisbane
Royal Rumble 2, Kings Artist Run Initiative, Melbourne

2006

Christmas Collectors Exhibition, John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne
ABN AMRO Emerging Artist Prize, ABN AMRO, Melbourne
Behind the Scenes at the Museum, Yarra Sculpture Gallery, Melbourne
Lexicon, Exhibition Space at Melbourne City Library, Melbourne
Selekta 2006, West Space, Melbourne
Snapshot: Inaugural Exhibition, John Buckley Fine Art, Richmond
Postscript, RMIT Project Space, Carlton

2005

It's all about us, Arts Victoria, Southbank

2004

Exploration 5, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
Explorations in paper (collaboration with Claire Best), Level 11 Gallery, Melbourne

2003

Leisureland, Red Gallery, North Fitzroy
Open studio events (June and December), The Blender Studios, Melbourne

2001

Emerging artists program, Bulle Galleries, Melbourne

2000

RMIT painting honours graduate show, Span Galleries, Melbourne

1999

RMIT painting graduate show, RMIT University, Melbourne

COLLECTIONS

Price Waterhouse Coopers
Private collections in Australia, United States, Indonesia and New Zealand

GRANTS & COMMISSIONS

2008

Sanskriti Kendra, New Delhi, India

2007

Skills and Arts Development, Australia Council
Australia Cultural Fund
Federation Square

2005

New work, Australia Council

2003

Melbourne University Student Union

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Jemima Kemp, *Eyeline No 68*, 2009, *New Victorians*, Celebrations of the grotesque; the new sublime in Australian contemporary practice
Perfect Paper, Page One Publishing, Singapore, 2009
IT Post, Australia, October 2008
Vogue Living Australia November 2007, Bright young things
Megan Backhouse, *The Age*, Saturday 20 January 2007, In galleries, it's show time
Simon Gregg, *In Trouble*, December 2006/January 2007, *Melburnin'*
Pamela Mei-Leng See, *Craft Australia* website, July 2006, Cutting in: Comparing Sino-Australian paper-cutting practice
Freya Lombardo, *Monument*, Issue 68 2005, *Hot Young Designers 2005*
Simon Gregg, *Artlink*, Volume 25 No 3 2005, December Saints