

# AVRAHAM VOFSI

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Avraham Vofsi – Interdisciplinary Artist

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*A Jewish Australian Interdisciplinary artist based in Jerusalem, Avraham Vofsi has developed a significant body of work that captures the essence of the modern lived experience through the traditional medium of oil-paint portraiture. Employing his experience as a filmmaker, Vofsi conveys the richness of his subject's stories through crafting films to accompany his paintings, ultimately creating a deeper experience for viewers. His work provides an emotionally compelling experience, and speaks to the deep connection that forms between the artist, the subjects and the viewers of the portraits. Most recently he has completed his third solo exhibition, B'aretz: Portrait of a land.*

## Education

**2015** *Bachelor of Illustration* | Melbourne Polytechnic, Melbourne, Victoria

## Solo Exhibitions

**2023** *B'aretz: Portrait of a Land* | East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation, Melbourne Victoria

**2022** *Essential: Portraits of front-line workers* | Off The Kerb Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria

**2019** *Djapwurrung Heritage Embassy* | Melbourne, Victoria

## Group Exhibitions

**2022** *Antipodes* | Beinart Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria

**2022** *Spring Days* | Off The Kerb Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria

**2018** *WOW festival Brisbane* | Brisbane Powerhouse, Brisbane Queensland

**2017** *Dark Honey* | Off The Kerb Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria

**2017** *Peculiar Portraits* | The Workshop, Melbourne, Victoria

**2016** *Astronaut Alley (Curator and artist)* | The Old Bar Fitzroy Melbourne, Victoria

## Art Prizes

- 2022 *Archibald Portrait Prize Finalist* | Sydney, New South Wales
- 2022 *Darling Portrait Prize Finalist* | Canberra, ACT
- 2022 *Maldon Portrait Prize* | Maldon, Victoria
- 2020 *Portrait prize*, Southern Buoy Studios | Melbourne, Victoria
- 2020 *Salon de Refusés*, Royal Queensland Art Society | Brisbane, Queensland
- 2018 *Emerging Artist Award 2018 Shortlist*, Fortyfive Downstairs | Melbourne, Victoria

## Residencies

- 2019 *Redbubble* | Melbourne, Victoria

## Grants

- 2022 *City of Yarra Small Projects Grant* | Melbourne, Victoria

## Media and Coverage

- 2023 *Who The Bloody Hell Are We?* SBS OnDemand
- 2023 *Podcast Against Antisemitism*, S4 E14 'Isolated' with Avraham Vofsi
- 2023 *Bohemian Rhapsody Weekly Magazine*, Melbourne, Australia
- 2022 *Portrait*, Magazine of Australian & International portraiture, Summer 2022/23 Canberra
- 2022 *Ben M Freeman, Reclaiming Our Story: The Pursuit of Jewish Pride*, London, England
- 2022 *J-Wire Masa Careers have No Limits For This Australian Artist* | Sydney, Australia
- 2019 *Non-Compliant Magazine*, Issue 2 | Adelaide, South Australia

## Collections

Jewish Museum of Australia

State Library of Victoria

PMI Victorian History Library

Private Collections in Australia, USA, UK

