GERWYN DAVIES

CV

Born 1985, Ipswich, Queensland

Represented by Michael Reid Sydney + Berlin

EDUCATION

2017	PhD, University of New South Wales Art & Design, Sydney
2012	Bachelor of Photography (First Class Honours), Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Brisbane

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025	Calypso, Michael Reid Sydney, NSW
2024	Mirage, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
	Glisten, South East Centre for Contemporary Art (SECCA), Bega, NSW
2023	Mustang, Michael Reid Art Bar, Sydney, NSW
2022	Pleasure (offsite exhibition at The Calile Hotel), Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
	Strange Magic, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
2021	Iridescent, Museum of Sydney, NSW
	Gerwyn Davies: Plush, UNSW Galleries, Sydney, NSW
	Utopia, Michael Reid Berlin, Germany
	Alien, Perth Centre for Photography, WA
2020	Utopia, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
	Fur, Michael Reid Berlin, Germany
2019	Heatwave, Bundaberg Regional Gallery, QLD
	Gerwyn Davies (online exhibition), Michael Reid Sydney, NSW
2018	Idols (online exhibition), Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
	Fur, Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney, NSW
2017	Heatwave, Gould Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
2016	Subtropics, Spiro Grace Art Rooms, Brisbane, QLD
2015	Paradise, Spiro Grace Art Rooms, Brisbane, QLD
2014	Creature, Brisbane Powerhouse, QLD
2013	A Million Bucks, Ipswich Art Gallery, QLD
	Beast, Spiro Grace Art Rooms, Brisbane, QLD
2012	50ft McQueenie, Metro Arts, Brisbane, QLD

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	Steel Town Disciples, Queensland Centre for Photography, Brisbane, QLD

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025	National Photographic Portrait Prize 2025, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
	Souter's Bondi, Bondi Pavilion Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	De-centre re-centre, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery / Perth Centre for Photography, WA
	Performing Presence, Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland, QLD
	Common Ground, Bondi Pavilion Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	Sydney Contemporary 2025, Michael Reid Sydney, NSW
2024	HOTA Collects, HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
	Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize, HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
	Brisbane Portrait Prize, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD
	The Autumn Edit, Michael Reid Berlin, Germany
	Newcastle, Michael Reid Newcastle, NSW
	Synergy: identity, portraiture and the moving body, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, NSW
2023	Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, NSW
	Halfway, Yarrila Arts and Museum, Coffs Harbour, NSW
2022	Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, QLD
	Transcending Likeness: contemporary portraits from the collection, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, NSW
2021	City in the Sun, Museum of Brisbane, QLD
	Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, NSW
	Lightyears at the BAS, Michael Reid Sydney, NSW
2020	Jan Murphy Gallery, Sydney Contemporary Art Fair Online, Sydney, NSW
	The Alice Prize, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT
	New Collectors, Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide, SA
	Razzle Dazzle, Brisbane Outdoor Gallery, Museum of Brisbane, QLD
2019	Pleasure, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
	Figure and Ground, Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide, SA
	Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art

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	Centre, NSW
2018	Dress Code, Museum of Brisbane, QLD
	Biennale of Australian Art, Art Gallery of Ballarat, VIC
	The Alice Prize, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2017	William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne, VIC

AWARDS, PRIZES AND RESIDENCIES

2025	Finalist, National Photographic Portrait Prize 2025, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
2024	Finalist, Brisbane Portrait Prize, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane
	Finalist, Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize, HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
2023	Finalist, Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, NSW
	Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, QLD
	Finalist, Clayton Utz Prize, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane
2021	Winner (Director's Choice Award), Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, NSW
	Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, QLD
2020	Highly Commended, The Alice Prize, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT
	Highly Commended, Clayton Utz Prize, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane
2019	Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, QLD
	Finalist, Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture, Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, NSW
	Finalist, Clayton Utz Prize, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane
2018	Artist Residency, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane
	Australia Council Kyoto Art Centre Exchange, Kyoto, Japan
	Finalist, Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Prize, HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
	Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, QLD
	Finalist, The Alice Prize, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2017	Finalist, William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
	Finalist, Fisher's Ghost Art Prize, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney
2013	Winner, Pedestrian.tv Photo of the Year Award

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COMMISSIONS

2021–22	Hermès window display collaboration, Brisbane and Sydney
2015	Artbank / QPAC Playhouse photo commission, Brisbane

PUBLICATIONS

2025	Ross Bilton, Heart of the Nation: Newcastle 2300, The Weekend Australian Magazine, 22 February
2022	Friday Fabulous Five – See, Belle Magazine (online), 2 September
	Gerwyn Davies (Artefacts), Vault Magazine, Issue 38, May–July
	Philippa Coates, Check out these hotel guests, Australian Financial Review, 29 July
	Benjamen Judd, Master of Illusion, Wish Magazine, The Australian, 3–4 June
	Lisa Davidson, Gerwyn Davies – Strange Magic, We Heart (online), 9 March
2021	Steve Dow, Iridescent: Gerwyn Davies' colourful, camp costume sculptures, The Guardian Australia (online), December
	Alexandra English, Carried Away, Harper's Bazaar Australia/New Zealand, November
	Jane Albert, 'He's quite shy and retiring': the artist behind Australia's most outlandish selfies, Good Weekend, Sydney Morning Herald, September
	Joseph Brennan, Gerwyn Davies: Plush, Art Almanac, March
	Rose of Sharon Leake, Under your skin – Gerwyn Davies, Art Edit Magazine, Issue 26
2020	Joseph Brennan, Exhibitions: Pleasure (review), Art Almanac, January/February
2018	Phil Brown, Top 10 Emerging Queensland Artists, The Courier Mail, 8 September
	Tracy Clement, Gerwyn Davies: Fur, Art Guide Australia, June
2017	Peter Speetjens, The Tacky and Grotesque of Life Down Under, Plastik Magazine, Spring
2013	Gerwyn Davies' 'Beast', British Journal of Photography, 1 September

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Artbank

City of Sydney

HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD

Ipswich Art Gallery, QLD

Museum of Sydney

Museum of Brisbane

Queensland Children's Hospital, Brisbane

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Queensland Centre for Photography, Brisbane

Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland, QLD

Tweed Regional Gallery, NSW