

## LOUISE PARAMOR

Born 1964, Sydney, New South Wales; lives and works in Melbourne. Louise Paramor received a Bachelor of Fine Art (Painting) from Curtin University, Perth, in 1985 and in 1988 she completed a Postgraduate Diploma (Sculpture) at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Paramor is well known for her large-scale public art commissions, which often combine formal concerns with a pop-inspired sensibility. Commissions include *Panorama Station*, Peninsula Link Freeway, Melbourne (2012), and more recently, *Transformer*, Moreland Train Station, Coburg, Melbourne (2021).

Paramor has regularly exhibited her work nationally and internationally since 1988, and has been awarded several grants and international residencies including an Australia Council Fellowship at the Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, 1999–2000.

In 2010 she won the prestigious McClelland Sculpture Survey and Award with her piece *Top Shelf*. Recently the National Gallery of Victoria commissioned the artist to create the installation *Palace of the Republic* (2017), a series of large scale paper sculptures that referenced her earlier artistic practice, in conjunction with a survey of her recent colourful plastic assemblages.

Paramor's work is held in many collections including: Art Gallery of Western Australia; National Gallery of Victoria; Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne; Curtin University, Perth; Monash University Museum of Art; Artbank; Geelong Gallery; McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Victoria; and Gold Coast City Art Gallery.

## EDUCATION

1987–1988 Postgraduate Diploma (Sculpture), Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne

1983–1985 Bachelor of Fine Art (Painting), Western Australian Institute of Technology, Perth

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Parallel Universe*, Finkelstein Gallery, Melbourne

2019 *Divine Assembly*, Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, WA

2017 *Palace of the Republic*, NGV Australia, Federation Square

2016 *Boomtown*, Karen Woodbury Fine Art, Melbourne

2014 *Supermodel*, Turner Galleries, Perth

2014 *New Order*, Benalla Regional Gallery, Victoria

2013 *Emporium: a survey 1990–2013*, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne

2011 *Stupa City*, Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne

2009 *Mood Bomb*, Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne

2008 *Square*, Turner Galleries, Perth

2007 *Show Court 3*, (curated by Jane O'Neill) Rod Laver Arena Complex

2006 *A Bunch of Flowers*, Nellie Castan Gallery, Melb. and Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts

2005 *Classic Shazzy*, Stichting Duende Aktiviteiten, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

2005 *Up She Goes*, Linden – St Kilda Centre for Contemporary Arts, Melbourne

2003 *immer dein*, Breitengraser-room for contemporary sculpture, Berlin

2003 *Heart-On*, Project Space, RMIT

2002 *The Love Artist*, Breitengraser-room for contemporary sculpture, Berlin

2001 *Outback Heat*, Kunstverein Langenhagen, Germany

2001 *Heart-On*, International Art Space Kellerberrin Australia (IASKA)

2001 *Lustgarten*, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne and Artspace, Sydney

2000 *Lustgarten*, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin and Schloss Pillnitz, Dresden

2000 *foam-born*, Breitengraser-room for contemporary sculpture, Berlin

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Uptown*, Society Restaurant, Bourke St (City of Melbourne project)

2018 *Geelong Contemporary Art Prize*, Geelong Art Gallery, Victoria

2017 *Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize Exhibition*, Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria

2015 *Paramor Prize: Art + Innovation 2015*, Casula Power House Arts Centre, Sydney

2015 *21<sup>st</sup> Century Heide: The Collection Since 2000*, Heide Museum of Modern Art

2014 *Lorne Sculpture Biennale*, Lorne, Victoria (Award winner)

2014 *Melbourne Prize for Urban Sculpture*, Federation Square, Melbourne

2014 *Action Stations* (with Peter Maloney), Canberra Contemporary Art Space

2014 *Curveball* (with Lisa Young), Sarah Scout Presents, Melbourne

2013 *Melbourne Now*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

2013 *Onside*, Casula Power House Arts Centre, Sydney  
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- 2013 *Regimes of Value*, The Substation, Melbourne
- 2013 *Light Years*, C3 Contemporary Art space, Abbotsford Convent, Melb.
- 2012 *Inspiring Artists*, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- 2011 *Forever Young: Thirty Years of the Heide Collection*, Heide Museum
- 2011 *Found*, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne
- 2011 *Buddha Enlightened 2BE*, Bodhgaya, Bihar, India
- 2011 *Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize Exhibition*, Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria
- 2010 *McClelland Sculpture Survey & Award*, Langwarrin, Victoria
- 2010 *Monumental Effect*, Death Be Kind, Upstairs@The Alderman, Melbourne
- 2009 *+/-*, Monash University, Faculty Gallery, Faculty of Art and Design, Caulfield
- 2009 *Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize Exhibition*, Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria
- 2008 *Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award Exhibition*, Werribee Park, Victoria
- 2008 Melbourne Prize for Urban Sculpture, Federation Square, (winner Vic Urban award)
- 2008 National Works on Paper Award Exhibition, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria
- 2007 *Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award Exhibition*, Werribee Park, Victoria
- 2006 *Supercharged*, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane (then touring in 2007)
- 2005 *Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize Exhibition*, Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria
- 2005 *Made in Rotterdam*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2005 *Tales of the City*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 2005 *Mix Tape*, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
- 2004 *STASH*, TENT, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2004 *Cutting Edges*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 *The Spirit of Football*, The Ian Potter Centre: National Gallery of Victoria
- 2003 *Papercuts*, Monash University, Melbourne
- 2001 *National Sculpture Prize Exhibition*, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
- 2000 *Satellit (Z2000)*, Berliner Pavillion, Berlin

2000 *Oblique Shadows*, Sculpture Square, Singapore

2000 *Mengenbüro*, Gallery Skuc, Ljubljana, Slovenia

#### SELECTED COMMISSIONS

2016 *Feeling Machines*, permanent public sculpture commission, Bowden Park, Adelaide

2015 *Supermodel*, permanent public sculpture commission, Lorne foreshore, Victoria

2014 *Noble Ape*, permanent public sculpture commission, NGV

2012 *Panorama Station*, permanent public sculpture commission Peninsula Link Freeway, Melbourne

2009 *Heavy Metal Jam Session*, permanent public sculpture commission, COSTCO Wholesale, Docklands, Melbourne

2006 *Kronleuchter*, (suspended sculpture), Hermes Australia, Sydney

2003 *Moon Blossom* (suspended sculpture), The Esplanade Arts Complex, Singapore

2001 Suspended sculpture for stage production 'Carmen Miranda Revue Pavillon', director-Holgar Friedrich, Haus der Berliner Festspiele, Berlin

#### SELECTED GRANTS/AWARDS/RESIDENCIES

2014 Winner, *Lorne Sculpture Biennale*, Lorne Victoria

2011 Australia Council Studio Residency, Greene Street, New York

2010 Winner, *McClelland Sculpture Survey & Award*

2008 Australia Council, Visual Arts Board, New Work Grant

2005 Artist-in-Residence, Stichting Duende Aktiviteiten, Rotterdam, The Netherlands (Funded by Arts Victoria International Export and Touring Fund)

2003 Asialink Artist-in-Residence, La Salle-Sia College of the Arts, Singapore

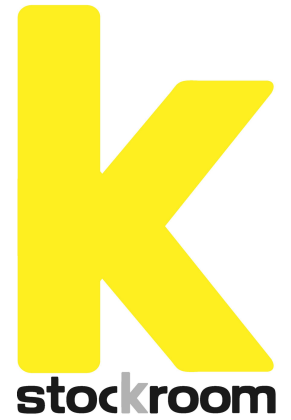
2001 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant

1999/2000 Australia Council Fellowship, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin

1995 Asialink Artist-in-Residence, Bharat Bhavan Multi Arts Complex, Bhopal, India

1993/95 200 Gertrude Street Artists' Spaces Studio Residency, Melbourne

1992 Australia Council Studio Residency, Barcelona, Spain



## COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth  
Gold Coast City Gallery, Queensland  
Geelong Art Gallery, Victoria  
Artbank, Sydney  
Curtin University, Perth  
Heide Museum of Modern Art, Victoria  
Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, University of Western Australia  
McClelland Gallery +Sculpture Park, Langwarren, Victoria  
Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne  
South Melbourne City Council, Melbourne  
Glen Eira City Council, Melbourne  
Moreland City Council, Melbourne