

CHRIS DENTON

BIOGRAPHY

- 1950 Born Birmingham, UK
1979 Moved to Australia
1988-94 Contract printer, Studio One Printmaking Workshop, Canberra
1991-93 Technical assistant, Studio One Printmaking Workshop, Canberra
Board Member, Studio One Printmaking Workshop, Canberra
1992-93 Chairman, Studio One Printmaking Workshop, Canberra
1993 Tutor in printmaking, World Education Fellowship summer school, Frensham College, Mittagong, NSW
1993-97 Digital graphic artist, The Australian Design Group, Canberra
1994 Artist-in-residence, Rigalto Studios and Printmaking Workshop, Perugia, Italy
Jury member, 14th Mini Print International, Cadaqués, Spain
1997-98 Contract printer, Studio One Printmaking Workshop, Canberra
1998 Artist-in-residence, Canberra Grammar School, ACT
2000 Visiting artist, National Art School, Sydney
2000-01 Visiting artist, Hornsby TAFE, NSW
2001 Sessional lecturer in printmaking, National Art School, Sydney
2003-04 Printer, Edition and Artist Book Studio, Canberra School of Art, ANU
1991-2006 Printer to Jörg Schmeisser, former Head of Printmaking, Canberra School of Art, Australian National University

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1989 "burnt landscape series", Dorette's Bistro, Canberra
1992 Chairman's Lounge, Australian Airlines, Canberra
1994 "Ceremony", Jan Jones Contemporary Art, Bowral, NSW
1994 "Ceremony", Taller Galleria Fort, Cadaqués, Spain
1995 "Pictures of numbers", Editions Southbank Galleries, Melbourne
1996 "Every wall tells a story", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
1999 "From the Secret Garden", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
2003 "Beyond the Fence", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
2006 "from the Void", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
2009 "Material Void", Beaver Galleries, Canberra

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1985 Spring Festival of Drawing, Mornington Peninsula Arts Centre, Vic
1986 Prints Acquisitive, Mornington Peninsula Arts Centre, Vic
1987 Spring Festival of Drawing, Mornington Peninsula Arts Centre, Vic
1988 Prints Acquisitive Drawing, Mornington Peninsula Arts Centre, Vic
1991 International Miniature Print Biennial, New York, USA
International Biennial Print and Drawing Exhibition, Taipei, Republic of China
Mini Print International, Cadaqués, Spain
1992 Raft Press Book Project, National Library of Australia, Canberra
Prints Acquisitive Drawing, Mornington Peninsula Arts Centre, Vic
City of Richmond Acquisitive Art Award, Melbourne
Mini Print International, Cadaqués, Spain
1993 Mini Print International, Cadaqués, Spain
Canberra Contemporary Art Fair, the Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra
18th Annual Fremantle Print Award, WA
International Biennial Print and Drawing Exhibition, Taipei, Republic of China
City of Richmond Acquisitive Art Award, Melbourne
Kochi International Triennial Exhibition of Prints, Japan

- International Book Symposium, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1994 International Gallery of Contemporary Printmaking, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
"The print, the press, the artist and the printer", the Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra
3rd International Triennial of Small Format Prints, Chamalières, France
British International Miniature Print Exhibition, Bristol, UK (awarded prize)
Intergraphia '94 World Award Winners Gallery, Katowice, Poland
International Print Triennial, Cracow, Poland
British International Miniature Print Exhibition, Bristol, UK
- 1995 Third Bharat Bhavan International Biennial of Prints, Bhopal, India
"Partners in Print", Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne
"Consumenta '95", Nuremberg, Germany
International Mini-Print Triennial, Tokyo, Japan
"Contemporary Prints of Japan and the World", Yokohama, Japan
Kanagawa International Prints Festival, Yokohama, Japan
"Heaven by a String", Robb Street Gallery, Bairnsdale, Vic
Mini Print International, Cadaqués, Spain
- 1996 International Miniature Art Biennial, Québec, Canada
Annual Exhibition of International Contemporary Prints, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Fifth Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne (Beaver Galleries)
Kochi International Triennial Exhibition of Prints, Japan
International Book Symposium, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1997 Pacific Rim International Print Exhibition, Hawaii, USA
International Print Exhibition, Portland Art Museum, USA
Mini Print International, Cadaqués, Spain
Annual Exhibition of International Contemporary Prints, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
International Art Triennial, Majdanek, Poland
British International Miniature Print Exhibition, Bristol, UK
International Miniature Print Competition, Connecticut, USA
International Culture Exchange Exhibition, Omori Bell Gallery, Tokyo; Kotsuukaikan Art Hall, Tokyo, Japan
International Mini-Print Biennial, Cluj, Romania
Contemporary Art Fair, ANU Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra (Beaver Galleries)
International Print Triennial, Cracow, Poland
Intergraphia World Award Winners Gallery, Katowice, Poland
- 1998 Shell Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Arts Centre, WA
"National Works on Paper", Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Vic
Asia Print Adventure '98, Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art, Sapporo, Japan
International Culture Exchange Exhibition, Bungeishunjiyu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
International Miniprint Triennial, Lahti, Finland
Agart World Print Festival, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Biennial of Graphic Art Beograd '98, Belgrade, Yugoslavia
International Miniature Print Exhibit '98, Barcelona, Spain
Sixth Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne (Beaver Galleries)
- 1999 "Small Graphic Forms", Lodz, Poland
International Biennial of Drawing and Graphic Arts, Győr, Hungary
International Mini-Print Biennial, Cluj, Romania
German International Exhibition of Graphic Art, Frechen, Germany
Norwegian International Print Triennale, Fredrikstad, Norway
- 2000 Intergraphia World Award Winners Gallery, Katowice, Poland
International Print Triennial, Cracow, Poland
British International Miniature Print Exhibition, Bristol, UK
International Art Triennial, Majdanek, Poland
International Print Exhibition, Amadora, Portugal

- Artfair 2000, Melbourne (Beaver Galleries)
Cheju International Prints Art Festival, South Korea
International Exhibition of Mini-Graphic and Painting, Pisa, Italy
2001 International Works on Paper Fair, Sydney, Australia
International Biennial of Drawing and Graphic Arts, Győr, Hungary
"New Wave", Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, Australia
"Imagining the Body", Camberwell College of Art, UK
"Triennial - Continents", Walbrych, Poland
2002 Intergraphia World Award Winners Gallery, Torun, Poland
2003 Egyptian International Print Triennale, Giza, Egypt
International Print and Drawing Exhibition, Bangkok, Thailand
International Biennial of Miniature Art, Gornji Milanovic, Serbia & Montenegro
Intergraphia World Award Winners Gallery, Niepolomice, Poland
International Small Engraving Salon, Maramues, Romania
International Miniature Exhibition, Timisoara, Romania
International Graphic Triennale, Bitola, Macedonia
2004 "National Works on Paper", Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Vic
Shell Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Arts Centre, WA
"Studio One - the Collection", Canberra Museum and Gallery
Graphium Mini Print International, Timisoara, Romania
Contemporary Miniature Art Retrospective, Montélimar, France
"Triennial - 100 Cities", Ostrzeszow, Poland
2005 International Mini-Print Triennial, Tokyo, Japan
Pacific Rim International Print Exhibition, Hawaii, USA
International Mini-Print Biennial, Cluj, Romania
"Small Graphic Forms", Lodz, Poland
International Biennial of Drawing and Graphic Arts, Győr, Hungary
International Contemporary Print Biennale Trois Rivières, Québec, Canada
Internationale Biennale of Small Graphics and ExLibris, Ostrów Wielkopolskiego, Poland
International Biennial of Miniature Art, Nikšić, Serbia & Montenegro
International Biennial of Miniature Art, Gornji Milanovic, Serbia & Montenegro
International Print Biennale, Varna, Bulgaria
2006 British International Miniature Print Exhibition, Dumfries, UK
2007 Internationale Biennale of Small Graphics and ExLibris, Ostrów Wielkopolskiego, Poland
"Nature Mort", James Makin Gallery, Melbourne
"Inky and Scratchy", Solander Gallery, Wellington, NZ
International Graphic Art Biennale Dry Point, Uzice, Serbia
International Small Engraving Exhibition, Cremona, Italy
International Engraving Biennial of Douro, Alijo, Portugal
2008 International Biennial of Miniature Art, Gornji Milanovic, Serbia and Montenegro
Footprint Biennial International Print Competition, Norwalk, California, USA
7th Lessedra World Art Print Annual Mini Print, Sofia, Bulgaria
Pacific Rim International Print Exhibition, Christchurch, NZ
2009 The First Alexandria International Biennale for Miniature Graphics, Egypt

AWARDS / COMMISSIONS

- 1988 10:1 Print Project, Studio One Printmaking Workshop, Canberra
100 x 100 Bicentennial Print Portfolio, Print Council of Australia, Melbourne, Vic
1992 Subscriber Print Commission, Print Council of Australia, Melbourne
1993 Prize, Bowral Art Gallery Miniature Exhibition, NSW
Prize, 13th Mini Print International, Cadaqués, Spain
1994 Commission, Limited Edition Corporate Greeting Cards, Editions Southbank Galleries, Melbourne

- Prize, British International Miniature Print Exhibition, Bristol, UK
- 1995 Canberra, Hobart, Sydney, Melbourne Exchange Portfolio, Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne
General Grant, ACT Cultural Council, Canberra
General Grant, Capital Arts Patrons Organisation, Canberra
- 1996 Grand Prize, Biennale Internationale d'Art Miniature, Québec, Canada
- 1997 Commission, McClintock's Window, Australia Council/National Science and Technology Centre, Canberra
Purchase Award, International Print Exhibition, Portland Art Museum, USA
Purchase Award, Pacific Rim International Print Exhibition, Hawaii, USA
- 1998 General Grant, Capital Arts Patrons Organisation, Canberra
- 1999 First Prize (Print), Tyree-Tycaan Open Art Prize, Bowral, NSW
- 2000 Semifinalist, International Exhibition of Mini-Graphic and Painting, Pisa, Italy
- 2001 Honourable Mention (drawing), International Biennial of Drawing and Graphic Arts, Győr, Hungary
- 2003 Finalist, International Small Engraving Salon, Maramures, Romania
First prize (graphics) International Biennial of Miniature Art, Gornji Milanovic, Serbia & Montenegro
- 2005 Award Nominee, Internationale Biennale of Small Graphics and ExLibris, Ostrów Wielkopolskiego, Poland
- 2006 Highly commended, British International Miniature Print Exhibition, Dumfries, UK
Commission, Ventracor, Sydney
- 2007 Special Award, Internationale Biennale of Small Graphics and ExLibris, Ostrów Wielkopolskiego, Poland
- 2008 Jurors' Prize, 1st Footprint Biennial International Print Competition, Norwalk, USA

PUBLICATIONS

- 1994 *The print, the press, the artist and the printer*, Sasha Grishin, ANU Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra
- 1996 "Chris Denton: Grand Prix", R Bernier, *Parcours l'informateur des arts*, June supplement, Canada
"Heaven by a string", M Geissler, *Craft Arts International*, No. 36
Australian Printmaking in the 1990s: artist printmakers 1990-1995, Sasha Grishin, Craftsman House
"Finding romance in shuttered windows", Sonia Barron, *The Canberra Times*, April 27
- 1997 *Directory of Print '97* (CD ROM), International Print Triennial Society, Neurosoft Kraków, Poland
- 1999 "Innocence and Experience", Francesca Rendle-Short (ed), *Canberra Arts Anthology 1999*, National Library of Australia, Canberra
"Denton's science of art", Sasha Grishin, *The Canberra Times*, September 3
- 2000 *Directory of Print 2000* (CD ROM), International Print Triennial Society, Neurosoft Kraków, Poland
- 2001 "Galeria de Profile - Christopher Denton (Australia)", *Cetatea Culturala*, IV 3(31)
- 2003 "Strong exhibition by serious artist", Sasha Grishin, *The Canberra Times*, August 5
- 2006 "Fresh battlefields of desire", Sasha Grishin, *The Canberra Times*, June 5

COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; National Library of Australia, Canberra; Artbank, Sydney; Parliament House Art Collection, Canberra; Canberra Museum and Art Gallery; Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne; Canberra Institute of the Arts; City of Richmond, Vic; Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Qld; Griffith University, Qld; Latrobe Valley Arts Centre, Vic; Mildura Regional Art Gallery, Vic; Naracoorte Regional Art Gallery, SA; Northern Territory University; Print Council of Australia, Vic; Australian National University, Canberra; Queensland University of Technology, Qld; Warrnambool Regional Art Gallery, Vic; Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart; Canberra Museum and Gallery; ANA Hotels; Australian Catholic University; Canson Pty Ltd; Caloundra State High School, Qld; Canberra Grammar School; Commonwealth Club, ACT; Geelong Grammar School, Vic; MacRobertson Girls High School, Vic; National Australia Bank; Barker Gosling Legal Group; City of Richmond, Melbourne; Association Musée d'Art Contemporain, Chamalières, France; Municipal Museum of Art, Győr, Hungary; Rigalto Studios and Print workshop, Perugia, Italy; Tama Art University, Tokyo, Japan; Central Academy of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Norwegian International Print Triennale, Fredrikstad; Taller Galeria Fort, Cadaqués, Spain; The City Gallery, Uzice, Spain; Off-Centre Gallery, Bristol, England; University of Hull, Yorkshire, England; Hawaii State Foundation for Culture and the Arts, USA; Gilkey Center for Graphic Arts, Portland, USA; Central Academy of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Union of Fine Artists, Cluj, Romania; National Museum, Cracow, Poland; City Art Gallery, Lodz, Poland; State Museum, Majdanek, Poland; Silpakorn University, Bangkok; International Miniature Print Biennial, Québec, Canada; Florean Museum, Maramures, Romania; Timisoara Faculty of Arts, Romania



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