Lawrence Daws

1927–2025

Life & Education

2000 Received honorary doctorate from the University of the Sunshine Coast
Survey exhibition *Lawrence Daws: Asylum in Eden. Thirty Years in Queensland*, Brisbane City Gallery
1992 Received honorary doctorate from Griffith University
1977 Appointed member of Queensland Art Gallery Board of Trustees
1974 Moved to 'Owl Creek' farm in the Glasshouse Mountains
1970 Returned to Australia and moved to Bribie Island
1960–69 Lived and worked in London. Travelled extensively in Europe, Russia, India, Mexico and United States
1958–59 Lived and worked in Rome
1957 Awarded Italian Travelling Scholarship
1950–53 Four years at Melbourne National Art School
1948–49 Survey work with an oil company in New Guinea
1927 Born in Adelaide, South AustraliaStudies engineering and architecture

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2026 *Works from the Artist's Estate*, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
2017 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
2014 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
2011 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
2010–11 *The Promised Land: The art of Lawrence Daws,* Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, Queensland and touring Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane; Redcliffe City Gallery, Queensland; Tweed River Art Gallery, New South Wales; Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, New South Wales; Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Queensland; Gladstone Regional Art Gallery, Queensland; Wollongong Regional Gallery, New South Wales; S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney.
2008 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
Festival of the Arts, Greenhill Galleries and Hilton Hotel, Adelaide
2007 Sophie Gannon Galleries, Melbourne
2006 Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
2005 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
2003 Nevill Keating Tollemache, London, United Kingdom
2002 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
2001 Lauraine Diggins Fine Art, Melbourne
2000 Sam Hill-Smith Gallery, Adelaide
Lawrence Daws: Asylum in Eden. Thirty years in Queensland, Brisbane City Gallery
1999 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
1997 Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
1996 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
1994 Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
1993 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
1992 BMG Fine Art, Adelaide
1991 Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
1990 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
1988 Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
1987 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
1984 *Lawrence Daws Retrospective*, touring Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria; Latrobe University Gallery, Melbourne; and Golden Age Gallery, Victoria
1983 Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
1982 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
Bonython Gallery, Adelaide
1980 Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
1979 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
1978 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
Bonython Gallery, Adelaide
1977 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
Rudy Komon Gallery, Sydney

1975 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
1973 Rudy Komon Gallery, Sydney
Skinner Galleries, Perth
1972 Johnstone Gallery, Brisbane
1969 Rudy Komon Gallery, Sydney
Johnstone Gallery, Brisbane
1968 Bonython Gallery, Adelaide
Johnstone Gallery, Brisbane
1967 Bonython Gallery, Adelaide
Skinner Galleries, Perth
1966 Johnstone Gallery, Brisbane
Lawrence Daws Retrospective, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
1965 Rudy Komon Gallery, Sydney
Skinner Galleries, Perth
1964 Bonython Gallery, Adelaide
1963 Bonython Gallery, Adelaide
Johnstone Gallery, Brisbane
1962 Matthiesen Gallery, London, United Kingdom
Skinner Galleries, Perth
1961 Bonython Gallery, Adelaide
Skinner Galleries, Perth
1959 Australian Galleries, Melbourne and Sydney
La Salita Gallery, Rome, Italy
1957 Johnstone Gallery, Brisbane
1956 Johnstone Gallery, Brisbane

Selcted Group Exhibitions

2014 Remembering Brian and Marjorie Johnstone's Galleries, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
2004 *To Look Within: Self Portraits in Australia*, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
2002 *Shanghai in the Eyes of World Artists*, Shanghai
1988–89 *Images of Religion*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
1980 *Images of Ourselves*, Tate Gallery, London, United Kingdom
1964 *Young Australian Painters*, Kyoto and Toky, Japan
1963 Sorsgie Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya
Dirkin Moor Exhibition, Cheltenham, United Kingdom
Australian Painting and Sculpture in Europe Today, New Metropole Art Centre, United Kingdom
Australian Painting, Tate Gallery, London, United Kingdom
Exhibition of Contemporary Australian Painting and Sculpture, Frankfurt, Germany
1961 *Recent Australian Painting*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Selected Bibliography

2010 Bettina and Desmond MacAulay, *The Promised Land: The Art of Lawrence Daws*, Caloundra
2000 Candice Bruce, *Lawrence Daws: Asylum in Eden*, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
1988 Rosemary Crumlin, *Images of Religion*, Bay Books, Sydney
1980 Kym Bonython, *Modern Australian Painting 1950-1975*, Rigby, Adelaide
1971 Bernard Smith, *Australian Painting 1788-1970,* 2nd ed., Oxford University Press, Melbourne
James Gleeson, *Modern Painters 1931-1970*, Lansdowne Press, Melbourne
1970 Robert Hughes, *The Art of Australia*, revised edition, Penguin, Harmondsworth, United Kingdom
1969 Patrick McCaughey, *Australian Abstract Art*, Oxford University Press, Melbourne
1965 John Reed, *Australian Landscape Painting*, Longmans, Melbourne
1962 Bernard Smith, *Australian Painting 1788-1970,* 1st ed., Oxford University Press, Melbourne

Selected Prizes & Awards

1977 Awarded Georges Art Prize, Melbourne
1963 Awarded Silver Medal, São Paulo Bienal, Brazil
1961 Awarded Silver Medal, Paris Biennale des Jeunes', Paris, France
1957 Awarded Italian Travelling Scholarship
1953 Hugh Ramsay Portrait Prize, National Gallery of Victoria, Mebourne; Performing Arts Centre, Brisbane

Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, Auckland
Australian National University, Canberra
Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Victoria
Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria
Brisbane Supreme Court, Brisbane
Broken Hill City Art Gallery, New South Wales
Cairns Regional Gallery, Queensland
Gayndah Regional Gallery, Queensland
Mildura Arts Centre, Victoria
Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Melbourne
Musée des Beaux-arts de L'Ontario, Toronto
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
National Gallery of China, Beijing
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
New England Regional Art Museum, New South Wales
Newcastle Region Art Gallery, New South Wales
Parliament House, Canberra
Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane
Rockhampton Art Gallery, Queensland
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh
Shanghai Art Gallery, Shanghai
Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart
Tate Gallery, London
The Royal Society, London
The Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Tweed River Art Gallery, New South Wales
University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
Wollongong City Gallery, New South Wales
Yale University, New Haven

And other public and private collections