

AVITAL SHEFFER

BIOGRAPHY

- 1954 Born Jaffa, Israel
- 1980-85 Fashion design and manufacturing, Israel
- 1980-90 Architecture/landscape design, Clil cooperative for Settlement and Development, Western Galilee, Israel
- 1990 Migrated to Australia
- 2004 Diploma in Ceramics, TAFE, Lismore, NSW

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2004 Mura Clay Gallery, Sydney
Tweed River Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- 2005 "Unearthed", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 2006 "Unearthed II", Salmon Galleries, Sydney
Lismore Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- 2007 Jane Sauer Thirteen Moons Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
Salmon Galleries, Sydney
- 2008 Thomas Riley Galleries, Cleveland, Ohio, USA
"Terra intima", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 2009 "Terra Anima", Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
"Deep Earth", regionally touring exhibition
"Origins", Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1999 "Thursday Plantation Sculpture Show", Ballina, NSW
- 2003 Gold Coast International Ceramic Award, Qld
- 2004 "Fusions 2004 Graduate Award Exhibition", Brisbane
Graduating Students Award Exhibition, Inner City Clayworks, Sydney
Gold Coast International Ceramic Award, Qld
"Christmas Exhibition", Mura Clay Gallery, Sydney
14th Birthday Exhibition, Mura Clay Gallery, Sydney
Artists Book-Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW
"Under the Dome", Tweed River Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- 2005 Gold Coast International Ceramic Award, Qld
The 3rd World Ceramic Biennale, Korea
SOFA Chicago 2005, Chicago, USA (Beaver Galleries)
FEHVA Art Exhibition and Auction, Bangalow, NSW
- 2006 "Hand Made", J Johnson Gallery, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, USA
SOFA New York 2006, New York, USA (Jane SauerThirteen Moons Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA)
SOFA Chicago 2006, Chicago, USA (Beaver Galleries)
"Chrysalis", Lismore Regional Art Gallery, NSW
"ConVerge", Victor Mace Fine Art Gallery, Brisbane
Gold-Coast International Ceramic Award, Qld
FEHVA Art Exhibition and Auction, Bangalow, NSW
- 2007 "Palm Beach 3", Thomas Riley Galleries, Cleveland, Ohio, USA
Art London, UK (Raglan Gallery, Sydney)
SOFA Chicago (Thomas Riley Galleries, Cleveland, Ohio, USA)
FEHVA Art Exhibition and Auction, Bangalow, NSW
- 2008 "Ceramicos", Waywood Gallery, Byron Bay, NSW
"Sculpture 20", Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
"Palm Beach 3", Thomas Riley Galleries, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

- COLLECT, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK (Raglan Galleries, Sydney)
Sidney Myer International Ceramic Award, Shepparton Art Gallery, Vic
FEHVA Art Exhibition and Auction, Bangalow, NSW
SOFA Chicago (Thomas Riley Galleries, Cleveland, Ohio, USA)
- 2009 "White Heat", The Australian Ceramics Association's Biennial Exhibition, Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney
"Sculpture 21", Robin Gibson Gallery, Sydney
"forty", Brisbane Grammar School Art Show
"Clay", NCEHA Group Exhibition, Cervini Hass Gallery, Scottsdale, Arizona, USA
FEHVA Art Exhibition and Auction, Bangalow, NSW
"Here/Now", Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne
"Our Most Easterly Edge", Fusions Gallery, Brisbane
"Clay", NCECA Group Exhibition, Cervini Hass Gallery, Scottsdale, Arizona, USA
"Palm Beach 3", Thomas Riley Galleries, Cleveland, Ohio, USA
"Egyptian Treasures: Arts of the Pharaohs", The Australian Museum, Sydney
"The 58th Touring Blake Prize Exhibition", touring exhibition
Friends of Bezalel Art Exhibition, Arthouse Hotel, Sydney
"Heated Words", Fusions Gallery, Brisbane
- 2010 International Academy of Ceramics Members, Sevres Cite de la Ceramique, Paris, France

AWARDS / COMMISSIONS

- 1999 Special Mention, Thursday Plantation Sculpture Show, Ballina, NSW
- 2003 Finalist, Gold-Coast International Ceramic Award
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- 2005 Acquisition Award, Gold Coast International Ceramics Award - The Josephine Ulrick Award For Excellence, Qld
Honorary Mention, The 3rd World Ceramic Biennale International Competition, Korea
- 2006 Grant, Australia Council New Work
Finalist, Gold Coast International Ceramic Award
- 2008 Grant, Australia Council New Work
Finalist, The Sidney Myer International Ceramic Award
Winner, Border Art Prize, Tweed River Art Gallery, NSW
- 2009 Finalist, Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Tas
Highly Commended, Muswellbrook Open Art Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, NSW
Finalist, Prometheus Visual Arts Award
Finalist, IV International Biennial of Ceramics, Talavera de la Reina, Toledo, Spain
Elected for membership of the International Academy of Ceramics, Geneva
Finalist, The Blake Prize
Finalist, Manning Art Prize, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW
- 2010 Acquisition Award, Stanthorpe Art Festival, Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, Qld

PUBLICATIONS

- 2004 *The Journal of Australian Ceramics*, issue 43 # 2
The Journal of Australian Ceramics, issue 43 # 3
- 2005 "Tradition to Modernity", Gordon Foulds, *Craft Arts International*, issue 64
"Unearthed culture", Sonia Barron, *Canberra Times*, 22 September
Ceramics Art and Perception, issue 60
- 2006 "24th Gold Coast International Ceramic Award", *Craft Arts International*, issue 66
"The Emergence of Northern Rivers Artists", Louise Martin Chew, *Chrysalis* catalogue
"ConVerge: Northern Rivers Touring Exhibition Catalogue", Kerry Selwood, Arts Northern Rivers, September
SOFA Chicago 2006 catalogue
- 2007 "Avital Sheffer: Exhibition", *Craft Arts International*, issue 71
Art London 2007 Catalogue
"ConVerge: The Strength of a Region", Grace Cochrane, *Ceramics Art and Perception*, issue 67



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- 2008 "New works by Avital Sheffer", Pollyanna Sutton, *Craft Arts International*, issue 72
- 2009 "A present past/ a continuous present", Louise Martin Chew, *Deep Earth* catalogue
"Avital Sheffer: Body of Work", Ann McMahon, *The Journal of Australian Ceramics*, issue 48 no. 1
"Exhibitions: Avital Sheffer", *Ceramics Monthly*, October
"White Heat", *The Journal of Australian Ceramics*, issue 48 no. 2
Exhibition review, Dalia Sable, *The Australian Jewish News*, 10 November
Gallery review, *Ceramic Review*, issue 240
"Visual Art", Dylan Rainforth, *The Age*, 12 November

REPRESENTED

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; Powerhouse Museum, Sydney; Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Qld; Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney; Tweed River Art Gallery, NSW; Jewish Museum of Australia, St Kilda, Vic; Art Gallery of Ballarat, Vic; Shepparton Art Gallery, Vic; Southern Downs Regional Art collection, Stanthorpe, Qld; The Russel Berrie Foundation, Teaneck, USA; The Charles Bronfman collection, Teaneck, USA