

VALERIE SPARKS

Qualifications

- 2015 Masters Fine Art, Monash University
- 2003 Bachelor of Fine Art, Drawing: Victorian College of the Arts
- 2001 Diploma of Visual Arts: RMIT
- 1996 Honours: Anthropology/Sociology: Latrobe University
- 1994 Bachelor of Arts, Double Major, Pacific Studies and Anthropology, Latrobe University

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 *Sanctuary*, Gallerysmith, Melbourne
- 2023 *Dark Garden*, Bett Gallery, Hobart
- 2019 *this is not a wallflower*, Bett Gallery, Hobart
- 2018 *Allusion and Illusion: the fantastical world of Valerie Sparks*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2015 *Le Vol, Masters Presentation*, Monash Art School, Melbourne
- 2014 *Le Vol*, Turner Galleries, Perth
- 2012 *Unnatural Migrations #1*, Lowrise Projects, Melbourne
- 2011 *Understory*, Sutton Gallery Project Space, Melbourne
Little Bird, Big History, Gallerysmith, Melbourne
- 2010 *this weather*, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne
- 2008 *Luminist*, Alliance Franciase, Melbourne
El Dorado Springs, Turner Galleries, Perth
- 2007 *El Dorado Springs*, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2006 *Linden Project Room*, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne
- 2005 *The Organisation of the View*, 3015 Paris, France
- 2004 *With a View to Paradise*, Linden Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *Flourish*, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne
XV: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE, Gallerysmith, Melbourne
- 2022 *Water(shed)*, Bett Gallery, Hobart
- 2021 *Photo 2021 – Bowness Photography Prize Celebrates 15 years*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2020 *Refracted Reality*, Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Perth
- 2019 *Sublime Sea- Rapture and Reality*, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria
- 2018 *The Art of Collecting*, Centre for Contemporary Photography Fundraiser, Melbourne
- 2017 *Speaking of History*, Bett Gallery, Hobart
- 2016 *Tempest*, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart
CCP 30 Years Fundraising Exhibition, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne
Birds – Flight Paths in Australian Art, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria
- 2015 *Arcadia*, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Victoria
- 2014 *Outland*, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne
Semblance, this is no fantasy, Melbourne
Outland, this is no fantasy – Volta10, Basel, Switzerland
- 2013 *10 Years – 30 Residencies*, Turner Galleries, Perth
- 2012 *Monash University Maribor 2012 European Cultural Capital Project*, Venice Biennale, Venice
- 2011 *Private Paradise*, Whitworth Gallery of Art, Manchester, United Kingdom
- 2010 *Austral-Asia – Contemporary photomedia of the last ten years*, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra

- Visions*, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Victoria
Time Travel, Tweed River Art Gallery, New South Wales
- 2009 *20Plus*, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
The View from here IV, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2008 *Treasures*, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
Here and Now, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
The Perfumed Garden, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2007 *Valerie Sparks and Polixeni Papapetrou*, Roger Williams Gallery Auckland, New Zealand
The View from Here II, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2006 *Proof*, National Gallery of Victoria Ian Potter, Melbourne
Treasures, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
Inhabitation, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Linden Post Card Show, Linden Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne

Prize and Award Exhibitions

- 2021 WINNER, *Omnia Art Prize*, St Kevins College Toorak, Melbourne
 Finalist, *Bowness Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
 Finalist, *Fremantle Print Award*, Fremantle Art Centre, Perth
- 2020 Finalist, *Bowness Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2019 Finalist, *Banyule Works on Paper Prize*, Hatch Contemporary Artspace, Melbourne
 Finalist, *Hadley's Art Prize*, Hadley's Orient, Hobart
 Finalist, *St Kevin's Art Prize*, St Kevin's College Toorak, Melbourne
 Finalist, *Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize*, Ravenswood School, New South Wales
 Finalist, *Burnie Print Prize*, Burnie Arts and Function Centre, Tasmania
- 2018 Finalist, *St Kevin's Art Prize*, St Kevin's College Toorak, Melbourne
 Finalist, *Tidal Acquisitive Art Award*, Devonport Regional Gallery, Tasmania
- 2017 2nd prize, *Fremantle Print Award*, Fremantle Art Centre, Fremantle
 Highly Commended, *Burnie Print Prize*, Burnie Arts and Function Centre, Tasmania
 Finalist, *Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize*, Ravenswood School, New South Wales
- 2016 WINNER, *Bowness Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2015 Honorary Mention, *Bowness Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
 Finalist, *Fremantle Print Award*, Fremantle Art Centre, Fremantle
 Finalist, *Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award*, Gold Coast Art Gallery, Queensland
- 2014 Finalist, *Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award*, Gold Coast Art Gallery, Queensland
- 2012 Australian Postgraduate Award, Monash University, Melbourne
 Finalist, *Bowness Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
 Finalist, *Little Creatures Fremantle Print Award*, Fremantle Art Centre, Fremantle
- 2011 Finalist, *Hutchins Art Prize*, Hobart
- 2010 Finalist, *Bowness Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
 Finalist, *Little Creatures Fremantle Print Award*, Fremantle Art Centre, Fremantle
 Finalist, *Tidal Acquisitive Art Award*, Devonport Regional Gallery, Tasmania
- 2009 People's Choice, *Little Creatures Female Print Award*, Fremantle Art Centre, Fremantle
 Finalist, *Hutchins Art Prize*, Long Gallery, Hobart
 Finalist, *Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award*, Gold Coast Art Gallery, Queensland
- 2007 Finalist, *Little Creatures Fremantle Print Award*, Fremantle Art Centre, Fremantle

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Finalist, *Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award*, Gold Coast Art Gallery, Queensland

2006 The Tammy Kingsley People's Choice Award, *The Alice Prize*, Araluen Art Centre, NT
Finalist, *Tidal Acquisitive Art Award*, Devonport Regional Gallery, Tasmania

Collections

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; National Gallery of Victoria; Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery; Whitworth Gallery of Art Manchester, UK; Monash Gallery of Art, Victoria; Artbank; Art Support, Creative Partnerships; Little Creatures Collection; City of Perth; Private Collections Australia, London, Paris, Hong Kong.