

# Portia Geach

## Memorial Award

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The only award that continues to recognise the talents and contributions of Australian women portrait artists.

2020 Exhibition: 14 Aug 2020 until 20 Sep 2020

The Portia Geach Memorial Award was established by Florence Kate Geach in memory of her sister, artist and active campaigner for women's rights, Portia Geach.

The Portia Geach Memorial Award is awarded each year to a female artist with the best portrait 'painted from life of some man or woman distinguished in Art, Letters or the Sciences'. Artists may also submit self-portraits. The Award has made a significant contribution to recognising and developing the creativity and talents of female artists in this country. The prize value of the 2019 Portia Geach Memorial Award is \$30,000.

The People's Choice of \$1,000 is given in memory of Harry & Winifred Macorison by Dr Heather Macorison & Ms Hilary Macorison.



### Judges' Report

The judging panel including Anita Belgiorno-Nettis, Trustee of Art Gallery of New South Wales, Natalie Wilson, Curator of Australian and Pacific Art at the Art Gallery of New South Wales and Jane Watters, Director, S.H Ervin Gallery, commented that this year's finalists demonstrated that contemporary Australian portraiture has a vibrant future despite the challenges faced this year. The judges would like to congratulate all of the 60 finalists in this year's exhibition and believe that the resilience demonstrated by all the artists is encouraging and humbling.

The winner of the 2020 Portia Geach Memorial Award is Caroline Zilinsky whose work captured our attention with its unique style and meticulous attention to detail. This bold and penetrating work sensitively portrays the sitter, naked yet proud and strong.

The artist has successfully navigated the line between the absurd and the profound in a distinctive personal and imaginative manner that is disarmingly honest.

The judges also commended Susan O'Doherty for her colourful portrait of artist Myfanwy Gullifer and Natasha Walsh for her intricate self portrait painting on marble.

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# 2020 Finalists

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Title of Work</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Price</b>
Jane Aliendi	<i>Self portrait - The instagramer after the sock knitter</i>	oil on paper	60 x 50cm	2,000
Sally Anderson	<i>Claude swimming</i>	acrylic on linen	168 x 137cm	8,800
Ann Arora	<i>The mirror</i>	oil on canvas	51 x 61cm	2,000
Michelle Belgiorno	<i>A contemplative moment</i>	oil on linen	87 x 76cm	NFS
Kate Beynon	<i>The robe</i>	acrylic on wood	40 x 35cm	4,700
Renee Broders	<i>A place to call my own</i>	oil on linen	96 x 64cm	4,000
Filippa Buttitta	<i>Radiotherapy during Covid-19</i>	oil on board	45 x 60cm	9,000
Ann Cape	<i>Sophie and Scout</i>	oil on linen	140 x 91cm	12,000
Yvette Coppersmith	<i>June 2020, Chanel earrings</i>	oil on linen	56 x 38cm	NFS
Anthea da Silva	<i>Veronica</i>	oil on canvas	120 x 90cm	1,500
Janine Dello	<i>Too much II</i>	oil on board	42 x 30cm	1,200
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Katherine Edney	<i>Gary Grealy in black &amp; white</i>	oil on board	32 x 45cm	2,800
Nicolette Eisdell	<i>Juliet at home</i>	oil on mounted wood panel	61x 46cm	4,000
Marina Finlay	<i>Professor Ross Steele AM</i>	oil on canvas	51 x 102cm	3,400
Lorna Grear	<i>Lockdown in the bath</i>	gouache on board	50 x 60cm	2,100
Jane Guthleben	<i>Misha, the pole dancer</i>	oil on board	40 x 20cm	NSF
Hannah Hall	<i>Lotus Lady (self portrait)</i>	acrylic on canvas	152 x 102cm	NFS
Ildiko Hammond	<i>Self-Portrait IV - The recluse</i>	acrylic and oil on canvas	100 x 70cm	2,500
Jacqueline Hennessy	<i>The offering</i>	oil on linen	107 x 91.5cm	NFS
Sophia Hewson	<i>Untitled (self portrait)</i>	oil on canvas	105 x 72cm	4,400
Michelle Hiscock	<i>The Flâneur</i>	oil on linen	50 x 40cm	NFS
Janne Kearney	<i>Power flower</i>	oil on canvas	100 x 100cm	7,000
Nicole Kelly	<i>Night studio</i>	oil on polyester	132 x 107cm	6,200
Kim Leutwyler	<i>Dee with pink, green and blue</i>	oil on canvas	102 x 76cm	4,500
Kathrin Longhurst	<i>Muddy waters</i>	oil on linen	180 x 180cm	NFS
Alison Mackay	<i>The Beloved</i>	oil on birch panel with palette knife	60 x 60cm	NFS
Marie Mansfield	<i>Waiting</i>	oil on board	50 x 40cm	5,000
Marie Mansfield	<i>Charlie and Kate</i>	oil on linen	102.5 x 71cm	7,800
Kiata Mason	<i>Julia's studio</i>	acrylic on canvas	91 x 91cm	3,800

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Anne McCaughey	<i>Judy in lockdown land</i>	oil on canvas	90 x 90cm	4,000
Kerry McInnis	<i>Iso yoga selfie</i>	oil on canvas	122 x 167cm	6,600
Matilda Michell	<i>Self in an empty room</i>	oil on canvas	50.5 x 40.5cm	1,300
Heather Miller	<i>Two thirds (self portrait)</i>	oil on canvas	76.2 x 91.4cm	NFS
Frankie Morgan	<i>Julia in desire</i>	acrylic on paper	80 x 67cm	3,600
Justine Muller	<i>Jack Munday</i>	oil and acrylic on linen	61.5 x 71.5cm	5,500
Susan O'Doherty	<i>Myfanwy Gullifer in olive green coat</i>	acrylic on canvas	83 x 66cm	4,000
Renata Pari-Lewis	<i>Phillip</i>	acrylic on canvas	92 x 92cm	9,000
Josephine Pereira	<i>Self portrait</i>	oil on board	30 x 30cm	NFS
Sharon Pincus - Jacobson	<i>Tony Taussig architect</i>	oils on linen	61 x 61cm	2,400
Victoria Reichelt	<i>Interior</i>	oil on linen	76 x 61cm	NFS
Jenny Rodgerson	<i>Solitary Figure</i>	oil on linen	50 x 60 cm	3,500
Jennifer Rosnell	<i>Nurse Jacqui</i>	oil on board	60 x 46cm	1,500
Sally Ryan	<i>Alone</i>	oil on aluminium composite panel	105 x 81cm	18,000
Lynn Savery	<i>In your dreams</i>	oil on canvas	153 x 102cm	NFS
Kirthana Selvaraj	<i>The green suit, a self portrait</i>	oil on canvas	91 x 152cm	NFS
Therese Shanley	<i>In the jumper</i>	oil of board	75 x 85cm	3,500
Wendy Sharpe	<i>Self portrait - walking home</i>	oil on linen	145 x 170cm	28,000
Dee Smart	<i>Leap of faith</i>	acrylic on linen	188 x 137cm	18,000
Loribelle Spirovski	<i>The reader</i>	oil on linen	122 x 152cm	NFS
Liz Stute	<i>Untying the laces - self portrait</i>	oil on linen	102 x 81cm	8,000
Trish Tait	<i>The conversation</i>	oil on board	30 cm d	NFS
Jill Talbot	<i>The keeper</i>	acrylic on birch ply	122 x 80cm	3,300
Jeska Valk	<i>Ghearra</i>	oil on canvas	110 x 72cm	5,900
Deborah Walker	<i>Georgia (as Agatha Christie in Blue Mountains, NSW, 1922)</i>	oil on linen	90 x 120 cm	5,200
Natasha Walsh	<i>Doppelgänger</i>	oil on marble	10 x 10cm	NFS
Vicki White	<i>Zooming Jill</i>	oil on canvas	31 x 27cm	500
Zoe Young	<i>The scarf knitter</i>	acrylic on birchwood	40 x 40 cm	NFS
Caroline Zilinsky	<i>Anthea May or May Not</i>	oil on linen	112 x 97cm	NFS
Michelle Zuccolo	<i>Becky, Fire Crew</i>	oil on italian canvas	70 x 80cm	9,000

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## Winners 1965 - 2019

- 2019 Sally Robinson, *Body in a box*
- 2018 Zoe Young, *Drawing Storyboards (Bruce Beresford)*
- 2017 Amanda Davies, *Portrait of Pat Brassington*
- 2016 Jenny Rodgeron, *Bound by the big red coat*
- 2015 Natasha Bieniek, *Sahara (self portrait)*
- 2014 Sophie Cape, *Romper stomper*
- 2013 Helene Grove, *Self portrait getting on*
- 2012 Sally Robinson, *The artist's mother*
- 2011 Kate Stevens, *Indian dream*
- 2010 Prudence Flint, *Scrambled egg*
- 2009 Christine Hiller, *The old painter*
- 2008 Jude Rae, *Self Portrait 2008 (The Year My Husband Left)*
- 2007 Maryanne Coutts, *Melbourne*
- 2006 Lucy Culliton, *Self with Friends*
- 2005 Jude Rae, *Large Interior (Micky Allan)*
- 2004 Nerissa Lea, *The Sheik & Me, Self Portrait with Imagined Portrait of Chad Morgan after Frida Kahlo*
- 2003 Wendy Sharpe, *Self Portrait with Tea Cup and Burning Paintings*
- 2002 Vicki Varvaressos, *Self Portrait with Painting*
- 2001 Mary Moore, *At Home*
- 2000 Nancy Borlase, *The Sisters: Marie and Vida Breckenridge*
- 1999 Kim Spooner, *Social Currency (Eva Cox)*
- 1998 Anita Rezevska, *Self Portrait-Woman from Riga*
- 1997 Maria Isabel, *Cruz Maria*
- 1996 Su Baker, *Self Portrait at Six Paces*
- 1995 Wendy Sharpe, *Self Portrait with Students, After Adelaide Labille-Guiard*
- 1994 Jenny Sages, *Ann Thomson*
- 1993 Aileen Rogers, *Suzanne Mourof*
- 1992 Jenny Sages, *Nancy Borlase and Laurie Short*
- 1991 Rosemary Valadon, *Frances Joseph*
- 1990 Jenny Watson, *Self Portrait*
- 1989 Jenny Sands, *Alex Karpin*
- 1988 Margaret Ackland, *Shay Docking*
- 1987 Christine Hiller, *Self Portrait*
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- 1985 Gwen Eichler, *Dianne Fogwell*
- 1984 Margaret Woodward, *Madeleine Halliday*
- 1983 Margaret Woodward, *Self Portrait*
- 1982 Brenda Humble, *Virginia Hall*
- 1981 Susan Howard, *Jenny Kee*
- 1980 Judy Pennefather, *Venie Schulenberg*
- 1979 Ivy Shore, *Kondelea (Della) Elliott*
- 1978 Dora Toovey, *Senator Neville Bonner*
- 1977 Ena Joyce, *George Lawrence*
- 1976 Jocelyn Maughan, *George Bouckley*
- 1975 Mary Brady, *Elizabeth Rooney*
- 1974 Lesley H Pockley, *Hugh Paget*
- 1973 Sylvia Tiarks, *Self Portrait*
- 1972 Elisabeth Cummings, *Jean Appleton*
- 1971 Mary Brady, *Larry Sitsky*
- 1970 Dora Toovey, *Self Portrait in Landscape*
- 1969 Vaike Liibus, *Guy Warren*
- 1968 Bettina McMahon, *Self Portrait*
- 1967 Jo Caddy, *Laurence Davis*
- 1966 Mary Brady, *Grahame Egor*
- 1965 Jean Appleton, *Self Portrait*