

Philippa Blair | C.V.

Philippa Blair was born in 1945 in Christchurch and graduated with a Diploma of Fine Arts from Canterbury University in 1967. In a career spanning forty-five years, she has held more than 100 solo exhibitions and is represented in public and private collections in New Zealand, Australia, USA, Japan, France, Italy, Germany, Malaysia. She has been the subject of many magazine articles and reviews as well as being included in numerous books.

Blair spent more than a decade living and working in Los Angeles, California and now resides in New Zealand.

Blair's extensive and practice is based around expressionistic, semi-abstract painting and print making. To quote American ARTNews critic, Lily Wei, "Blair employs a full arsenal of abstract expressionist techniques, including the turning of her canvases so that there is no fixed point of view. Her gestures can crash against each other like a multi-car pile-up but in fact are controlled impulses, rhythmically taut, expertly choreographed body movements embodied in stroke and colour, a bravura orchestration that is both physical and emotional."

Recent Solo Exhibitions (since 2000)

- 2018 *Dancing Off Score* PGgallery 192 Christchurch, NZ
Where is Spring? Aesthete Gallery, Hamilton, NZ
- 2017 *Like Water off a Ducks Back* Aesthete Gallery, Hamilton, NZ
- 2016 *Drawn to Paint* PGgallery 192, Christchurch, NZ
- 2015 *Crossings, Recent Paintings* PGgallery 192, Christchurch, NZ
- 2014 *Philippa Blair* Blikfang Art & Antiques, Northcote, NZ (curators: Janie Duneas and Sheridan Keith)
- 2013 *wild nest weave* Warwick Henderson Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Labyrinth of Lines Warschaw Gallery, L.A. (curator Ron Linden)
- 2011 *Camouflage* Warwick Henderson Gallery, Auckland, NZ
- 2010 *Out of Line* Warwick Henderson Gallery, Auckland, NZ
- 2009 *philippa blair: works on paper* Warwick Henderson Gallery, Auckland, NZ
tracks recent paintings Lawrence Asher Gallery, L.A., Ca
- 2008 *new paintings and works on paper* Catchment Gallery, Nelson, NZ
Philippa Blair :paintings Ming Jen Gallery, Kaoshiung City, Taiwan curators: Lichuan Hung & Gary Hu
- 2007 *spring/break* Janne Land Gallery, Wellington, NZ
attivare Philippa Blair & Steven Hampton "greatest hits" at Lawrence Asher Gallery, L.A.
Recent Paintings Warwick Henderson Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Painting Matters/PlainsWeaver Rangī Ruru School, Christchurch, NZ
Llano Quemado & other works, fyr arte contemporanea, Florence, Italy
Cutting Loose New Work Double Vision Gallery, L.A. Ca
Cut Loose Janne Land Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Survey: 1991-2001 Warwick Henderson Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Out of Site (works on paper) Brooke-Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Firenze com'era new lithographs and works on paper, Paper Graphica, Christchurch, NZ
- 2003 *Philippa Blair (Maps)* A. Frintino (photos) fyr contemporanea, Florence, Italy
Philippa Blair: Paintings, Pfizer International Development and Research Center Headquarters, New London, Connecticut
- 2002 *Open Studio* Griffis Art Center, New London, CT
TransMotion Janne Land Gallery, Wellington, NZ
New Paintings and Drawings Pacific Art Gallery, Zug, Switzerland
- 2001 *TransMotion* New Paintings and Drawings, Double Vision Gallery, L.A., California, USA
and, Millennium Art Gallery, Blenheim, Marlborough, NZ
Maximal Abstraction Judith Anderson Gallery, Auckland, NZ

Public and Private Collections

Blair is in numerous public and private collections internationally. In New Zealand, the collections include: Wallace Trust, Auckland City Art Gallery, Chartwell Collection, Christchurch Museum, Dunedin Museum, Govett Brewster, Sargent Gallery, Te Papa Museum. Internationally, Blair's work is included in: Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Asia, Australia, and the David Bowie Collection.

Awards

- 1980 Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council Grant (travelled in U.S.A and Germany, 1981)
Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council Grant (travelled in France, Spain and Portugal 1985-6)
- 1987 Air NZ Queen Elizabeth II Arts Travel Award (travelled to U.S.A. 1987; Italy 1988)

NB: an expanded CV version is available upon request.