

## **CV - James Francis Drinkwater**

b. 28.12.1983

### **Bio**

James Drinkwater is a Newcastle based artist whose practice traverses across painting, sculpture, assemblage and collage. Drinkwater makes work about place, intimacy and memory, he uses abstraction, colour and mark making as a vehicle in which to translate these concerns. Drinkwater grew up in Newcastle and studied at the National Art School in Sydney before moving to Melbourne for several years. He then moved to Germany and lived between Berlin and Leipzig for three years where he continued his practice. James Drinkwater has received the Marten Bequest travelling Scholarship and has been a finalist for the Wynne prize in 2014, he has been a finalist for the Brett Whiteley Travelling Scholarship for three consecutive years, two of which he was highly commended. He has also been hung in the Dobell Drawing Prize in 2011. Drinkwaters work is held in major public and private collections both nationally and internationally including the Macquarie Bank Art Collection, Allens Law firm, the Newcastle Art Gallery and private collections in New York, Singapore, Art Collection, Germany and the UK.

### **Education**

Fine Arts, National Art School in Darlinghurst Sydney Australia

### **Exhibitions**

#### **Solo exhibitions**

2014 - The boy and the ballet – Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney (March, Art month)  
2013 - Conductors Project, St James and Museum station, Sydney  
2012 - The Ocean Parade – Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney  
2011 - Nostalgia for Nothing – Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney (March, Art month)  
2010 - Brooding Town – Iain Dawson Gallery, Sydney  
2010 - Postage Paid Berlin – Cooks Hill Galleries, Newcastle  
2009 - Poor Boy – Fortyfive Downstairs, Melbourne  
2008 - I knew I knew you – Cooks Hill Galleries, Newcastle  
2006 - Wash Me Clean – Cooks Hill Galleries, Newcastle  
2005 - New Work – Volume Gallery, Newcastle  
2004 - Vintage – Damien Minton Gallery, Newcastle  
2004 - New Paintings – Maunsell Wicks, Sydney  
2003 - Mark Making – NAS, Newcastle

#### **Selected group exhibitions**

2014 - 'Paperweight' - Newcastle Art Gallery  
2014 - 'RIGHTNOW' - Boomalli Gallery, Sydney  
2013 - Sydney Contemporary Art Fair  
2013 - 'Working Newcastle' - University of Newcastle  
2013 - 'Marked' - Cessnock Regional Art Gallery  
2013 - 'Eternity' - Damien Minton Gallery  
2012 - 'Collectors Choice' - University of Newcastle  
2012 - 'Young Collectors' -John Buckley Gallery Melbourne  
2012 - 'Traces' - Leipzig Art Fair, Germany  
2012 - '31 Pillows' Damien Minton Gallery Sydney  
2012 - 'Five Bells' - Damien Minton Gallery  
2012 - 'The Great Australian Landscape' - Tim Olsen Gallery  
2011 - 'Kurz und Wichtig' - Leipzig, Germany  
2010 - A Perfect Day to Chase Tornados (White), Berlin  
2010 - 48hours Neukolln, Berlin

### **Collections**

Macquarie Bank, Allen Arthur Robinson, Newcastle Art Gallery, University of Newcastle, Warner Music Australia, Private collections, New York, UK, Singapore, Australia, Germany

### **Residencies**

2014 - HMRI artist in resident  
2013 - Lake Macquarie City Gallery - in conjunction with Christo: John Kaldor Family collection artist rooms  
2012 - Titjikala art centre NT (National art School)  
2012 - Freestone print studio, Gippsland, Victoria  
2012 - Familia Mojo Family orphanage Nairobi, Kenya, Jan-Feb 2012  
2011 - Leipzig International Art Programme (LIA) Germany

## **Awards**

2014 - Brett Whiteley traveling scholarship [winner]  
2014 - Wynne [finalist]  
2014 - King School prize [finalist]  
2014 - Newcastle University Prize [finalist]  
2013 - Doug Moran portrait prize [semi finalist]  
2013 - Brett Whiteley traveling scholarship [finalist, highly commended]  
2012 - King School prize [finalist]  
2012 - Brett Whiteley traveling scholarship [finalist]  
2011 - Dobell drawing Prize [finalist]  
2011 - Brett Whiteley traveling scholarship [finalist, highly commended]  
2011 - Marten Bequest traveling scholarship [winner]  
2011 - Salon Des Refuses [finalist]  
2002 - John Olsen National Art School Life Drawing Prize [winner]  
2001 - Newcastle Mattara Festival Painting Prize [winner]

## **Selected bibliography**

### **2014**

Sydney Morning Herald 'James Drinkwater wins Brett Whiteley Travelling Scholarship', September 5<sup>th</sup>  
Daily Telegraph 'Newcastle artist James Drinkwater wins Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship and is off to Paris' September 5<sup>th</sup>

Newcastle Herald 'Paris residency for persistent artist' September 5<sup>th</sup>

The Age 'James Drinkwater wins Brett Whiteley Travelling Scholarship', September 5<sup>th</sup>

Blouin Art Info 'James Drinkwater wins Brett Whiteley Travelling Scholarship', September 4<sup>th</sup>

### **2013**

The Telegraph, 'Inspiration comes out of Africa' July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Newcastle Herald, Weekender, 'Domestic outpouring' June 29<sup>th</sup>

### **2012**

Sydney Morning Herald 'Five bells' Feb

Sydney Morning Herald, 'The great Australian landscape' Jan

### **2011**

Hunter Lifestyle Magazine, November 2011

The Arts Diary, Sydney Morning Herald, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Fine Arts Department, Newcastle TAFE: Speaker for presentation, March 25<sup>th</sup>

National Art School, Sydney: Speaker. Berlin, 'We didn't just go there for a hair cut', March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Spectrum, Sydney Morning Herald, March 19<sup>th</sup>

The Australian Financial Review, 'City of Freedom', March 17<sup>th</sup>

### **2010**

Spectator Magazine - 'Ich bin ein Berliner', January

Real Living Magazine - 'Best of the best art works', July

ABC National Radio - 'Expatriate of the week', April

Newcastle Herald, 27<sup>th</sup> March

Newcastle Herald - 'At home in Berlin', 19<sup>th</sup> March

Art review - Newcastle Weekender Magazine, 27<sup>th</sup> March

Newcastle Herald - At Home in Berlin, 19<sup>th</sup> March

### **2009**

Suffering for his art - Star Newspaper Melbourne, 28<sup>th</sup> April

Expressionist - MX Melbourne city rail newspaper, 27<sup>th</sup> April

Drinking it up - Newcastle Weekender Magazine, 14<sup>th</sup> June

### **2007**

Newcastle Herald - H2, May