

HEIDI YARDLEY



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Melbourne-based Heidi Yardley's evocative paintings and drawings explore the porous boundaries between memory, identity and the unconscious. Mining imagery from vintage media and esoteric traditions, she reconstructs and dissolves familiar forms into haunting, fragmented compositions. Drawing upon the visual languages of film noir, surrealism and the occult, Yardley's images linger in states of tension—between presence and erasure, intimacy and estrangement, clarity and disquiet. Her layered compositions blur clarity and dissolve narrative, inviting the viewer into an ambiguous realm where the familiar becomes ghostly and the intimate becomes uncanny. Yardley's paintings are not static depictions, but thresholds—spaces where sensuality, absence, and psychological resonance merge into something quietly disarming.

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The world is turning

2025

oil on linen

148 x 100 cm

\$12,000

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Midsummer shadow

2024

oil on linen

148 x 100 cm

\$12,000

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Venus in furs

2024

oil on linen

137 x 71 cm

\$8,900

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Trapped in an oil painting

2025

oil on linen

95 x 93 cm

\$8,500

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Nuit magnetique

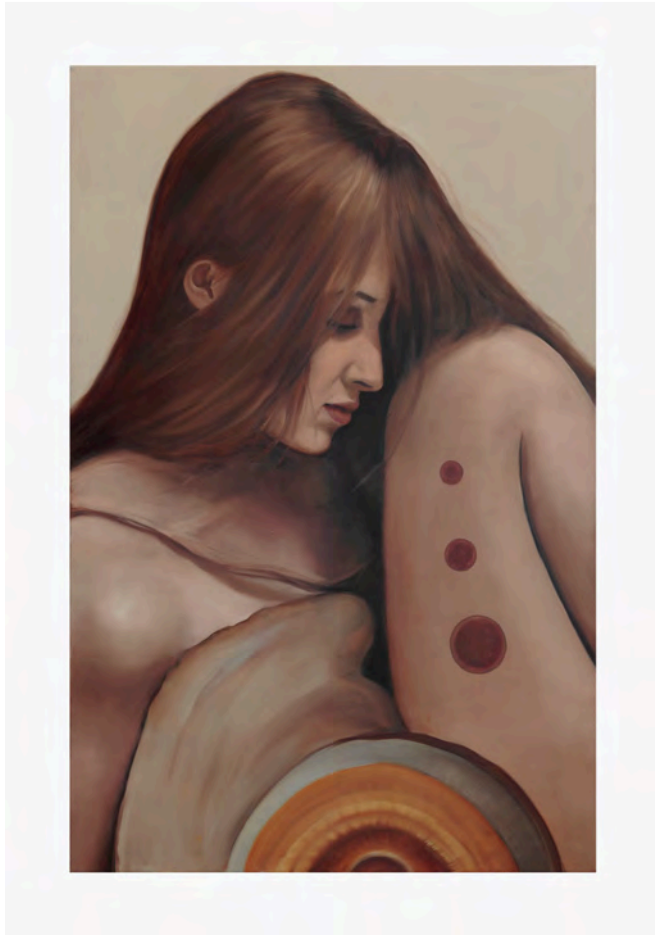
2025

oil on linen

96 x 91 cm

\$8,500

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Passage through the spheres

2025

oil on linen

107 x 71 cm

\$7,900

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The climbing harmonies

2025

oil on linen

107 x 71 cm

\$7,900

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The mirror on the other side

2024

oil on linen

71 x 107 cm

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Glamour

2025

oil on linen

71 x 106 cm

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Chakra moon

2025

oil on linen

112 x 66 cm

\$7,900

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Wedjat eye

2025

oil on linen

86 x 76 cm

\$7,500

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Posthuman

2025

oil on linen

91 x 71 cm

\$7,500

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Diamond dancer

2025

oil on linen

86 x 71 cm

\$7,500

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Just a candle

2025

oil on linen

91 x 61 cm

\$7,500

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Bitter summer in decline

2024

oil on linen

65 x 50 cm

\$4,900

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Taboo club

2025

oil on linen

56 x 51 cm

\$4,900



Heidi Yardley completed a BFA at Monash University (1995) and Honours at RMIT (1999). She has been a finalist in significant Australian prizes including The Archibald Prize (2016, 2014, 2013), The Wynne Prize (2016) and the Sulman Prize (2014) at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize (2013, 2011, 2009), the Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award (2019), the National Works on Paper Prize, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery (2020), the Paul Guest Prize, Bendigo Art Gallery (2020) and the Percival Portrait Painting Prize, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery (2020).

Heidi Yardley has been included in curated group exhibitions throughout Australia. She has held two artist residencies in New York funded by the Ian Potter Cultural Trust (2011, 2014) and has been listed as one of Australia's 50 most collectable artists (Australian Art Collector magazine, 2011). Heidi Yardley's work is held in public collections including Artbank, the National Gallery of Victoria, Gippsland Art Gallery, Bendigo Art Gallery, Ballarat Art Gallery and the University of Queensland Art Museum.

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HEIDI YARDLEY

EDUCATION

- 2002 Graduate Diploma in Education, Melbourne University
1999 Bachelor of Fine Art Honours (Drawing) RMIT, Melbourne
1995 Bachelor of Fine Art (Painting) Monash University, Caulfield

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Melbourne Art Fair* with Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2024 *Selected Paintings*, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
Moon Bathing, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
2022 *Glittered in the Cave*, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne VIC
2019 *The Thin Veil*, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne VIC
2018 *Selected Works: The Clayton Utz Art Partnership* (with Rhys Lee), curated by 3:33 Art Projects in conjunction with Nicholas Thompson Gallery at Clayton Utz, Melbourne VIC
Drifters, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane QLD
2017 *The sinking belle*, Arthouse Gallery, Sydney NSW
Night Letters, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane QLD
2016 *Lost weekend*, Nicholas Thompson Gallery at Neospace, Melbourne VIC
2015 *Shapeshifting*, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane QLD
Meeting the shadow, Arthouse Gallery, Sydney NSW
2014 *Unfamiliar*, presented by blackartprojects, Chalk Horse, Sydney NSW
2013 *Glass Psyche*, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane QLD
2011 *Her Kind*, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne VIC
2010 *Gift for the Darkness*, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane QLD
2009 *Light Possession*, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne VIC
Black Mirror, Gallery 2, Grantpirrie, Sydney NSW
2008 *Supernatural*, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane QLD
2007 *Darklands*, Stephanie Burns Fine Art, Canberra ACT

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Synchron City*, Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, VIC
Summer 2025, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
Nicholas Thompson Gallery at Spring 1883, Windsor Hotel, Melbourne, VIC
Winter 2025, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
Nicholas Thompson Gallery at Quarantine Art Fair, Portsea, VIC
2024 *A Summer Selection*, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2023 *Melbourne Now*, National Gallery of Victoria, VIC

- Nicholas Thompson Gallery at Spring 1883*, Windsor Hotel, Melbourne, VIC
- 2022 *Origins and Imagination (curated by 3:33 Art Projects)*, Artist Profile Space, Sydney Contemporary, NSW
- 2021 *Nicholas Thompson Gallery at Spring 1883*, @14 Langridge Melbourne, VIC
- 2020 *Re-gathering*, Benalla Art Gallery, VIC
- The Paul Guest Prize*, Bendigo Art Gallery, VIC
- The Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery National Works on Paper Prize*, MPRG, VIC
- The Percival Portrait Painting Prize*, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townesville, QLD
- 2019 *The Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award*, Hazelhurst Art Centre, NSW
- Love*, Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Centre, NSW
- Custom Ordered, Fashion Capsule 2*, Melbourne Fashion Week, Melbourne Town Hall, VIC
- 2018 *The Glover Prize*, Falls Park Pavilion, Evandale TAS
- A fine romance*, Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, VIC
- Spring 1883*, Jan Murphy Gallery, The Windsor Hotel, Melbourne, VIC
- Imagine*, Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, VIC
- 2017 *Eutick Memorial Still Life Award*, Project Contemporary Art Space, Wollongong NSW
- Romancing the skull*, Art gallery of Ballarat VIC
- Sydney Contemporary*, Arthouse Gallery, Carriageworks NSW
- 2016 *Drawing to an end*, MARS Gallery, Windsor VIC
- Nigredo*, Second Space Projects, Fitzroy VIC
- Cut*, The Dirty Dozen, Campbell Arcade, Melbourne VIC
- Spring 1883*, Jan Murphy gallery, The Windsor Hotel, Melbourne VIC
- The Kilgour Prize*, Newcastle Art Gallery, NSW
- The Archibald Prize*, The Art Gallery of NSW
- The Wynne Prize*, The Art Gallery of NSW
- 2015 *Grey Matter*, curated by Mark Feary, Artbank, Sydney NSW
- Sex*, curated by Linsey Gosper and Jack Sargeant, Strange Neighbour, Melbourne VIC
- Mug Shot*, Gallery Ecosse, Exeter NSW
- Shots off the dices*, curated by Rhys Lee, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne VIC
- With her feet off the ground*, curated by Simone Hine, Counihan Gallery, Melbourne VIC
- Iconoclasts*, curated by Chelsea Lehman, Airspace Projects, Sydney NSW
- From Point A to PointB and back again*, PointB Artist Worklodge, Brooklyn NYC USA
- 2014 *The Dame Joan Sutherland Fund Showcase*, Adelante Studios, NYC USA
- The Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of NSW Touring
- In Bloom*, Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale VIC
- Cut, Paste, Create*, Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong VIC
- 2013 *The Doug Moran National Portrait Prize*, Juniper Hall NSW
- The Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of NSW Touring
- 2012 *The Melbourne Art Fair*, Jan Murphy Gallery, Carlton Exhibition Buildings VIC
- The Fisher's Ghost Art Award*, Campbelltown Arts Centre NSW
- The John Leslie Art Prize*, Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale VIC
- Things that go bump in the night*, Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong VIC

- Narrative Spaces*, Reverie Projects, Villa Alba Museum, Kew VIC
Fashioning Self, The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane QLD
- 2011 *Esk Collection*, Academy Gallery, School of Visual and Performing Arts, Launceston TAS
Summer Arts Soiree, American Australian Association, Galapagos Art Space, Brooklyn, New York USA
The Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, State Library of NSW, Touring
- 2010 *Hold*, Screen Space, Melbourne VIC
NOTFAIR, Satellite Art Fair curated by Sam Leach, Tony Lloyd and Ashley Crawford, VIC
The City of Albany Art Prize, Vancouver Arts Centre, Albany WA
- 2009 *The University of Queensland National Artists' Self-Portrait Prize*, Brisbane QLD
The Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, State Library of NSW, Touring
- 2008 *NEW - Selected Recent Acquisitions*, University of Queensland Art Museum QLD
Post Chrysalis, Sullivan and Strumpf Fine Art, Paddington, NSW
Neo Goth – Back in Black, University of Queensland Art Museum QLD
- 2007 *What Lies Beneath*, Upstairs Flinders, Melbourne VIC
Exploration 7, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne VIC
- 2005 MLC Acquisitive Art Exhibition, MLC, Kew VIC
- 2002 *Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship Finalist's Exhibition*, Brett Whiteley Studio, Surry Hills NSW
- 2001 *Mosman Art Prize*, Mosman Art Gallery, Mosman NSW
The Land of Milk and Honey, Emerging Victorian Artists, Adelaide Central Gallery, SA
- 2000 *The Hutchins School Art Prize Finalist's Exhibition*, The Long Gallery, TAS
Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship Finalist's Exhibition, Brett Whiteley Studio, Surry Hills, NSW

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

- 2020 Finalist, The Paul Guest Prize, VIC
 Finalist, The Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery National Works on Paper Prize, VIC
 Finalist, The Percival Portrait Painting Prize, QLD
- 2019 Finalist, The Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award, NSW
- 2018 Finalist, The Glover Prize, TAS
- 2017 Finalist, Eutick Memorial Still Life Award
- 2016 Finalist - The Kilgour Prize, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW
 Finalist, The Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW
 Finalist, The Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW
- 2014 Artist in Residence Point B Artist Worklodge, NYC, USA
 Recipient - The Ian Potter Cultural Trust Grant
- 2012 Winner 'Best Gippsland work', The John Leslie Art Prize, Gippsland Art Gallery, VIC
- 2011 Artist in Residence Point B Artist Worklodge, NYC, USA
 Recipient - The Ian Potter Cultural Trust Grant
 Recipient - The Dame Joan Sutherland Award
- 1999 Recipient, Pat Corrigan Artists Grant

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Melbourne Now exhibition catalogue, National Gallery of Victoria, 2023
 Amelia Winata, *Spring1883 Art Fair* in Memo Review (online), 13 August 2023
 Bruce Cooper, Max Germanos, Kon Gouriotis (ed). *The Clayton Utz Art Partnership 2017 – 2022*, 3:33 Art Projects and Bandicoot Publishing, Sydney 2023
 Chelsea Hopper, *Spring1883* in Memo Review (online), 8 August 2021
 Elli Walsh, *Heidi Yardley*, Artist Profile, Issue 47, 2019
 Phil Brown, *Catch her drift*, The Brisbane Times, August, 2018
 Carrie McCarthy, *The Sinking Belle*, Art Almanac, August 2017, p40-42
 Ashley Crawford, *Heidi Yardley's Cadavre Exquis*, The Article, November 10, 2016
 Simon Gregg, *Hindsight-Gippsland Art Gallery History and Collections 1965-2015* 2015 pp 224-225
 Sylvia Lopez, Architectural Digest Magazine Spain, online article, Feb 29th 2016
 John McDonald, *Small Wonders*, The Sydney Morning Herald, July 19-20 2014, p16-17
 Real Living Feature article, *Artist in residence*, August 2014 pp 100-107
 ABC TV, Hannah Gadsby's *OZ*, Series 1, Ep 2, March 18, 2014
 Phil Brown, *Serene Dreams*, The Brisbane Times, October 16, 2013 p27
 John McDonald, *In our own image*, The Sydney Morning Herald, March 23-24 2013, pp12-13
 Ashley Crawford, *'50 of Australia's Most Collectable Artists'*, Australian Art Collector, issue 55, pp 198-199, 2011
 Alison Kubler, *'Little Whispers in the Dark'*, The Courier Mail, July 31, 2010
 Louise Martin-Chew, *'Fresh views of the face in the mirror'*, The Australian, December 11, 2009
 Ashley Crawford - Feature article, Eyeline Magazine issue 68, pp 33-35, 2009
 Ashley Crawford, *'Gothic candour: "I am the coffin that will not be silent"'*, Art Monthly, December 2008 –February 2009
 Charly Ogilvie, *'Danger that lies beneath'*, The Canberra Times, May 18, 2007
 Helen Musa, *'Harsh Light Inspires Dark Themes'*, The Canberra Times, April, 2007
 Robert Nelson, *'Talent Emerges, Not Necessarily on Cue'*, The Age, October 27, 2000

COLLECTIONS

Artbank
 Australia Felix Foundation
 Ballarat Fine Art Gallery
 Bendigo Art Gallery
 BHP Billiton Collection
 Esk Collection Tasmania
 Gippsland Art Gallery
 Methodist Ladies' College
 National Gallery of Victoria
 RACV Melbourne
 St Leonard's College
 University of Queensland Art Museum