

AMANDA SHELHER

BIOGRAPHY

- 1971 Born Fremantle, Western Australia
- 1989 Bachelor of Arts/ Visual Arts, ceramics, Curtin University of Technology, WA
- 1992 Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary - Art), Curtin University of Technology, WA
- 1998-2007 Fulltime, self employed ceramic artist
- 1999 Tutor at Fremantle Arts Centre
- 2001 Craftmark Accreditation and Craft Australia Affiliate
- 2007 Presentation, "Garden of Curiosities", Form Centre for Craft and Design, Perth
- 2008 Presenter & panel member, State of the West - Ceramic survey, Central TAFE, Perth
- 2009 Workshop leader, Penrhos College, Perth
- 2009 Presentation, Stretch Festival, Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, WA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1997 "3 Kombies, 24 Countries and 1 Lion", Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Perth
- 1999 "Earthbound", Moores Building, Perth
"Sucked in", CRAFTWEST Centre for Contemporary Craft, Perth
- 2000 "Journey", Garry McEwan Gallery, Melbourne
- 2001 "Wings of desire", Garry McEwan Gallery, Melbourne
- 2002 "Sanctuary", Garry McEwan Gallery, Melbourne
Australia - Korea Foundation 10th Festival (Craftwest), Seoul, Korea
- 2004 "Precious", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 2007 "Garden of Curiosities", FORM, Contemporary Craft and Design, Perth
- 2009 "Bloom", LK Galleries, Subiaco, WA
"Wild Suburbia", Greenhill Galleries, Adelaide
- 2010 "Earthly perspectives", Beaver Galleries, Canberra

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1992 City of Perth Craft Award, Craft Council of Western Australia
- 1997 Gomboc Fifteenth Sculpture Exhibition, Gomboc Gallery, Perth
- 1998-9 "Bounty", Centrepiece Gallery, Fremantle Arts Centre, WA
- 1999 "Vase", Centrepiece Gallery, Fremantle Arts Centre, WA
"Bazaar", Centrepiece Gallery, Fremantle Arts Centre, WA
"Gift", Craftwest Centre, Fremantle Arts Centre, WA
- 2000 "Kaleidoscope of Art", Perth College 15th Annual Art Exhibition, Mt Lawley, WA
Gold Coast International Ceramic Award, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Qld
"Cerebration", Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney
- 2001 Thys Collective - Mercedes Fashion week, collaboration with A Kendal, Sydney
"Storeys", Gallows Gallery, Perth
Gold Coast International Ceramic Award, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Qld
- 2002 27th Alice Craft Acquisition, Alice Springs, NT
Sidney Myer Fund International Ceramics Award, Shepparton Art Gallery, Vic
"Off the Wall and Grounded", La Trobe University Art Museum, Vic.
- 2003 "From the Fringe to the Centre", La Trobe University Art Collection, Mildura Arts Centre, Vic
"Ceramics: The Australian and New Zealand Context", Campbelltown City Bicentennial Art Gallery, NSW
"Remembering: Women Working for Women", Moores Building, Fremantle, WA
Gold Coast International Ceramic Award, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Qld
- 2004 SOFA Chicago, USA, (Raglan Gallery, Sydney)
- 2005 Gold Coast International Ceramic Award, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Qld
69th International Art Handicraft Fair, Florence, Italy (Form, Perth)

- 2006 "Statements in Sculpture", Skepsi Gallery, Melbourne
SOFA Chicago, USA, (Raglan Gallery, Sydney)
"Sculpture by the Sea", Cottesloe, WA
"Collect", Victoria & Albert Museum, London (Raglan Gallery, Sydney)
Art Sydney, Hordern Pavilion, Sydney
"Conversations in Clay"(group show with Pippin Drysdale, Sandra Black, Prue Venables, Les Blakebrough, Wing Chow),
Ananya Fine Arts, Hong Kong
"Oh my deer", 18th Feast of the Mind - Buffet of Art, Fubon Art Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan
SOFA Chicago, USA, (Raglan Gallery, Sydney)
Art Taipei, Hua Shan Culture Park, Taiwan
- 2007 "Australian Characters", Scion Installation Space, Los Angeles, California, USA
Hellfire Gallery 2007, Esperance, WA
30th Alice Craft Acquisition, Alice Springs, NT
SOFA Chicago, USA, (Raglan Gallery, Sydney)
- 2008 State of the West - Ceramic survey, Central TAFE, Perth
Mino International Ceramic Award, Japan
Perth College 23rd Annual exhibition, Perth College, WA
Minnawarra Art Award, City of Armadale, WA
- 2009 "Summer Exhibition", Wagner Art Gallery, Paddington, NSW
"Mazenod College Art Exhibition", Lesmurdie, WA
"Hale Art Exhibition", Wembly Downs, WA
"Music Box Project", Holmes A Court Gallery, Perth
"Prometheus Visual Arts Award Finalist", Merrimac, Qld
Stretch Festival, Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, WA
- 2010 "Femme Folk and Fables", Linton and Kay Contemporary, Subiaco, WA
"Stanthrope Art Award Finalist", Stanthrope Regional Gallery, Qld
Perth College 25th Annual exhibition, Perth College, WA

AWARDS / COMMISSIONS

- 1997 Jan Roc Sculpture Prize, York Art Awards, WA
1998 Jah Roc Sculpture Prize, York Art Awards, WA
Victoria Park Sculpture Award, WA
1999 Town of Vincent Art Award, WA
2000 Town of Vincent Art Award, Ceramic Commendation, WA
ArtsWA Artflight grant for travel to Sydney
2001 Townsville Ceramic Competition, Clayworks Australia Award, (judge Michael Keighery), Qld
Port Hacking Potters Group 40th Award, Open, hand formed sculpture, (judge Mitsuo Shoji), Sydney
2004 ArtsWA Artflight grant for travel to Canberra
2005 Gold Coast International Ceramic Award - Acquisition, Qld
2006 ArtsWA grant for "Sculpture by the Sea"
Sculpture Prize, City of Wanneroo Art Award, Perth
2009 Department of Culture and the Arts grant for travel to Adelaide

PUBLICATIONS

- 1992 "Western Australia in focus", *Pottery in Australia* magazine, June, vol 31, pp 10
1997 Review of "Three Kombies, 24 Countries and 1 Lion", D Broomfield, *On show -The West Australian*, 4th October
1999 "Flights of Fancy Figures", R Banks, *Artbeat - The West Australian*, 20th February
Fremantle Arts Centre, *Craft arts* magazine, issues no.47
Artist Profile, *Pottery in Australia* magazine, June, vol 38/ no.2
2000 Artist profile/ sculpture feature, Donna Jerkins, *Home - Sunday Times*, 2 April
"Cerebration", *Pottery in Australia* magazine, September, vol 39/ no. 3
2001 "Storeys" and "Earthbound"- review, Judith McGrath, *Art seen in Australia* (website), August

- Gold Coast Ceramic Award, *Craft Arts International* magazine, Issue no.51, pp 105
Perc Tucker Award, *Pottery in Australia* magazine, vol 39, no.3 December
2002 *Sidney Myer Fund International Ceramics Award Catalogue*, pp28, 40.
National Focus, *Pottery in Australia* magazine, vol 41 no.1, March, Fleur Downs, *Craft Arts*, issue 55, pp 54-57 July
"Gold Coast Ceramics Award", Rosemary Macfarlane, *Ceramics, Art and Perception*, issue 48, pp 63
2003 "Ceramics in the Australian and New Zealand Context", Robert Reason, *Ceramics Art and Perception*, issue 52
Object magazine, No 41
2004 "Capturing the Untouched", Sonia Barron, *Canberra Times*, Aug 21
Feature article, front & back cover, and review by Sue Buckle, *The Journal of Australian Ceramics*, Vol 43 #3
Catalogue, SOFA Chicago 2004, pp 238
2005 "SOFA Chicago 2004 Exposition", Kevin Wallace, *Craft Arts*, Issue 64, pp 87
2006 "Home is where the heart is", A. Shelsher, *The Journal of Australian Ceramics*, Vol. 45, No.3, pp 22-23
"24th. Gold Coast International Ceramics Award", Gordon Foulds, *Craft Arts*, Issue 66, pp 113
Catalogue, Art Taipei, Taiwan pp124-125
Oh my deer, catalogue of 18th Feast of Mind - Buffet of Art, Fubon Arts Foundation, Taiwan pp11-12
Catalogue, "Sculpture by the Sea"
"Proust Pin-up", Arts Hub Australia, www.artshub.com.au/au/news 26 June
2007 *Ceramic Review Magazine*, UK, Issue Sept/Oct, p20
"Fine figure", Homes and Living Year Book 2007, p68
"Shining spirit of collaboration", Ric Spencer, *The West Australian*, 23 June
"Garden of curiosities", Judith McGrath, Art seen in WA review, www.artseeninwa.com/shelsher, July
Catalogue, SOFA Chicago 2007, USA
2008 "Amanda Shelsher's Friendly Forms", Judith McGrath, *Ceramic Art and Perception*, No. 71, pp 25-28
2009 "Primordial Yearnings", Rachel Schulze, *The Journal of Australian Ceramics*, Issue 48, No. 1, pp 48-51
"Bloom" & "Garden of curiosities", Judith McGrath, Art seen in WA review, www.artseeninwa.com/shelsher
"Sculptor eyes child's eye view", Ara Jansen, *The West Australian*, April 23rd, pp 12
"Exhibit presents artist work immersion in her work", Tim Lloyd, *The Advertiser*, pp 8

REPRESENTED

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney; City of Perth Council Art Collection, WA; Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Qld; Perth College Art Council, WA; La Trobe University Art Collection, Melbourne; National Australia Bank, Melbourne; Healthway - West Australian Health Promotion Foundation, Perth; City of Wanneroo Art Collection, Perth; St John of God Hospital Art Collection, Murdoch, WA.