

# STATION

## **Polly Borland**

Born 1959, Melbourne, Australia

Lives and works between Melbourne, Australia & Los Angeles, USA

## **Education**

1983     Diploma in Photography, Prahran College, Melbourne

## **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 2023     *Nudie and Blobs*, STATION, Melbourne
- 2021     *Nudie*, Nino Mier, Los Angeles
- 2018     *Polymorph*, Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney  
           *Polyverse*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 2017     *The Babies and Tapestries*, Mier Gallery, Los Angeles  
           *Monster*, Murray White Room, Melbourne
- 2016     *Not Good at Human*, Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney
- 2014     *You*, Murray White Room, Melbourne  
           *Wonky*, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne
- 2013     *Pupa*, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York  
           *You*, PK Shop, New York  
           *Pupa*, Murray White Room, Melbourne
- 2012     *Everything I want to be when I grow up*, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
- 2011     *Smudge*, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York  
           *Smudge*, Other Criteria, London  
           *Smudge*, Gloria Actar Birkhauser, Madrid
- 2010     *Smudge*, Murray White Room, Melbourne
- 2008     *Bunny*, Murray White Room, Melbourne  
           *Bunny*, Michael Hoppen Contemporary, London
- 2002     *The Babies*, Anna Schwartz Gallery, Melbourne
- 2001     *Polly Borland: Australians*, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra  
           *Polly Borland: Australians*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2000     *Polly Borland: Australians*, National Portrait Gallery, London
- 1999     *The Babies*, 1999 Meltdown Festival curated by Nick Cave, Southbank, London
- 1984     *Polly Borland*, George Paton Gallery, Melbourne

## **Selected Group Exhibition**

- 2023     *MONUMENTS*, MARFA Invitational, Texas
- 2021     *Inaugural Exhibition*, Nino Mier, Brussels
- 2020     *NADA Miami*, Miami  
           *Five Year Anniversary Show*, Nino Mier, Los Angeles
- 2019     *Annual Group Show*, Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney

- 2018 *The Waves*, Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney  
*Sheer Fantasy*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney  
*Chaos & Order*, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne  
*Group Show 2018*, Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney
- 2017 *Group Show 2017*, Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney
- 2016 *Arrival*, Sullivan+Strumpf, Singapore  
*Group Exhibition*, Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney
- 2015-16 *Borland + Borland*, Canberra Glassworks, Australia
- 2014 *Spring 1883*, The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne  
*Dong Gang International Photo Festival*, Korea  
*Art Basel Hong Kong*, Murray White Room, Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Centre
- 2013 *We used to talk about love*, Balnaves contemporary: Photomedia, Art Gallery of New South Wales,
- 2012 *Theatre of the World*, Museum of Old and New Art, Hobart Royal Melbourne, City Gallery, Melbourne  
*GROUP04*, Murray White Room, Melbourne
- 2011 *The University of Queensland National Artists' Self-Portrait Prize*, The University of Queensland, Brisbane 2011  
*Let the Healing Begin*, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
- 2011 *Monanism*, Museum of Old and New Art, Hobart, opening exhibition
- 2010 *Shoebox Art* – Exhibition and Auction, The Haunch of Venison, London  
*PREVIEW 10*, Murray White Room, Melbourne 2009  
*Wild Things*, Stricola Contemporary, New York William and Winifred Bowness  
*Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
- 2008 *GROUP 01*, Murray White Room, Melbourne
- 2007 *Nick Cave: The Exhibition*, Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne
- 2004 *2nd Auckland Triennial*, Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand
- 2003 *Play*, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Melbourne
- 2002 *Golden Jubilee Portraits*, National Portrait Gallery and Windsor Castle, London  
*Contemporary Australian Portraits*, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra  
*Ten Year Anniversary John Kobal Photographic Award Show*, National Portrait Gallery, London  
*Nick Cave: The good son*, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington  
*About Face: an exhibition of contemporary Australian photomedia*, Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney  
*Psycho: Art and Anatomy*, Anne Faggionato Gallery, London  
*Play*, Plimsoll Art Gallery, University of Tasmania, Hobart
- 2001 *Young British Artists*, National Portrait Gallery, London
- 1999 *Glossy: Faces Magazines Now*, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra

### **Selected Bibliography**

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Francis, Hannah. 'NGV celebrates Polly Borland', Sydney Morning Herald, 27 September 2018 Wallis, Pip. 'Interview with Polly Borland', National Gallery of Victoria, 24 September  
Rocca, Jane. 'From British Vogue to the Queen, a new National Gallery of Victoria exhibition celebrates artist Polly Borland', Domain, 3 September  
Fehily, Toby. 'What Polly Did Next', Vault, 1 August

- 2017 Simonot, Suzanne. 'Polly Borlad wins Gold Coast's \$25,000 Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award', Gold Coast Bulletin, 8 September
- Martinez, Christina Catherine. 'Polly Borland: Babies are Us', Artslant, 16 August
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- Womack, Catherine. 'Polly Borland's Photographs Reveal the Weird and Wonderful World of Adult Babies', LA Weekly, 17 July
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- Eastaugh, Sophie. 'Photographing the Queen - The most surreal moment of my career', CNN, 11 September
- Grishin, Sasha. 'Bare- Degrees of undress at National Portrait Gallery', The Age, 16 August
- Cousins, 2015 Kerry-Anne. 'Review- Emma and Polly Borland in Borland+Borland at Canberra Glassworks', The Canberra Times, 10 December
- McAuliffe, Chris. 'Beauty, Horror and the Terror of Life', Sturgeon Magazine, Issue 4
- 2014 Northover, Kylie. 'Polly Borland - Shooting from the margins', The Age, 5 April
- 2013 Taylor, Andrew. 'An artist's lexicon of love, warts and all', The Sydney Morning Herald, 23 January 2012
- O'Sullivan, Jane. 'Curator's Take', Australian Art Collector, Issue 62
- 2012 Clement, Tracey. 'The twisted portraiture of Polly Borland', Art Guide Australia, September/October
- Rule, Dan. 'Traveller in a strange land', The Saturday Age, Art & Design, August 18
- Nelson, Robert. 'Review in Visual Arts', The Age, September 12
- Everything I want to be when I grow up, Catalogue, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
- 2011 Sharp, Rob. 'Flights of fancy dress - Polly Borland's portraits marry the infantile and the fetishistic', The Independent UK, 17 March
- 'Polly Borland Q&A', The Telegraph, 11 March
- Kiely, Annemarie. 'Face Off', Vogue Living Australia, January/February
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- 2010 Rule, Dan. 'Around the Galleries', The Age, 21 August
- 2010 Rule, Dan. 'Melbourne', Broadsheet, 27 August
- 2010 Borland, Polly. Smudge, Actar: Madrid
- 2008 Borland, Polly. Bunny, Other Criteria: London
- 2008 Walker, Esther. 'How We Met: Gwendolynne Christie and Polly Borland', Sunday Review, The Independent UK, 29 June
- 2008 'Sheer Polly: Will Self salutes Polly Borland', The Independent UK, 24 July
- Benedictus, Leo. 'Polly Borland's Best Shot', The Guardian UK, 15 May
- Willingham, Richard. 'Turning Playboy image on its head', The Age, 26 November
- ABC TV, Sunday Arts, 27 July
- Crawford, Ashley. 'Review: Private Worlds, Bunny', The Weekend Australian, August 2 -3
- 'Points of View: Polly Borland Bunny', Photofile #84, Summer
- Learner, Ruth. 'Getting to the heart of the matter: Polly Borland', Poster Magazine, Issue 18, Summer 2008-2009
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- 2002 Borland, Polly. 'Portfolio', Photofile #65, May
- 2001 Borland, Polly. The Babies, essay by Susan Sontag, Powerhouse Books: New York
- 2000 Borland, Polly. Australians, National Portrait Gallery London and National Portrait Gallery Canberra

#### Awards, Scholarships, Residencies

2017 Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award  
2001 Photographed Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for her Golden Jubilee  
1994 John Kobal Photographic Portrait Award

**Collections**

The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts Damian Hirst Collection, London  
Murderme Ltd., London  
Museum of Old and New Art, Hobart  
National Portrait Gallery, London  
National Portrait Gallery, Canberra  
Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne  
Queensland University Art Museum, Brisbane  
City of Melbourne, Melbourne  
Lyon Housemuseum, Melbourne