

TONY TUCKSON

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Died 1973 in Sydney

Studied

1937-40 Hornsey School of Art, London Kingston School of Art, Kingston (part-time)

1947-49 National Art School, East Sydney Technical College

Selected Individual Exhibitions

- 2014 Abstract Paintings from the mid 1950s, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2013 Small Figurative Drawings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 Tony Tuckson 1921-1973 - Abstract Expressionist
- 2011 Tony Tuckson – Figurative Paintings, Gallery Forty Five Downstairs, Melbourne
Tony Tuckson – Figurative Paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 Tony Tuckson: Paint on Newspaper, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 Pairs, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2008 Late Charcoal Drawings c.1963-1973, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2007 Tony Tuckson – Trios, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2006 Important Paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2005 Tony Tuckson - Woman, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 Tony Tuckson : Abstracts, gouache, colour, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2003 Tony Tuckson: People – paintings on canvas, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2001 Breakthrough into Abstraction, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2000 Tony Tuckson: Pulpboard and Paper – figurative and abstract works, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Major Paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Painting Forever - Tony Tuckson, National Gallery Canberra, then touring Victoria, South Australia & New South Wales
- 1999 Cocktails for Two, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1997 Tony Tuckson: paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1995 Woman and Flowers, Savode Gallery, Brisbane
Tony Tuckson: Heads, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1994 Ian Fairweather, Tony Tuckson: Old Masters, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Ian Fairweather, Tony Tuckson, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Reversals: Philip Guston, Tony Tuckson, Ivan Dougherty Gallery (curator Tony Oliver), Sydney
Insights: Tony Tuckson, Queensland University Art Museum & regional galleries
- 1993 The Female Nude, with Frank Hinder; Watters Gallery, Sydney
Tony Tuckson: Abstract Works on Newspaper 1952 – 1959, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1992 Reclining Nudes 1952? - 1956?, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 1991 Family at Table, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1989 Tony Tuckson: Paintings, Pinacotheca, Melbourne
Tony Tuckson: 100 Small Drawings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Tony Tuckson: Themes and Variations, (curator Terence Maloon), Heide Park and Art Gallery; Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 1988 Still Life Paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1986 Tony Tuckson: Twenty Paintings on Canvas 1947?-1957?, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1984 Tony Tuckson: Paintings 1949-1970 (retrospective), Broken Hill City Art Gallery and Penrith Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales
The Lovers Series and Work from Brisbane Collections, 123 Charlotte Street, Brisbane
Tony Tuckson: Abstract Works on Paper, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1982 Late Drawings: Charcoal on Paper, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Tony Tuckson 1921-1973 (retrospective), Pinacotheca, Melbourne

- 1980 Small Works on Paper, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1978 Works on Paper 1959?-1970?, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1977 Paintings: 1953?-1957?, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1976 Paintings: 1952?-1956?, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Tony Tuckson 1921-1973, a memorial exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales (retrospective)
- 1975 Tony Tuckson: Paintings from the early 1960's, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1974 Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1973 Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1970 Watters Gallery, Sydney

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2013 The Mind's Eye, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
Sydney Contemporary, Carriageworks, Sydney
Watters Gallery 27th Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 Melbourne Art Fair 2012, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 2010 100 Years: Highlights from the University of Queensland Art Collection, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
Art Month Sydney, A Special Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Watters Gallery Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2009/10 Tomescu/Tuckson, Liverpool Street Gallery, Sydney
2008 Revisited, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Watters Gallery Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2008 Lines of Fire, National Art School Gallery, Sydney
Melbourne Art Fair 2008, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Stock Show, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2006 Melbourne Art Fair 2006, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
2005 Revisited, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 Melbourne Art Fair 2004, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Watters Gallery Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2003 The Way of the Brush - Ian Fairweather, Roy Jackson and Tony Tuckson, War Memorial Art Gallery, University of Sydney
Minimal Fuss, Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane
- 2002/03 Many Happy Returns: Celebrating Heide's 21st Birthday, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Bulleen, Victoria
- 2002 Large Paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
New Worlds : Australian Abstraction - Mid Twentieth Century from the Charles Nodrum Collection, Benalla Art Gallery, Victoria
Melbourne Art Fair 2002, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Abstraction II, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
Watters Gallery 16th Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2001 Tony Tuckson, Robert Klippel, Richard Larter, Holmes a Court Gallery, Perth
Blue Chip III : The Collectors' Exhibition, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
A Century of Collecting: 1901-2001, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
Australian Masters, Solander Gallery, Canberra
- 2000 Selected Works, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Artists in Focus - Contemporary Iconography: Traditions and Influence, Holmes a Court Gallery, Perth
- 1999 Blue Chip II : The Collectors Exhibition, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
The Innovators, S H Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 Blue Chip Choice: An exhibition of Important Australian Paintings 1940-1998, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
The Laverty Collection, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
Sixth Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Escape Artists: Modernists in the Tropics, Cairns Regional Gallery; Rockhampton City Art Gallery; Brisbane City Gallery; Mosman Regional Gallery, Sydney; Ballarat Fine Art Gallery; Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville
The Great Art Auction, Cell Block Theatre, National Art School, Sydney

- 1997 Art & Furniture of the 1960's, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
Spirit of Place: Art in Australia 1981-1996, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
The Chartwell Collection: A Selection, Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand
Sixth International Works on Paper Fair, State Library of New South Wales
Theresa Byrnes Foundation Charity Auction, Sydney
- 1996 Fifth Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Faces, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Hidden Treasures II: Art in Corporate Collections, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 1995 Drawings: Tony Tuckson, Vicki Varvaressos, Ken Whisson, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Up Down and Across, Campbelltown City Art Gallery
- 1994 Drawing on Inspiration, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
Fourth Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
The Abstract Show, Wollongong City Gallery
- 1993 Death, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
The Black Show (curated by Peter Timms), Geelong Art Gallery then regional centres in Victoria and New South Wales
Contemporary Australian Painting: Works from the Allen Allen & Hemsley Collection, Westpac Gallery, Victorian Arts Centre
- 1992 Australian Drawings from This Century, Josef Lebovic Gallery, Sydney
Contemporary Australian Drawings, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney then to Lanyon Galleries, Canberra
Abstract: The Non-Objective, Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane
Looking Through, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Max Watters' Collection, Muswellbrook Town Hall and Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales
Group Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Third Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 1991 Cross Currents: Contemporary New Zealand and Australian Art from the Chartwell Collection, Waikato Museum, New Zealand
SHE: Portrayals of Woman, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Her Story: Images of Domestic Labour in Australian Art, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
The Figure, Graham Gallery, Kembla Heights, New South Wales
Off the Wall, In the Air: A Seventies Selection, Monash University and A.C.C.A., Melbourne
From the Landscape: A review of the influence of the landscape in contemporary art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane
- 1990 Paper Works, drawings, watercolours, pastels and collages from the Wollongong City Gallery Collection
Art on the Campus, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
Works from Stock, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Selected Australian Art 1850-1970, Deutscher Fine Art, Melbourne
Works on Paper: 40 Artists – 40 Works, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Second Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 1989 Portrait of a Gallery, Watters Gallery 25th anniversary exhibition, touring 8 regional centres until 1991
A Show of Heads, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Houses, Watters Gallery, Sydney
A Selection of 19th & 20th century Australian Art, Deutscher Fine Art, Melbourne
- 1988 The Max Watters' Collection, Muswellbrook Art Gallery, New South Wales
Australian Biennale, Art Gallery of New South Wales and National Gallery of Victoria
The Great Australian Art Exhibition, Queensland Art Gallery then all State Galleries
A Changing Relationship: Aboriginal Themes in Australian Art, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
First Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Australian Art of the Last 20 Years, Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane
Campus Collections, University of New South Wales, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
First Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Australian Masters, Solander Gallery, Canberra
Conventional Practices: Still Life and the Model, DC Art Gallery, Sydney
Drawing in Australia from 1770's to 1980's, Australian National Gallery, Canberra
Australian Art Post 1960, Deutscher Gertrude Street, Melbourne
- 1987 Field to Figuration, National Gallery of Victoria
Innocence and Danger: An Artists' View of Childhood, Heide Park and Gallery, Melbourne
Contemporary Art in Australia - a review, Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane

- 1986 Self-Portrait Show, COG, Sydney
20 Years of Abstraction, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
Australian Art: Colonial to Modern, Deutscher Fine Art at Parmelia Hill Hotel, Perth and "Lindesay", Sydney
Two Centuries of Australian Painting, (a selection from the Art Gallery of New South Wales) Orange Regional Gallery, New South Wales
Pure Abstraction, The Painters Gallery, Sydney
Aspects of Australian Abstraction, Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney
Works on Paper 1950 to the Present, 312 Lennox St Gallery Melbourne
- 1985 Selected Works from the Last Two Decades, Pinacotheca, Melbourne
Small Works, Michael Milburn Galleries, Brisbane
Paintings from Stock, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Thirty Years On, a survey of works on paper, Pinacotheca Melbourne
- 1984 The Australians, CDS Gallery, New York
Tony Tuckson, David Rankin, Robert Klippel, Oliffe Richmond, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Some Quieter Statements, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Australian Works on Paper from 1940, Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney
- 1983 Some Recent Australian Works on Paper, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Tribute to Mervyn Horton, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Some Figurative Paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Acquisitions: '73-'83, University Art Museum, University of Queensland
Recent Australian Painting: A Survey 1970-1983, Art Gallery of South Australia
- 1982 Acquisitions to the Australian Collection 1956-81, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Some Figurative Paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Godfrey Miller, Tony Tuckson, Ken Whisson: Drawings, Burnie Art Gallery (toured seven regional galleries)
- 1981 Some Australian Drawings, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 1980 Abstract Expressionism in Sydney 1956-64, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
Group Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1979 Works on Paper, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Stock Show, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1978 Abstraction, with Stephen Earle, Ron Lambert, Richard Larter, John Peart, David Rankin, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Acquisitions 1978, Newcastle Region Art Gallery, New South Wales
- 1976 Some Recent Acquisitions of Australian Art, Australian National Gallery, Canberra Theatre Centre Gallery
Acquisitions 1976, Newcastle Region Art Gallery, New South Wales
- 1975 Two Sydney Painters with John Firth-Smith, Exhibition Gallery, Monash University, Melbourne
- 1974 50 years of the National Art School, Bonython Art Gallery, Sydney
Watters Gallery: Ten Years, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1973 Recent Australian Art, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1962 Contemporary Art Society, Farmers Blaxland Gallery, Sydney
- 1957 Society of Artists, Education Department Gallery, Sydney
- 1955 Society of Artists, Education Department Gallery, Sydney
Contemporary Art Society, Education Department Gallery, Sydney
- 1954 Society of Artists, Education Department Gallery, Sydney
- 1949 Contemporary Art Society, Education Department Gallery, Sydney
- 1948 CRTS Fine Arts Trainees, David Jones Art Gallery, Sydney
Society of Artists, Education Department Gallery, Sydney
Contemporary Art Society, Education Department Gallery, Sydney

Collections

Auckland City Art Gallery
National Gallery of Australia
National Gallery of Victoria
Art Gallery of South Australia
Art Gallery of New South Wales
Western Australian Art Gallery

Queensland Art Gallery
University of New South Wales
University of Western Australia
University of Sydney Union
Macquarie University, New South Wales
Ballarat Fine Art Gallery
ANZ
Shepparton Art Gallery, Victoria Bank

High Court of Australia, Canberra University of
Queensland
Allen Arthur Robertson
Newcastle Region Art Gallery
Artbank
Wollongong City Gallery, New South Wales
The Chartwell Collection, New Zealand
McClelland Gallery
ICI Australia
Queensland University of Technology
Lewers Bequest and Penrith Regional Art Gallery
New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale
TarraWarra Museum of Art, Victoria
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