

ADRIAN SASOON

Julie Blyfield

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1957, Melbourne, Australia

- 1976-1978 Torrens College of Advanced Education, Adelaide, South Australia,
Diploma in Teaching (Secondary Fine Art)
- 1984-1987 South Australian College of Arts and Education, Adelaide, South
Australia, Associate Diploma of Jewellery Making & Silversmithing

Working in Adelaide, South Australia

“My work is inspired by the botanical landscape in Australia, which I interpret in my metal work using the technique of ‘metal raising’ and ‘chasing’. I enjoy exploring and collecting plant specimens from rich and diverse environments such as the Simpson Desert in the north of South Australia and further south around the coast of Kangaroo Island. Working with both pure silver and sterling silver as my preferred choice of material, I texture the surface to create individual pieces in the form of vessels and also more sculptural pieces. During the making process, I enjoy the way the metal ‘moves and shifts’ in almost unpredictable ways to create the organic forms which shimmer with the silver textures or colours derived from nature.”

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Flowers of the Sea*, Samstag Museum of Art, Adelaide, South Australia
- 2020 *Embrace*, Stanley Street Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2017 *Panorama*, Bilk Gallery for Contemporary Metal and Glass, Canberra, Australia
- 2016 *Rare Collection*, Objectspace, Auckland and The National, Christchurch, New Zealand
Panorama, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
- 2015 *Panorama*, Ruthin Craft Centre for the Applied Arts, Ruthin
Panorama, JamFactory, Adelaide, South Australia
- 2013 *Second Nature*, Gallery Funaki, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Twice Loved, Studio 20/17, Waterloo, Sydney, Australia
- 2010-11 *Julie Blyfield: Contemporary Jewellery & Objects, 1990 – 2010*, FORM Gallery, Perth, West Australia; JamFactory, Adelaide, South Australia
- 2009 *Natural Selection*, Gallery Funaki, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 2007 *Julie Blyfield Vessels and Brooches*, JamFactory Contemporary Craft and Design, SALA feature, Adelaide, South Australia
- 2003 *Flourish*, Gallery Funaki, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Upon Reflection, University of South Australia Art Museum, Adelaide, Australia
- 2001-02 *Traces*, Jam Factory Contemporary Craft and Design, Adelaide, South Australia, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh, UK, Fingers Contemporary Jewellery, Auckland, New Zealand (with Lynn Kelly)
- 1994 *Memento Celebration Sentimentality*, JamFactory, Adelaide, South Australia; Craft Victoria Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 1988-89 *At the Bullring*, JamFactory, Adelaide, South Australia; Emerald Hill Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Adrian Sassoon*, The Treasure House Fair, London
- 2019 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
- 2017 *50 Secrets of Magic Craftsmanship*, Elements, Edinburgh
Ormolu, with Kirsten Coelho, Gallery Funaki, Victoria, Australia
Sugar Spin: You, Me, Art an Everything / GOMA Turns 10, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia
- 2016 *18th Century Silver Triennial 2016*, Gesellschaft Fur Goldschmiedekunst eV. Hanau, Germany and tour in Europe
Fingers 2016 Annual Group Show, Fingers Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Out of This World, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
Bishopsland Retrospective, Bishopsland Trust, Dunsden, South Oxfordshire
Guildhouse 50 – Celebrating 50 Years, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia
Ra Now, Ra Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Nature, San W Gallery / Studio Pudong, Shanghai, China
Flora Depicta, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2016 *Science and Art: 12 Years of the Waterhouse Natural Science Prize*, National Archives of Australia, Canberra, Australia
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2015 *Dark Forms*, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
20/20: Gallery Funaki 20th Anniversary, Melbourne, Australia
2015 Contemporary Australian Silver & Metalwork Award, Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historical Museum, Castlemaine, Australia
Recent Acquisitions, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia
Charon Kransen Arts, Art Palm Beach 2015, Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Bodywork: Australian Jewellery 1970-2012, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, and touring Australia
LittleBig, Studio 20/17, Sydney, Australia
- 2014 *A Fine Possession: Jewellery & Identity*, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, Australia
Boxes, Galerie Lemaire, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Domain of the Material, Create Space Tokyo, Shinagawa, Tokyo, Japan
Cross Currents, Vaudeville Gallery, Fredericksburg, USA
Show Time: The Art Collection of Arts Centre Melbourne, The Arts Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Kunst Rai, Galerie Ra, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
The Other Side – Jewellery and objects from Australia and New Zealand, Gallery SO, London
Charon Kransen Arts, Art Fair Cyclorama Boston, USA
Wear a Piece of Adelaide, The Arcade, Adelaide, Australia
Jewelry from Down Under, Taboo Studio, San Diego, USA
- 2013 *Bodywork: Australian Jewellery 1970-2012*, National Gallery of Australia, Australian tour
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Artisans in the Gardens Lion Gate Lodge, The Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney, Australia
Revealed2: Collector Space Anne & Gordon, Samstag Museum of Art, Adelaide, Australia
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Beyond precious...beyond the oceans – Contemporary Jewellery Australia and New Zealand, Circuits Bijoux, presented by Helene Aziza, Atelier D'Art de France, Paris, France
Charon Kransen Arts, SOFA Chicago, USA
Schmuck 2013, Internationale Handwerksmesse, Munich, Germany
17th Silver Triennial International, Gesellschaft für Goldschmiedekunst, Deutsches Goldschmiedehaus, Hanau, Germany
Cabinets of Nature and Curiosity, Galerie Handwerk, Bayerischen Staatssammlung für Paläontologie und Geologie, Munich, Germany
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2012 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Unexpected Pleasures – The Art and Design of Contemporary Jewellery, The National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne; The Design Museum, London
Charon Kransen Arts, SOFA Chicago, USA
- 2011 *Forces of Nature*, Embassy of Australia, Washington DC USA

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2011 *Ra present, Ra 35 years Ra Gallery*, Galerie Ra, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2011 ITAMI International Craft Exhibition: 'Jewellery' The Museum of Arts and Crafts Itami, Hyogo, Japan
CHEONGJU International Craft Biennale 2011, Cheongju Cultural, Chungcheongbuk, Seoul, South Korea
The Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize, South Australian Museum, Adelaide, South Australia
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Brit Insurance Designs of the Year Award 2011, for Collec+tors Khai Liew collaboration, Design Museum, London
- 2010 *Exposition-Bijoux Ceramique Metal*, Galerie Hélène Porée, Paris, France
Abstract Nature, Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art, University of South Australia, Adelaide, South Australia
Falten Pleats Plissée, Galerie Handwerk, Munich, Germany
Award Exhibition, JMGA, Perth Galleries, North Freemantle, Western Australia
Galerie Ra, COLLECT 2010, Saatchi Gallery, London
Galerie Ra, Object Art Fair, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Treasure Room Australia - Schatzkammer Australien, Galerie Handwerk, Munich, Germany
- 2009 *Precious Pendants*, Object: Australian Centre for Craft and Design, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
Bravura: 21st Century Australian Craft, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, South Australia
Charon Kransen Arts, SOFA Chicago, USA
Radiant 30 Years Ra, Stedelijk Museum Roermond, Roermond, The Netherlands
Pacific Rim, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
- 2006 *Freestyle: New Australian Design for Living*, Melbourne Museum, Victoria, Australia
National Contemporary Jewellery Award, Griffith Regional Art Gallery, Griffith, New South Wales, Australia
City of Hobart Art Prize 2006: Jewellery, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
The Necklace Show, Velvet da Vinci, San Francisco, USA
Radiant 30 Years Ra, Galerie Ra, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Bare and Beyond; Australian Contemporary, COLLECT 2006, Victoria and Albert Museum, London
100 Brooches, Pacini Lubel Gallery, Seattle, Washington, USA
- 2005 *Residency exhibition*, Escola Superior de Artes e Design, Matosinhos, Oporto, Portugal
Transformations: The Language of Craft, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT
10-2005 10th Anniversary Gallery Funaki, Melbourne, Australia
100 Brooches, Velvet da Vinci, San Francisco, USA
The HAT project UK/Aust, JamFactory Contemporary Craft and Design, Adelaide, South Australia and tour

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2004 *The Nature Machine: Contemporary Art Nature and Technology*, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
 The Silver Table, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
 Conversations - Women at Work, the Katherine Kalaf Gallery, Cottesloe, Western Australia
 Click ! gallery onefivesix contemporary jewellery and objects, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
 Cross Pollination, Contemporary Australia and New Zealand Jewellery, Craft Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
 Here and There UK/Australia exchange, The Hub Sleaford, Lincolnshire, UK and tour
- 2003 *Schmuck 2004, Internationale Handwerkmesse*, Munich, Germany
 Minimum Maximum, Zu design Jewellery and Objects, Adelaide, South Australia
 Contemporary Wearables '03, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia and tour
 Ritual of Tea, Object Centre for Contemporary Craft and Design, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
 Hermanns Art Award (finalist), Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne and tour
- 2002 *Wild Nature in Contemporary Australian Art and Craft*, JamFactory Contemporary Craft and Design, Adelaide, South Australia and tour
 Metal Element of Four Countries, International Design Centre Nagoya, Japan and Mokkumto Gallery, Seoul, Korea
 City of Perth Craft Award 2002, Craftwest Centre for Contemporary Craft, Perth, Western Australia
 Goldfields Ozgold 2002 Award, Contemporary Australian Gold Jewellery, Quadrivium, Sydney, Australia and tour
 City of Hobart Art Prize 2002: Jewellery, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
 Less is More / Less is a Bore, Brisbane City Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
 Ritual of Tea, JamFactory, Adelaide, South Australia
- 2001 *Circling the Square – Gray Street Workshop 15 Years*, Bangkok and Asia link tour
- 2000 *Circling the Square – Gray Street Workshop 15 Years*, Gray Street, Adelaide South Australia

Awards

- 2017 Arts Project for Individuals and Groups, Australia Council
- 2015 Independent Makers and Presenters Program Grant, Arts South Australia
- 2014 National Contemporary Jewellery Award Finalist, Griffith Regional Art Gallery, Griffith, Australia
- 2013 Creative Australia, Grant Australia Council for the Arts
 Independent Makers and Presenters Grant Arts SA

Awards (continued)

- 2011 Overall First Prize, Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize, The South Australian Museum, Adelaide, South Australia
Honourable Mention, CHEONGJU International Craft Biennale 2011, Seoul, South Korea
Short-listed, Brit Insurance Designs of the Year Award 2011 for Collec+tors Khai Liew, Design Museum, London
- 2008 Independent Makers and Presenters Grant Arts SA
- 2007 New Work Established Grant, Visual Arts and Craft Strategy Grant VAB
South Australian Living Artist SALA monograph recipient for 2007 Arts South Australia / Wakefield Press South Australia
- 2006 Commendation, City of Hobart Art Prize, Jewellery Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania
Project Assistance Grant, International Exhibition – Paris Exhibitions – Arts SA
- 2004 New Work Established Grant, Australia Council for the Arts VA/CB (for Gray Street Workshop 20 years at Galerie Ra)
- 2002 Open Inquiry Award, City of Perth Craft Award, Craftwest, Western Australia
Residency with Frank Bauer and Exhibition Development Grant, Arts SA
- 2000 New Work Grant, Australia Council for the Arts VA/CF
- 1997 Professional Development Grant, London studio residency VA/CF
- 1996 Non-Precious Award – 3rd National Contemporary Jewellery Award, Griffith, New South Wales, Australia
- 1992 First prize, JMGA Neckworks, Freemantle Art Centre, Perth, Western Australia

Public Commissions

- 2014 Macquarie Bank Commission Brooch made for the Governor of NSW Australia
- 2009 Dame Nellie Melba Commission, The Arts Centre Melbourne, Maxwell and Merle Bequest, Victoria, Australia
- 2000 National Gallery of Australia jewellery commission for *Centenary of Federation* exhibition, Canberra, Australia
- 1996-7 Visual Arts Craft Fund Emeritus Award brooch commission, Sydney, Australia

Public Collections

Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums, Aberdeen
National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Turnov Collection, Czech Republic
Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, France
Indiana University Art Museum, Bloomington, Indiana, USA
Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art, Adelaide, Australia
Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Australia

Public Collections (continued)

Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, Australia
Griffith Regional Art Gallery, Griffith, Australia
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, Australia
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
The Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, South Australia
The Arts Centre, Melbourne, Australia
The Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, Australia
The Queensland Art Gallery, South Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
The South Australian Museum, Adelaide, South Australia
Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Toowoomba, Australia

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10 Ways to Make Art, published by Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia, p. 77
The Legacy of Landscape, Rebecca Evans, published by San W Gallery / Studio and Guildhouse, Shanghai, China
Every Collection Is A Story: Revealed 3: Someone's and Everyone's, Julie Ewington, Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art, Adelaide, Australia
- 2015 *Julie Blyfield Panorama*, Dr. Elizabeth Goring and Philp Hughes, Ruthin Crafts Centre, Wales
- 2014 *The other side – Jewellery and Objects from Australia and New Zealand*, Sara Roberts, Gallery SO, London
The Art Collection of Arts Centre Melbourne, Steven Tonkin, Showtime Victorian Arts Centre Trust, Bambra Press, Melbourne, Australia, pp. 30, 34, 66
- 2013 *Tinker Tailor Soldier Sailor – 100 Women, 100 Brooches, 100 Stories*, Evie Franzidis, Kirsten Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Ericson, published by Artisan, Queensland, Australia, p. 49
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'Schmuck 2013' catalogue, Ed Herausgeber, Handwerksmessen, Munich, Germany, pp. 31, 87
Place and Adornment: A History of Contemporary Jewellery in Australia and New Zealand, Damian Skinner and Kevin Murray, published by David Bateman Ltd. , pp. 31, 133, 134, 172, 221, 222
'Silber Triennale International', Christianne Weber-Stober, Deutsches Goldschmiedehaus Hanau, Arnoldsche Art Publishers, Stuttgart, Germany, pp. 17, 50, 164
- 2012 *Unexpected Pleasures: The Art and Design of Contemporary Jewellery*, Susan Cohn ed., The National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne; Design Museum, London, Rizzoli International Publications, New York, USA, p. 200
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- 2011 *Ra Present: 35 Years Ra Galerie*, Galerie Ra, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, p. 89
- 2010 *Julie Blyfield: jewellery and objects 1990-2010*, with essays by Wendy Walker and Elisha Buttler, FORM, Perth, Western Australia
Treasure Room – Australia Schatzkammer-Australien, Dr Robert Baines, Australian Scholarly Publishing Pty Ltd., Victoria, Australia, pp. 13, 34, 35, 79, 80
- 2009 *Bravura: 21st Century Australian Craft*, Robert Reason, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, South Australia
Harvest: an exhibition about plants and place from South Australian collections, Peter Emmett, Botanic Gardens of Adelaide, South Australia, pp. 16, 38
Poesie in Silber, Schoonhoven Silver Award 2009, Lia van Rossum ed., Stitching Zilverkunst, Schoonhoven, The Netherlands, p.28
- 2008 *Raising the Bar – Influential Voices in Metal*, Eric Turner, Ruthin Craft Centre, Denbighshire, pp. 14, 15, 37
Adorn: New Jewellery, Amanda Mansell, Laurence King Publishing Ltd., London, pp. 123, 242
Art Jewelry Today 2, Jeffrey B. Snyder, Schiffer Publishing, USA
- 2007 Awarded South Australian Living Artist SALA monograph recipient for 2007 Arts SA/Wakefield Press SA
- 2006 *New Directions in Jewellery II*, Lin Cheung, Beccy Clarke, Black Dog Publishing, London, pp. 24, 30-31

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'Natural Interest Arts', *Adelaide Matters*, Issue 182, p. 22, Catherine Clifton
'SA Arts July: Welsh Connection', *SA Life Magazine*, vol 12, # 7, p. 52, Lance Campbell
'Inspire Organic Form – Julie Blyfield', *Space Design in Taiwan*, Sophie Chen ed., Beijing China, no. 187
'Domain of the Material Create Space', *Tokyo review Norwegian Crafts Magazine*, Makiko Akiyama, no. 4
- 2014 'Aussie Jewellers Dazzle Paris', *The Financial Review*, Stephen Crafti
'Surprised by Joy: Australian at the Cutting Edge of Jewellery Design', *Sydney Morning Herald*, Stephen Crafti
- 2013 'Sterling Effort from Silversmith', *The Age newspaper*, p. 11, Penny Webb
'Private Arts', *SA Weekend: Arts Scene*, *The Advertiser Magazine*, p. 22, Louise Nunn