

HELEN MAUDSLEY

Helen Maudsley is a Melbourne artist, born 1927. She attended the National Gallery Art School in Melbourne from 1945–1947, and during the 1960s gained a Graduate Diploma in Fine Art from the Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne. She has exhibited regularly in Melbourne every two to three years since 1954, especially at Standfield Gallery from 1979 to 1991, and more recently, with Niagara Galleries. In the 1980s she designed and collaborated with the Victorian Tapestry Workshop in the making of two tapestries. She has made three overseas study tours.

Her concern is about the nature and language of painting and drawing, about where art has relevance in the community, and how we manage the conflict between popular and serious.

As Helen Brack, she has worked for the Centre for Adult Education since 1967, teaching painting and drawing and been involved with various art appreciation programmes. She has given talks to the Christies Education Programme, at the University of Western Australia, National Gallery of Australia and the National Gallery of Victoria, and to the conservation course at the Ian Potter, Melbourne University.

SOLO and GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 *Blue Chip XIV: The Collectors' Exhibition*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2011 *Helen Maudsley*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Blue Chip XIII: The Collectors' Exhibition, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2010 *Contemporary Australian Drawings 1*, Drawing Out Festival of Drawing 2010, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne
Blue Chip XII: The Collectors' Exhibition, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2009 *Line, Colour, Shape: Featuring works from the Town Hall Gallery Collection*, Town Hall Gallery, Melbourne
Niagara Presents..., Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Blue Chip XI: The Collectors' Exhibition, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2007 *Focus on Contemporary Australian Art*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
Helen Maudsley A Selection 2004 – 2006, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Helen Maudsley Works on Paper, Stonnington Stables Museum of Art, Melbourne
- 2006 *Helen Maudsley: A Survey*, McClelland Gallery and Sculpture Park, Victoria
In Focus: Helen Maudsley Buoyancy Within Selves 1991-92, McClelland Gallery and Sculpture Park, Victoria
- 2004 *Helen Maudsley*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Highlights from the Civic Collection The Town Hall Gallery, Melbourne
Penetralia: Art and Psychoanalysis in Melbourne 1940–2004, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne
- 2002 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2000 *Another Look: Six Women Artists of the 1950s*, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne
Helen Maudsley, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 1998 *The Australian Drawing Biennale*, Drill Hall Gallery, The Australian National University, Canberra
The Kedumba Drawing Award, Kedumba Gallery, New South Wales
- 1997 *Works on Paper*, Deutscher Fine Art, Melbourne

- 1996 *Mixed Drawing Show*, Rex Irwin Gallery, Sydney
Helen Maudsley: Paintings and Drawings 1995–1996, Deutscher Fine Art, Melbourne
- 1995 *InterWeave*, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne
The Collector's Exhibition, Eastgate Gallery, Melbourne
Catalogue Exhibition, Deutscher Fine Art, Melbourne
- 1994 *Helen Maudsley*, Museum Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne
- 1992 *Helen Maudsley*, Museum Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne
Melbourne Savage Club; Invitation Art Prize, McClelland Gallery, Victoria
- 1991 *Helen Maudsley*, Chapman Gallery, ACT
- 1989 *Imitate Drawing*, Coventry Gallery, Sydney
Helen Maudsley, Standfield Gallery, Melbourne
- 1988 *Bicentenary Exhibition of Drawing*, Australian National Gallery, Canberra
Melbourne Savage Club; Invitation Art Prize, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne
Australian Tapestries (Victorian Tapestry Workshop Bicentenary Exhibition), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 1987 *Helen Maudsley*, Standfield Gallery, Melbourne
- 1982 *Helen Maudsley*, Standfield Gallery, Melbourne
National Gallery of Australia, inaugural exhibition, Canberra
- 1981 Standfield Gallery, Melbourne
- 1979 *Reflections*, Warehouse Gallery, Melbourne
- 1977 *Paintings by Helen Maudsley*, Queensbury Street Gallery, Melbourne
- 1976 *Caulfield City Council Invitation Art Exhibition 1976*, Caulfield Council Gallery, Melbourne
- 1975 *Women Artists Exhibition*, Prahan Technical College, Melbourne
Melbourne Business and Professional Women's Club, Melbourne
Nudes, Levenson Gallery, Melbourne
- 1974 *Drawings by Helen Maudsley*, Crossley Gallery, Melbourne
- 1971 *Paintings by Helen Maudsley*, Powell Street Gallery, Melbourne
- 1967 *Helen Maudsley*, Athaneum Gallery, Melbourne
- 1965 *Helen Maudsley*, The Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau Gallery, Melbourne
- 1963 *Helen Maudsley*, Levenson Street Gallery, Melbourne
- 1961 *Helen Maudsley*, The Argus Gallery, Melbourne
- 1959 *Helen Maudsley*, Richman Gallery, Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
- 1957 *Helen Maudsley* Gallery of Contemporary Art, Tavistock Place, Melbourne
- 1956 Peter Bray Gallery, Melbourne
- 1942 *Victorian Artists Autumn and Spring Shows*, Melbourne

COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
Caulfield City Art Collection, Victoria
City of Boroondara, Victoria
Council of Adult Education, Melbourne
Deakin University, Melbourne
Macquarie University Collection, New South Wales
McClelland Gallery+Sculpture Park, Victoria
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Victoria
Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne
Victorian Ministry for the Arts, Melbourne
Private collections

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Sasha Grishin, '50 of Australia's most collectable artists', *Australian Art Collector*, issue no. 43, January-March 2008

John Stringer, *Cross Currents: Focus on Contemporary Australian Art*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, 2007

Gabriella Coslovich, 'In no man's shadow', *The Age*, 9 June 2007

Robert Nelson, 'To the variables of tone and hue add the challenge of saturation', *The Age*, 7 March 2007

Corrie Perkin, 'Partners in life, but not on canvas', *The Australian*, 4 January 2007

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Janine Burke, 'Penetrabilia: Art and Psychoanalysis in Melbourne 1940-2004', *Art Monthly Australia*, September 2004

Robert Nelson, 'Artists respond to the hubbub of life', *The Age*, 21 July 2000

Sonia Barron, 'Spreading the net', *The Canberra Times*, 12 December 1998

Karen Hall, 'Helen Maudsley', *The Australian Drawing Biennale* (exhibition catalogue), the Australian National University, 1998

Robert Nelson, 'Dream Weavers', *The Age*, 3 June 1995

Arthur McIntyre, *Australian Contemporary Drawing: Resurgence and Rendition*, Boolarong Publications, Bowen Hills, Queensland, 1988