

JO DARVALL SUMMARY BIOGRAPHY APRIL 2015

“ an artist to her core” Stephanie Holt *Arts Writer Melbourne*

Australian artist Jo Darvall creates work that reconnects people with their sensual nature, from her delicate watercolours, to her kinetic installations and 2D paintings. Originally from Melbourne, Jo studied at the Victorian College of the Arts, receiving a BA in Fine Art in 1998. She established an arts charity AKC with fellow Roar Artists in the 1990s, and has raised over A\$1M to date. Jo worked with Master Printer Kim Westcott and had a studio at the Australian Print Workshop in Melbourne.

Since moving to Perth Jo has continued to build on her arts practice, and was recently awarded the Mandjar Corporate Art Award and City of Belmont Open Art Award. In addition to working from her PSAS studio in Fremantle, she is an arts educator at Fremantle Arts Centre. Her artwork now features in the Holmes a Court, WA Water Corporation, WA Children’s Hospital and Credit Suisse collections in Australia and private collections in New York, South Africa, One Farrer Hotel Singapore, and private collections in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Highlights in 2014 were exhibiting in Hong Kong at the Asian Art Fair, a sell-out series on Western Australian historical figure C.Y. O’Connor leading to a large commission for the WA Water Corporation foyer.

Jo is an exciting dynamic artist emerging from an established Australian base onto the international art stage.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS SELECTED (of 11):

2014 “Walking the Pipeline to the Waters End” Moore’s Contemporary Art Gallery WA.

2014 “Sensorium the Unfurling” Sculpture Square, Singapore.

2013 “Gemstones and Millstreams” PSAS Fremantle WA.

2012 “Big Sky” Moore’s Contemporary Art Gallery WA.

2011 “Artists who hale from the West”, Substation Arts Centre, Newport, VIC.

ART WORKS COLLECTED BY:

City of Mandurah, Western Australia

Royal Children’s Hospital, Western Australia

West Australian Water Corporation

One Farrer Hotel, Singapore

Janet Holmes a Court Collection, Western Australia

Helen Carroll (personal collection), Manager Wesfarmers Art Collection,

City of Belmont , Western Australia

Credit Suisse

Tronox, New York

Exxaro, South Africa

Atlas Iron, Western Australia

City of Footscray Melbourne