

Olivia Dryden

Contemporary Jeweller & Silversmith
Adelaide, South Australia

Artist Profile

Olivia Dryden is an Adelaide-based contemporary jeweller and silversmith whose work explores the relationship between nature, memory and materiality. Inspired by botanical forms, oceanic specimens and natural history, she transforms ethically sourced natural specimens into handcrafted sterling silver jewellery using traditional casting and silversmithing techniques. Her practice combines contemporary jewellery with themes of memento mori, preserving fleeting moments from the natural world as wearable works of art.

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Education

2011–2014

Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design
Adelaide College of the Arts

Solo Exhibitions

2026 - *Petals & Pearls* – T'Arts Collective, Adelaide

2024 - *Nature's Wonders* – T'Arts Collective, Adelaide

2021 - Solo Exhibition – Art Images Gallery, Adelaide

2018 - Window Display – 167 Bermondsey, London

2017 - *Little Wonders* – Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide

2015 - *Life After Death* – Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide

Art Fairs & Expos

2025 - Oddities & Curiosities Expo, Melbourne

2025 - Oddities & Curiosities Expo, Adelaide

2024 - Oddities & Curiosities Expo, Adelaide

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Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

- *The Art of Dying*, Centennial Park, Adelaide
- *In the Garden* (SALA), Art Images Gallery, Adelaide
- Loretto Spring Art Fair, Adelaide
- *T'Arts on Tour*, Clare Valley

2024

- *Celebrate – T'Arts*, Gallery M, Adelaide
- Loretto Spring Art Fair, Adelaide

2023

- Unley Art Prize, Adelaide
- Loretto Spring Art Fair, Adelaide

2022

- *Let There Be Light*, Art Images Gallery
- *Charmed*, Kin Gallery, Canberra
- *Animal House*, Art Images Gallery

2021

- *Have a Bauble*, Art Images Gallery
- SALA Exhibition, Naomi Schwartz Jewellery Design
- *Introspective Connections*, The Main Gallery
- *Introspective Connections*, Nautilus Arts Centre, Port Lincoln

2020

- *Art for All*, Art Images Gallery
- *Zest!*, Adelaide Fringe, Stationmaster's Art Gallery, Strathalbyn

2019

- *About Face: The Monochrome Series*, COTA, Sydney
- Urban Cow Studio Art Prize, Adelaide
- *Ocean Textures* (SALA), Naomi Schwartz Jewellery Design
- *Pins & Needles* (SALA), ZU Design, Norwood
- *Kaleidoscope 2019*, Helpmann Academy, Adelaide College of the Arts
- *Dissonance* (SALA), BIMBO, Norwood
- *Botanical Inspirations*, Art Images Gallery

2018

- *Summer*, Art Images Gallery

2017

- *Wet, Wild & Woolly*, RSASA, Adelaide

2016

- *Authentic Adelaide*, Adelaide Town Hall
- *Kaleidoscope*, Helpmann Academy, Peter Walker Fine Art
- *Youthscape*, RSASA
- *Characters of the Fleurieu*, Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa
- *Out of the Box*, Adelaide Fringe, RSASA

2015

- *The Tugs of War*, Royal South Australian Society of Arts

2014

- *EXIT* Graduation Exhibition, Adelaide College of the Arts

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Gallery Representation

2022–Present - Kin Gallery, Canberra

2020–Present - Art Images Gallery, Adelaide

2019 - Courtesy of the Artist, Sydney

2015–2017 - Associate Artist, Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide

Grants, Residencies & Awards

2021

Helpmann Elevate Mentorship with Kirra Lea, Hobart

2017

- RSASA Diploma of Fellowship (FRSASA)
- Helpmann Academy Fellowship (\$20,000), supported by the James & Diana Ramsay Foundation

2016

- Merit Award, Youthscape Exhibition (RSASA)
- Highly Commended, *Characters of the Fleurieu* (RSASA)

2015

- Helpmann Academy Artist Residency, Sanskriti Kendra, India (6 weeks)
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Professional Development

2026

- Meet the Owner Series, Art Images Gallery (City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters)

- Opening Speaker & Award Presenter, RSASA Youthscape Exhibition

2025

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- ABC Radio Interview – *Evenings with Spence Denny*
- 2023**
- SA Fashion Week – Jewellery featured on runway (Naomi Schwartz Jewellery)
 - Radio Interview – *Ali Clarke Breakfast Show*
- 2022**
- Master of Ceremonies, RSASA Youthscape Opening
- 2019**
- Podcast Interview – *Square Holes* with Jason Dunstone
- 2018**
- Interview – Mercury Press, London
 - Volunteer, Museum of Life Sciences, London
- 2016**
- Workshop Facilitator, Majuli, India
 - ABC Radio Interview – Geoff Hutchison
 - ABC Radio Interview – Sonya Feldhoff
 - Organising Committee – Youthscape Exhibition
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Publications

- 2026**
- *SA Life Magazine* (March)
- 2020**
- *SA Life Magazine* (July)
- 2018**
- *Collage Adelaide* – Natalie Carfora
 - *Royal South Australian Society of Arts History, Volume II* – Adam Dutkiewicz
- 2017**
- *RSASA Kalori*
 - *Eastern Courier*
 - *The Adelaide Review*
 - *The Advertiser*
- 2016**
- Assam Times*, India