

Curriculum Vitae

DAVID FAIRBAIRN

1949 Born Zambia

1969-70 Studied Wimbledon & Central School of Art & Design

1971-74 West Surrey College of Art & Design B.A.Hons. Fine Art

1974-77 Scholarship Royal Academy Schools London. Post Graduate Study

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

- 2024 A Space Between the Lines, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney
- 2023 A Conversation with Drawing, Nanda Hobbs Sydney
- 2021/22 Drawn Together Touring to Grafton & Hawkesbury Regional Galleries
- 2017/18 Drawn To Print Touring to Tweed, MAC (Museum of Art & Culture) Lake Macquarie, Orange & Coffs Harbour Regional Art Galleries
- 2016 Overview Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney
- 2014 Drawing on the Past Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney
- 2013 Encounters King St Gallery on William Sydney
- 2012 Sight-Line James Makin Gallery Melbourne
- 2011 Insight Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney
- 2011-12 Lineage Selected Portraits 1998 – 2010
Exhibition hosted by Campbelltown Arts Centre Touring to Goulburn, Orange, Maitland, Caloundra, Mosman, Coffs Harbour Regional Galleries
- 2010 Contour James Makin Gallery Melbourne
- 2009 Captured Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney
- 2007 Marking Time Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney
- 2005 Headline Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney
- 2003 Overdraft Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney
- 2001 Tableau Mary Place Gallery Sydney
- 2000 Headstrong Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre
- 1999 Engraven Images Mary Place Gallery Sydney
- 1997 Scratching the Surface Mary Place Gallery Sydney
- 1995 Visage Crawford Gallery Sydney
- 1993 Wedderburn Pathways & Platforms Crawford Gallery Sydney
- 1988 Malevolent Head and the Landscape DC Art Sydney
- 1986 Portraits from Africa Hogarth Galleries
- 1984 Familiar Faces Mori Gallery
- 1981 David Reid's Gallery Sydney Australia.
- 1981 Unberumbeka Gallery Armidale
- 1974 Bondgate Gallery Newcastle UK

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

- 2026 Salon des Refuses S.H. Ervin Gallery (Archibald)
- 2025 Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW (finalist)
- 2024 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing PLC Sydney, (Highly commended)
- 2023 Salon des Refuses S.H. Ervin Gallery (Archibald)
- 2022 Sydney Contemporary, Carriageworks, Sydney (Nanda\Hobbs)
- 2022 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing PLC Sydney
- 2022 Grace Cossington Smith Art Award GCS Gallery Sydney
- 2022 Muswellbrook Art Prize Muswellbrook Regional Gallery

2022 AWI 98th Annual Exhibition Tradition & Transformation2: Taiwan- Australia International

2022 Watercolour Exhibition Juniper Hall Sydney

2022 Paul Guest Drawing Prize Bendigo Art Gallery Victoria

2022 Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award Grafton Regional Gallery

2021 Dobell Drawing Prize #22 National Art School Gallery Sydney

2021 Kilgour Figurative Painting Prize Newcastle Art Gallery

2021 Peebles Print Prize Queenscliff Gallery Victoria

2021 Salon des Refuses S.H. Ervin Gallery& David Roche Foundation Adelaide

2020 Taiwan- Australia International Watercolour Exhibition Taichung City Dadun Cultural Centre

2020 Swan Hill Prints & Drawing Awards Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery

2020 Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award Grafton Regional Gallery & tour

2020 Calleen Art Award Cowra Regional Art Gallery

2020 Salon des Refuses S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney

2019 Dobell Drawing Prize #21 National Art School Gallery Sydney

2019 IMPRINT: Survey of the Print Council of Australia Parliament House Canberra

2019 Peebles Print Prize Queenscliff Gallery Victoria

2019 Kilgour Figurative Painting Prize Newcastle Art Gallery

2018 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing PLC Sydney

2018 Inkmasters 4th Biennial Print Exhibition Tanks Arts Centre Cairns

2018 Grace Cossington Smith Art Award Grace Cossington Smith Gallery

2018 Jacaranda Drawing Prize Grafton Regional Gallery & tour

2018 The Art of Friendship Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studio's

2018 'Copper' Casula Power House Arts Centre

2018 Freemantle Print Award Freemantle Arts Centre

2017 Voices: Three Identities in Contemporary Printmaking Port Jackson Press Print Gallery

2017 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing PLC S

2017 Re-View Selected works from the Sunshine Coast Art Collection Caloundra Regional Gallery

2017 Australasia Painters 2007-17 Artist Profile Magazine 10th Year Anniversary Orange Regional Gallery

2017 Tracing the Line in Contemporary Printmaking Port Jackson Press Print Gallery

2017 Peebles Print Prize Queenscliff Gallery Victoria

2017 Paper Contemporary Sydney Contemporary Art Fair

2017 Now & Then 50yrs of the PCA Print Commission Collins Place Gallery Melbourne

2017 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize Juniper Hall Sydney & Tour

2017 Salon des Refuses S.H. Ervin Gallery

2016 Rick Amor Print Prize Montsalvat Victoria

2016 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing PLC Sydney

2016 National Works on Paper Award Mornington Peninsula Regional Art Gallery

2016 Rick Amor Drawing Prize Art Gallery of Ballarat

2016 Swan Hill Print & Drawing Awards Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery

2016 Paul Guest Drawing Prize Bendigo Art Gallery Victoria

2016 Archibald Prize Exhibition AGNSW

2016 The Gorge Campbelltown Arts Centre

2016 Printed in Australia SPOT 81

2016 Ways of Being Portraits from the Collection Orange Regional Gallery

2016 Proof The best of Contemporary Printmaking Port Jackson Press Print Gallery

2016 Contemporary Paper Port Jackson Press Print Gallery

2015 Muswellbrook Open Art Prize Muswellbrook Regional Gallery

2015 Across the water China –Australia Modern masters of Watercolour Juniper Hall Sydney

2015 Just Paper Maitland Regional Art Gallery

2015 Collections Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

2015 Gallery Artists Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney

2014 Rick Amor Drawing Prize Art Gallery of Ballarat Victoria

2014 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing PLC Sydney

2014 Small Images-Grande Visions 40/40 Wagner Art Gallery

2014 AWI 90th Annual Exhibition Gosford Regional Gallery

2014 Swan Hill Print & Drawing Acquisitive Awards Swan Hill Regional Gallery Victoria

2014 Glencore Percival Portrait Painting Prize Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville Qld
 2014 Under Pressure Gallery Red Sydney
 2014 Salon des Refuses S.H.Ervin Gallery Sydney
 2014 Drawing as Thought Grace Cossington Smith Gallery Abbotsleigh Sydney
 2013 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing Adelaide Perry Gallery
 2013 Muswellbrook Art Prize Works on Paper Muswellbrook Regional Art Gallery
 2013 Contemporary Australian Drawing (20 yrs of the Dobell Drawing Prize) Travelling Exhibition
 2013 A Fundamental Liberation III Wagner Gallery Sydney and Linton & Kay Galleries Perth
 2013 New Work King St Gallery on William Sydney
 2013 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize Juniper Hall Sydney
 2012 Archibald Prize Exhibition A.G.N.S.W. & Tour
 2012 The Drawing Room Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney
 2012 Rick Amor Drawing Prize Montsalvat Victoria
 2012 Paul Guest Drawing Prize Bendigo Art Gallery Victoria.
 2012 Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2D Caloundra Regional Gallery Queensland
 2012 Jacaranda Drawing Prize Grafton Regional Gallery & tour
 2012 The Kedumba Collection of Contemporary Drawings Orange Regional Gallery
 2012 Small Treats James Makin Gallery Melbourne
 2012 Gold Coast Art Prize Gold Coast City Gallery The Arts Centre Qld
 2012 Dobell Drawing Prize A.G.N.S.W.
 2011 Rick Amor Print Prize Montsalvat Victoria
 2011 Contemporary Australian Printmaking James Makin Gallery Melbourne
 2011 Heads Utopia Art Sydney
 2011 Dobell Drawing Prize A.G.N.S.W.
 2011 Contemporary Australian Printmaking James Makin Gallery Melbourne
 2011 Heads Utopia Art Sydney
 2010 Good Things Come in Small Packages James Makin Gallery Melbourne
 2010 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing Adelaide Perry Gallery Sydney
 2010 Autumn Collection James Makin Gallery Melbourne
 2010 Print and Drawing Acquisitive Awards Swan Hill Regional Gallery
 2010 Paul Guest Drawing Prize Bendigo Art Gallery
 2010 Rendered in Paint, Marked on Paper James Makin Gallery Melbourne
 2010 In (two) Art Maitland Regional Art Gallery Touring Exhibition
 2010 Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition AGNSW
 2010 Melbourne Art Fair James Makin Gallery
 2009 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing Adelaide Perry Gallery Sydney
 2009 Now and Then (Works from the permanent collection) Campbelltown Arts Centre
 2009 Winter Collection James Makin Gallery, Melbourne
 2009 Hope House Contemporary Art Exhibition and Auction SCA Gallery Sydney
 2009 Collections Hawkesbury Regional Gallery
 2009 Kedumba Drawing Award Kedumba Gallery
 2009 Banyule Works on Paper Art Award Victoria
 2009 Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition AGNSW
 2008 Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition AGNSW
 2008 The Sunshine Coast Art Prize Caloundra Regional Art Gallery Queensland
 2008 Stations of the Cross 2008 St Ives Uniting Church Sydney
 2007 The Sunshine Coast Art Prize Caloundra Regional Art Gallery Queensland
 2007 The Last Decade New England Regional Art Museum
 2007 The Year in Art S.H. Ervin
 2006 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing Adelaide Perry Gallery Sydney
 2006 Swan Hill Print & Drawing Acquisitive Awards Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery Victoria
 2006 Side By Side (Archer & Fairbairn) Cudgegong Gallery Gulgong NSW
 2006 The Sunshine Coast Art Prize Caloundra Regional Art Gallery Queensland
 2006 The 55th Blake Prize National Art School Gallery & Tour
 2006 Kilgour Acquisitive Figurative Painting Prize Newcastle Regional Art Gallery
 2006 Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition AGNSW
 2005 Custom Prints Unpacked! The Delmar Gallery Trinity Grammar School Sydney

2005 Walking the Line National Art School – Cell Block Theatre

2005 Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition AGNSW

2005 Selected Prints from Cicada Press John Miller Galleries Newcastle

2004 Anniversary Exhibition Stephanie Burns Fine Art Canberra ACT

2004 Salon des Refuses S H Ervin Gallery Sydney

2004 Melbourne Art Fair

2004 Redlands Invitational Art Award Mosman Gallery Sydney

2004 Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition AGNSW

2004 A Double Life (Archer/Fairbairn) Sturt Gallery NSW

2003 Archibald Prize Exhibition. AGNSW

2003 First Ten Years Dobell Drawing Prize 1993 - 2002 AGNSW

2003 Important Works on Paper Rex Irwin Art Dealer Sydney

2003 4 Wedderburn Painters Archer/Fairbairn/Peart/Cummings /Campbelltown Arts Centre

2003 Love Letter to China (drawings by 35 Australian artists). Ivan Dougherty Gallery.

2003 Hazlehurst Art Award for Art on Paper Hazlehurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre.

2003 International Contemporary Drawing Art Exhibition touring to Central Academy of Art Beijing Xi'an Academy of Fine Arts & Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts China.

2003 Paper 3 exhibition Stella Downer Fine Art Sydney.

2003 The Year in Art S H Ervin Gallery Sydney

2002 Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition. AGNSW.

2002 Archibald Prize Exhibition. AGNSW

2002 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize State Library, Art Gallery of WA & Geraldton Regional Art Gallery.

2002 Important Works on Paper Rex Irwin Art Dealer Sydney.

2001 Hand Over Hand A Survey of Collaborative Prints 1982-2000 by Suzanne Archer & David Fairbairn. (Affiliated with the Biennale of Sydney 2000). NERAM

2001 Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition. AGNSW.

2001 Hand Over Hand Collaborative Prints with Suzanne Archer. King Street Gallery Newtown.

2001 The Studio Tradition NAS 1883 – 2001 Manly Art Gallery & Museum & Tour.

2001 Rocks & Flesh Stephanie Burns Fine Art Canberra ACT

2001 Hazlehurst Art Award for Art on Paper. Hazlehurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre.

2000 Common Ground (Archer, Cummings, Fairbairn & Peart) Ivan Dougherty Gallery Sydney.

2000 Hand Over Hand A Survey of Collaborative Prints 1982-2000 by Suzanne Archer & David Fairbairn.
(Affiliated with the Biennale of Sydney 2000). Campbelltown Arts Centre.

2000 Half Metre Square. Cellblock National Art School.

2000 Archibald Prize Exhibition AGNSW

1997/99 13th Biennale Spring Festival of Drawing. Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery.

1999 The Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition AGNSW.

1999 Silver 25th Anniversary Exhibition COFA

1998 The Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition AGNSW.

1998 6 From Wedderburn Archer/Fairbairn/Peart/Hawkes /Jackson/Cummings

1998 Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre

1998 Symbiosis Utopia Art Sydney & NERAM.

1997 Schools of Thought Project Gallery Wollongong.

1997 Dobell Drawing Prize Exhibition AGNSW, Westpac Gallery & Solander gallery Canberra.

1997 Geelong Acquisitive Print Prize Exhibition Geelong Art Gallery.

1997 Kedumba Drawing Prize Exhibition Blue Mountains Grammar School.

1996 The Dobell Drawing Prize AGNSW & Westpac Gallery Melbourne.

1996 Mente Manuque Cell Block SIT East Sydney.

1996 Printmedia UWS MacArthur National Printmedia Award exhibition 1996. Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre.

1996 Schools of Thought Campbelltown Arts Centre & Mary Place Gallery Sydney.

1996 Fancy Feet Auction NERAM

1995 The King of the Accordion New England Art Museum & Tour.

1995 The 20th Annual Fremantle Print Award.

1993/95 Within a Stone's Throw Archer/Fairbairn/Peart/Jackson/Cummings King St on Burton

	Gallery Sydney.
1993/94	Prime Television Painting Prize exhibition & tour Newcastle Regional Art Gallery.
1994	Drawing on the Illawarra Long Gallery Wollongong.
1993	Within a Stone's Throw Archer/Fairbairn/Pear/Jackson/Cummings/ Campbelltown Arts Centre & Tour
1993	On the Other Hand SH Ervin Gallery
1992	Ides of March Goulburn Regional Gallery NSW.
1990	Mixed Media/Multi Media Painters Gallery Sydney
1990	Visual Instincts Holdsworth Gallery Sydney.
1990	A Celebration of Vincent Van Gogh's Art & Life by Australian Artists Campbelltown Arts Centre.
1989	Intimate Drawing Coventry Gallery Sydney.
1987	The Age of Collage Holdsworth Contemporary Galleries Sydney.
1987	Illawarra Ceramicists Wollongong City Art Gallery (Collaboration Archer/Fairbairn/Hull)
1986	Self Image – The Immolation Mirage Sydney Biennale The Lewers Bequest & Penrith Regional Gallery.
1986	The Portrait Today Westpac Gallery Victorian Arts Centre Melbourne
1986	Oz Drawing Now Holdsworth Contemporary Galleries Sydney.
1985/86	Archibald Prize Exhibition AGNSW.
1985	After Africa Avago Gallery Sydney.
1984	Collaborative Relief Prints Powell Street Gallery Melbourne (in collaboration with Suzanne Archer).
1983	Attitudes to Drawing Ivan Dougherty Gallery Sydney.
1982	Collage Wollongong City Art Gallery
1982	The Sydney Opera House Tenth Anniversary Exhibition AGNSW.
1982	Celebration (in collaboration with Suzanne Archer) Roslyn Oxley Gallery
1978	The Whitechapel Open Whitechapel Art Gallery London.
1977	New Contemporaries Royal Academy of Arts London.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

2021	Muswellbrook Art Prize (Works on Paper)
2018	Jacaranda Acquisitive Purchase Prize
2017	Print Council of Australia Print Commission
2012	Print Council of Australia Print Commission
2012	Mosman Art Prize Mosman Art Gallery Sydney
2012	Sunshine Coast Art Prize and Residency Caloundra Regional Gallery Queensland
2009	Kedumba Drawing Award (Acquisitive Purchase Prize)
2007	Willoughby Works on Paper Prize
2006	Calleen Acquisitive Prize Cowra Art Gallery
2003	Art on the Rocks Prize
2002	Doug Moran National Portrait Prize
1995/2001	Fisher's Ghost Art Prize CAC (Labour Councillors Award)
1995/2000	Fisher's Ghost Art Prize CAC (work on paper)
2000	Flemming Muntz Albury Purchase Award for Works on Paper
1999	Dobell Drawing Prize AGNSW
1998	Berrima Works on Paper Prize
1997	Fisher's Ghost Open Art Prize CAC (Purchase Prize)
1997	Conrad Jupiter's Art Prize (purchase prize)
1994	Waverly Drawing Prize
1993/94/95	St Gregory's College Purchase Prize
1993	Macquarie Towns Acquisitive Art Prize
1993	Fisher's Ghost Art Prize CAC (local section)
1993	Fairfield Art Prize (open)
1992	Fairfield Art Prize (contemporary section)
1989	Warringah Art Prize
1989	Camden Art Prize
1989	Gold Coast Purchase Prize

1989	Drummoyne Art Prize
1989	Fisher's Ghost Art prize CAC (contemporary section)
1988	Camden Local Art Prize
1987	Portland Art Purchase Prize
1987	Camden 'Works on Paper' Prize
1987	Waverley Woollahra Art Prize
1987	Bathurst Art Purchase Prize
1987	Jacaranda Art Prize
1985 & 86	Drummoyne Council Art Award
1985 & 86	Jacaranda Council Art Award
1984	Gold Coast City Art Prize (purchase prize)
1984	Mudgee Purchase Prize
1984	Hunters Hill Art Prize
1983	Randwick Art prize (painting)
1983	Broken Hill City Art Gallery (purchase prize)
1981	Bathurst Art Prize (purchase prize)
1981	Port Stephens Shire Council (purchase prize)
1976	Landseer Prize for Painting & Drawing Royal Academy of Arts
1976	Windsor & Newton Griffen Prize for Painting Royal Academy of Arts
1975	David Murray Landscape Scholarship Royal Academy of Arts

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Artbank
 AGNSW
 Albury Regional Art Gallery
 Australian National Gallery
 Art Gallery of South Australia
 Bathurst Regional Gallery
 Broken Hill City Art Collection
 Baker McKenzie Collection
 Burnie Regional Art Gallery
 Camden Council Collection
 Campbelltown Arts Centre
 Calrossy Girls School Collection Tamworth
 Canson Australia
 Charles Sturt University
 Cowra Art Gallery
 Caloundra Regional Gallery Qld
 Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery N.S.W
 Croydon Galleries Sydney
 Doug Moran Art Foundation
 Faber – Castell Drawing Collection
 Fairfield City Council Collection
 Grafton Regional Gallery
 Goulburn Regional Gallery N.S.W.
 Genazzano FCJ College Victoria
 Hawkesbury City Council
 Heide Museum of Modern Art
 HOTA
 Hunters Hill Municipal Art Collection
 Judith Neilson Foundation
 Kedumba Collection
 Kinross Wolaroi School Collection
 Latrobe Valley Arts Centre
 Marsden's Solicitors & Attorneys
 Maitland City Art Gallery

MAC (Museum of Art & Culture) Lake Macquarie
Maroondah Gallery
Mosman Art Gallery Sydney
Mudgee Council Collection
Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre
National Art school Sydney
New England Regional Art Museum
NSW Teachers Credit Union Collection
Orange Regional Gallery
Picture Collection of the State Library of Victoria
Print Council Australia Archive
PLC Sydney
Port Stephens Shire Council
Portland Art Purchase Committee Collection
Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
St Gregory's College Campbelltown
State Bank
St Margaret's School Victoria
State Library of Australia
St Catherine's School Victoria
St Kevin's College Victoria
St Michael's Grammar Victoria
Toowoomba Regional Gallery
Tweed River Regional Art Gallery
University of New England
University of Western Sydney
Westminster School SA
Waverley- Woollahra Council Collection
Warringah Shire Council Collection
Wollongong University Collection
Westbourne School Victoria