

## **Bernard Ollis Biography**

Dip AD (BA Hons) MA Royal College of Art (Painting) London

1951            Born in Bath, England

### **Studies**

1973 – 1976    Master of Art (Painting), the Royal College of Art, London UK (MA RCA London)  
1970 – 1973    Diploma of Art and Design, Cardiff College of Art and Design, Wales UK (Dip AD)  
1969 – 1970    Foundation Studies Cardiff College of Art and Design, Wales UK (BA Hons)

### **Lecturing and Administrative Experience**

1996 – 2009    Director  
National Art School (Sydney)  
1982 – 1996    Senior Lecturer/Head of Fine Art  
La Trobe University (Victoria)  
1977-1982     Head of Painting, Drawing and Sculpture Section  
Darwin Community College (Charles Darwin University)  
1974 – 1976    Visiting Lecturer  
Various British Art Schools

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2017            *Recent works*, Mitchell Galleries Brisbane (May)  
2017            *Favourite Places*, Harvey Galleries Seaforth and Mosman, Sydney (March)  
2016            Run Ya Artspace Linyi China  
2016            *Cultural Exchange of Australia and China*, Linyi Arts Centre Shandong  
2016            *Storytelling about China* - Shanghai Cultural Centre & Art Gallery China  
2016            *Open Studio – Travel Paintings*, Linton and Kay Galleries, Perth WA  
2016            *Travels to Paris*, Trevor Victor Harvey Gallery, Seaforth, Sydney NSW  
2015            *Brisbane and Beyond*, Mike Mitchell Fine Art Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland  
2015            *Bernard Ollis: 54 Works* at Michael Reid Gallery, Berlin, Germany  
2015            *Observations of Paris*, NG Gallery, Sydney  
2015            *Theatre of Life*, Buratti Fine Art, Perth, WA  
2015            *Antarctica- Shackleton*, The Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney  
2014            *Bernard Ollis*, Kenthurst Galleries, NSW  
2014            *Le Regard de deux Australiens*, L'Espace Beaujon, Paris, France  
2014            *Traveller's Tales*, Tweed River Regional Gallery, NSW  
2013            *A Town Like Paris*, Muk Muk Fine Art, travelling show to Alice Springs, Darwin, Brisbane  
2013            *Paris Work*, Buratti Fine Art, Perth  
2012 – 13       *Modern Living: Bernard Ollis*. A survey of the work of Bernard Ollis, Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney  
2012            *Paris Considered*, NG Art Gallery, Sydney  
2012            *Parisian Reflections*, Letham Galleries, Auckland, NZ  
2011            *Paris Revisited*, NG Art Gallery, Sydney  
2011            *Major Works*, Buratti Fine Art, Perth  
2010            *Italy 19* Karen Contemporary Artspace Gold Coast, Queensland  
2009            *The Grand Tour*, United Galleries Perth WA  
2009            *Journeys through Italy and Egypt*, NG Art Sydney NSW  
2008            *Urban Myth*, United Galleries Perth WA  
2008            *Incognito* NG Art, Chippendale Sydney NSW  
2006            *The St Peters Suite* Michael Nagy Fine Art, Sydney NSW

2002	Stella Downer Galleries, Sydney NSW
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1998	Mary Place Gallery, Sydney NSW Sydney Theatre Company, Sydney NSW
1997	Hot Bath Gallery, Bath UK
1996	Australian Galleries, Melbourne Victoria
1994	Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria
1993	Botanical Gallery, South Yarra Victoria
1992	Retrospective Paintings and Pastels Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW
1991	Powell Street Gallery, South Yarra Victoria
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1988	Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW Roz McAllen Gallery, Brisbane Queensland
1987	Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW Powell Street Gallery, South Yarra Victoria
1984 – 1986	Visual Arts Board, "Bernard Ollis" The Australian Tour; exhibited at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Undercroft Gallery for the Perth Festival University of Western Australia</li> <li>▪ Hawthorn City Art Gallery, Victoria</li> <li>▪ Warrnambool Art Gallery, Victoria</li> <li>▪ Ararat Gallery, Victoria</li> <li>▪ Mildura Arts Centre, Victoria</li> <li>▪ Shepparton Regional Art Gallery, Victoria</li> <li>▪ Muswellbrook Art Gallery, NSW</li> <li>▪ Bathurst Regional Gallery, NSW</li> <li>▪ Orange Art Gallery, NSW</li> <li>▪ Benalla Art Gallery Victoria</li> <li>▪ Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, NSW</li> <li>▪ Bendigo Art Gallery Victoria (extended survey exhibition)</li> </ul>
1984	Macquarie Gallery, Sydney NSW
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1978	Warehouse Galleries, South Melbourne Victoria
1976	The Africa Centre Covent Garden, London UK The Royal Commonwealth Society, London UK
1974 – 1975	Commonwealth Institute Gallery, London UK
1972 – 1973	College of Art Gallery, Cardiff Wales

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2016	Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, NSW
2015	Three Australians, Gallery 12, Auckland NZ
2015	New Romantics (with Wendy Sharpe and Johnny Romeo), Penny Contemporary Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania
2015	Private Lives: Collections, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
2011	Dobell Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
2011	IN[TWO]ART, Maitland Regional Art Gallery touring exhibition
2010	Salon des Refuses, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
2010	'Tales from the City', Two person exhibition with Wendy Sharpe, Orange Regional Art Gallery
2009	'Every Dog has its Day', Letham Gallery Auckland NZ
2008	United Galleries, Perth WA

2008	Contemporary Drawing London University of the Arts Wimbledon Art Col, England
2008	'Vernissage' Oxford Street Gallery, Melbourne Victoria
	'Drawcard' National Art School Gallery, Sydney New South Wales
2007	'Fragile Planet' NG Art Gallery, Sydney New South Wales
	'Salon des Refuses' SH Ervin Gallery, New South Wales
	SCEGGS Redlands Art Prize
	Mosman Art Prize
	'There is no place like home' NG Art Gallery, Sydney New South Wales
2006	Hong Ik University Gallery, Seoul South Korea
2005	'Drawcard' Cell Block Theatre National Art School, Sydney New South Wales
2005	'Dog Trumpet' Michael Nagy Gallery, Sydney New South Wales
	'Drawing the Line' Cell Block Theatre National Art School (academic staff exhibition)
	Art Space, Bendigo Victoria
	Lake Macquarie Invitation Prize, University Gallery Sydney NSW

### Awards and Prizes

2015	Artist Residency in Zhouzhang, China
2014	Mawson's Hut Foundation artist-in-residence, Antarctica voyage
2008	Australian Embassy, Artist-in-Residence Studio, Cairo, Egypt
2005	Conrad Jupiter Art Prize Gold Coast City Art Gallery Queensland
2000	Olympic Arts Festival
1992	Selected by Melbourne Theatre Company for season's brochure
1989	Selected for Sydney Children's Choir catalogue
1988	Heritage Arts Festival Award, Queensland
1984	Visual Arts Board Australia, Council Grant
1983	Commissioned series of paintings for Napoleon Brandy Advertising Campaign
1982	Gold Coast City Art Awards, Queensland
1977	Sir Fredrick Richards's Travelling Scholarship (drawing), UK
1976	John Minton International Painting Prize, London UK
1975	Artist-in-residence Maltese Studio International Youth Arts Festival British representative
	Artist-in-residence Paris Studio Cité Internationale des Arts France

### Collections

- Art Bank, Sydney NSW
- Australian National Gallery, Canberra ACT
- Bathurst Arts Centre, Bathurst NSW
- Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo Victoria
- Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historical Collection, Victoria
- Cultural Centre, Valetta Malta
- Darwin University, Northern Territory
- Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Surfers Paradise Queensland
- Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton NSW
- Herald Sun Art Collection, Melbourne Victoria
- McGregor Collection University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba Queensland

- Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- National Art School, Sydney NSW
- National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne Victoria
- New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale NSW
- Orange Art Gallery, Orange NSW
- Parliament House, Canberra ACT
- Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane Queensland
- Royal College of Art, London UK
- Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Victoria
- The Commonwealth Institute, London UK
- Welsh Arts Council, Cardiff Wales