

JANE BECKER

artist

CURRENT PROJECTS

2026 Graphic memoir, studio practice, freelance design & illustration, workshop management

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1993 - 2026 Working for over 30 years on Mardi Gras parades, parties and festivals
2019 My 13th year with Sydney New Year's Eve, City of Sydney
2012 Blake Prize - Highly Commended for "Hope" with Sue Saxon
2007 Exhibiting "Future Totems " at Customs House, Circular Quay for Art & About
2005 Recipient of Art Gallery Society of NSW prize for Sculpture by the Sea, selected by Edmund Capon
2002 Designing & delivering scenic for the 2002 Gay Games Opening ceremony as Design Director

QUALIFICATIONS

2021 Post Grad Diploma (Applied Family History) University of Tasmania
1991 Post Grad Diploma (Painting & Drawing) College of Fine Arts (COFA) - now UNSWAD, University of NSW
1986 Bachelor of Education (Art) City Art Institute (now UNSWAD)
1984 Bachelor of Arts (Visual Art) Sydney College of Advanced Education (now UNSWAD)
1981 HSC North Sydney Girls' High School

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022 Still Life, and Not so Still Life Gallery East, Clovelly, with Em Owen
2021 Paintings by Jane Becker Gallery East, Clovelly
2005 A Sense of Place Gallery East, Clovelly
2004 New Paintings Gallery East, Clovelly
2003 Stretch Gallery East, Clovelly
1996 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? Lizard Lounge Artspace, Darlinghurst
1994 Arrival of the Bee Box Bare Gallery, Newtown
1993 Travel Bare Gallery, Newtown
1992 Land of the Giants First Draft West, Annandale
1992 Show Your Hand Arthaus, Darlinghurst

COLLABORATIONS

2022 Hidden Rookwood Cemetery, installation with Anne Zahalka and others
2012 All That Is Solid TarraWarra Museum of Art, Healesville VIC, with Sue Saxon
2012 Blake Prize S.H. Ervin Gallery, Highly Commended, with Sue Saxon,
2012 Art & Food Brenda May Gallery, Danks St Waterloo, with Sue Saxon
2012 The Bondi Twitch Bondi Pavilion Gallery, with Sue Saxon and Anne Zahalka
2010 Art & About Palette pop-up Gallery, ArtPark, Hyde Park, with Pip Playford

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018,19 Open Studio May St. Artists Studios, St. Peters (part of IWOSt, Inner West Council)
2015 Interiors Gauge Gallery, Glebe
2014 HarbourSculpture Clarkes Point, Sydney Harbour Foreshore, Woolwich
2009 Art & About "Oxford St Fauna" mural
2008 Sculpture by the Sea "Underfoot", Bondi – Tamarama cliff walk
2007 Art in the Open "Future Totems", Headland Park, Mosman
2007 Art & About "Future Totems", Customs House Square, Circular Quay
2005 Newington Armoury "My Queer House" on display outdoors until 2008 for SOPA
2005 Sculpture by the Sea "My Queer House", Bondi – Tamarama cliff walk
2005 Sculpture Inside Maunsell Wickes Gallery, Paddington
2004 Hula Dreams Gallery East, Clovelly
2003 COFA Alumni Prize Kudos Gallery, Paddington
2001 3D Cacophany First Draft Gallery, Surry Hills
2000 Out Art Tin Sheds Gallery, Sydney
1997 Queer Crossing Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Paddington
1997 The Perfect Lie WestSpace, Melbourne
1996 Ten Years First Draft, Surry Hills
1996 Out of The Frame Tin Sheds Gallery, Sydney University
1994 Annual Mardi Gras Window Glare, Artspace, Woolloomooloo
1993 Eye to Sky TAP Gallery, Darlinghurst
1992 Director's Choice Gallery Cafe, Surry Hills
1991 Young Dissonants Works Gallery, COFA, Paddington
1987 Douglass Art Awards Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Paddington
1985 Staff and Students Royal Art College, London
1981 ArtExpress Sydney Town Hall

SELECTED PRIZES & AWARDS

2024 Special Commendation, Mini Matildas parade entry, Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade Awards
2014 Lifetime Achievement Award, Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras
2012 Blake Prize Highly Commended for "Hope" with Sue Saxon
2005 Art Gallery Society of NSW prize for Sculpture by the Sea (Bondi), for "My Queer House"

EVENTS

2019-25	Community Workshop Manager	Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras
2025	Creative Direction, float design	NSW Health Mardi Gras parade entry
2024	Float design & production	Mini Matildas, with Em Owen
2023	Float design, Kaleidoscope Dream	Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Community float
2012-19	Scenic Workshop Manager	Sydney New Year's Eve, City of Sydney
2016	Float design & production	Gayby Baby parade entry, SGLMG
2015	Design, production, installation	Aroma Festival, The Rocks, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
2014	Design, set & prop production	Parklands Food Fest, Art Direction by Cre8ion
2012-14	Creative Consultant, Parade	Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras (SGLMG)
2012-13	Backdrop design & production	Interactive cut outs, Xmas Concerts, City of Sydney
2012	Workshop Consultant	SGLMG
2007-11	Head Scenic Artist	Sydney New Year's Eve, City of Sydney
2011	Workshop Consultant	SGLMG
2010	Scenic Artist	City of Sydney Xmas Concerts
2010	Co-design & production	City of Sydney Float, SGLMG Parade with Pip Playford
2010	Co-designer	Lead Float, SGLMG with Scott Elk
2010	Designer	Remembrance Float, SGLMG
2009	Scenic artist	City of Sydney Mardi Gras Parade Entry, designer Pip Playford
2008	Chalkboard artist	Chinese New Year, City of Sydney
2007	Scenic design & production	City of Sydney Garden Competition Party, Hyde Park
2007	Scenic artist	City of Sydney Event "Live Green", Victoria Park Broadway
2005	Chalkboard artist	City of Sydney Spanish Festival
2002	Design Director, <i>Ceremonies</i>	Sydney 2002 Gay Games VI, Aussie Stadium
2001-2002	Art Director	Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras
1997-2000	Workshop & Design Manager	Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras
1993-1997	Workshop Artist	Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras
1999	Designer	ACON Hand in Hand Dance Party "All Fired Up"

FILM, THEATRE, TV & ADVERTISING

2015-2017	Chalkboard artist	Creative Practice Lab, School of the Arts & Media, UNSW
2014-2016	Chalkboard artist	The Theatre bar at the end of the Wharf, STC, for Fresh Catering
2014-2016	Chalkboard artist	Cornerstone Food & Bar, and The Governor's Table, for Fresh Catering
2014	Props	Strictly Ballroom (The Musical), Lyric Theatre
2011	Props	Stainless Steel Rat, directed by Wayne Harrison
2011	Scenic artist	Regional touring shows produced by Cre8ion
2011	Chalkboard backdrop	Just Jeans ad
2009-2010	Storyboard artist	Feature film "The Story of E", director Louise Wadley
2008	Scenic & props	"Last Confession of Alexander Pearce" documentary film
2007	Scenic & props	Twist Creative: Lenovo Computers: TV commercial
2006	Storyboard artist	Short Film "Salon Somewhere", director Fadia Abboud
2005-2006	Scenic art	Twist Creative: Lux, IKEA, Telstra, Sass Bubbly, Sun Herald
2005	Storyboard artist	Driveaway Holidays cinema commercial, director Carla Drago
2004	Storyboard artist	Short feature film "Happy As", director Chuckie Morton
1997	Visual artist	Whet Flesh, by Party Line, Performance Space (dir Gail Kelly, artists Rea and Linda Dement)
1997	Production Designer	"Something Honest", AFTRS film directed by Sonja Vivienne
1996	Art Director	"Sinking", AFTRS film, produced by Leone Knight
1996	Visual artist	"The Story of the Eye", performance by Simone O' Brien, Club Bent
1995/6	Visual artist	700 Positions, State Theatre II (director Gail Kelly, with Celia White)

FASHION

2023	Illustrations	Peter Alexander website - Paris collection
2016	Illustration & backdrops	Collette Dinnigan Young Hearts Collection for ALDI
2016	Illustration	Collette Dinnigan - Golf House candle box
2015	Scenic art & illustration	Unlaced - 25 Years of Collette Dinnigan, Powerhouse Museum
2015	Illustrations, backdrop	Collette Dinnigan, Audi Hamilton Island Race Week
2015	Scenic art	Vogue Fashion's Night Out, Sydney & Melbourne
2012	Backdrop & props	Flannel pop-up Champagne Bar, Perth Fashion Festival
2012	Set Design & Production	Collette Dinnigan Hamilton Island Audi Fashion Week
2011	Props	Peter Alexander Xmas catalogue
2011	Backdrop	Collette Dinnigan Hamilton Island Audi Fashion Week
2011	Backdrops	David Jones Autumn Winter Fashion Collection 2011 Media Launch
2010	Set Design & Production	Collette Dinnigan Hamilton Island Audi Fashion Week
2010	Set Design & Production	"Fibre Optics" Vogue Australia May 2010
2009	Props	"Be Good, For Goodness' Sake" Vogue Australia December 2009
2009	Backdrop & props	Camilla & Marc, Rosemount Australian Fashion Week 2009
2009	Backdrops & props	"Paris Match" Vogue Australia June 2009
2009	Backdrop	Collette Dinnigan bridal collection website 2009
2008	Backdrop	"A Light Touch" Vogue Australia December 2008
2007	Backdrop	"Couture Cate" Vogue Australia July 2007 Cate Blanchett article

WORKSHOPS, ARTIST TALKS, TEACHING, JUDGING

2014-2024	Judge, Cayte Latte award	Honour Awards (by ACON), LGBTQI+ community - visual arts award
2014, 2018, 2022	Parade Judge	Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade awards
2017	Co-ordinator, Judge, Mentor	Sculpture in the School, Coogee Public School
2013	Mosaic mural project	Coogee Public School K-6 students
2009- 2011	Artist talks	Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College, Nth Sydney Yr 9 students
2010	CDAT Art Workshop	South Sydney High School, topic: binge drinking
2009	Artist	Danks St Festival "Artypants" craft tent with Pip Playford
2008	Artist talks & workshops	Sculpture by the Sea education program
2006	Artist	City of Sydney Danks St Festival mural project with Pip Playford
2005	Artist talks & workshops	Sculpture by the Sea education program
1997	Visual artist	MCA: queer youth art workshops Cha Cha Pussy
1987-1992	Visual Arts teacher	Randwick Girls Technology High, Hunters Hill High, Canley Vale High