

## Jason Benjamin

### Bio

1989-90 Pratt Institute, New York City  
1971 Born in Melbourne. Lives and works in Sydney

Jason Benjamin (1971- ), Australian painter. Won the 2005 peoples choice award at the Archibald Prize with a painting of actor Bill Hunter. He won the 1993, 1994 and 1996 Mosman Art Prizes in Sydney. (Taken from Wikipedia).

'Benjamin does not limit himself to a particular genre, undertaking still lifes, revealing portraits and vast landscapes. His paintings feel easily recognisable, partly due to their size - they are more than a metre wide and up to two metres high - but also to their photographic quality. They are often close-ups and "a bid to capture the moment", prompted by the human instinct to try to keep hold of "a collection of moments, scenes, memories that can't be held".' (Taken from Upfront, The Art Oracle by Micheal Reid)

### Solo Exhibitions

2005

"There is a place", Metro 5 Art Gallery, Melbourne  
"Because of you I see the light", Metro 5 Gallery, Sydney Art Fair

2004

"Lost time", Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane  
"In a heartbeat", Metro 5 Gallery, Melbourne

2003

Nicola Townsend, Daikenyama, Tokyo, Japan  
"The Clearing", Greenhill Galleries, Perth

2002

"Lifting up the sun" Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney  
Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane  
"This is love", Metro 5 Gallery, Melbourne

2001

"I found the world so new", Tim Olsen Gallery in conjunction with Amanda Wolfe-Daimpre, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Soho, Central, Hong Kong  
28 Charlotte St Gallery, London  
Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne  
"Good Luck", Greenhill Galleries, Perth

2000

"Belong", Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney  
"Hold", Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane  
"The hand upon your Back", Greenhill Galleries, Perth

1999

Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney

1998

"Recent Work", Olsen Carr Art Dealers, Sydney  
"Hopeful Prey", Greenhill Galleries, Perth

1997

"Ghosts amongst the Angels", Olsen Carr Art Dealers, Sydney

1996  
"Covered by the Rushes", Olsen Carr Art Dealers, Sydney

1993  
Crawford Gallery, Sydney

1990  
Trinity College, Dallas, Texas, USA

## Group Exhibitions

2005  
Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales  
Newcastle Regional Art Gallery  
Moree Plains Gallery  
Cowra Art Gallery  
Albury Regional Art Gallery  
Victorian Arts Centre  
Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane

2004  
"Post-Modern and Contemporary Australian Art", Savill Galleries, Sydney  
Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales

2003  
William Creek and Beyond ,Ballarat Fine Art Gallery touring exhibition, Shepparton Art Gallery, Tamworth City Gallery, New England Regional Art Museum, Noosa Regional Art Gallery, Gold Coast City Gallery, Gladstone Regional Art Gallery Museum, The Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra Cowra Art Gallery  
Savill Contemporary, Melbourne  
"Don't Look Down", Daikanyama Hillside Forum, Tokyo, Japan  
Art Miami, Rebecca Hossack Gallery, Miami, USA

2002  
Person show, Bunkamura Gallery, in conjunction with Nicola Townsend, Tokyo, Japan  
4x4 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane  
Art London 2002, London, England  
The Doug Moran National Portrait Prize  
First Birthday Exhibition, Metro 5 Gallery, Melbourne

2001  
Art London 2001, Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London  
Nicola Townsend, Tokyo, Japan  
Landscape Painting, Metro 5 Gallery, Melbourne  
Hills Grammar Art Award, Sydney

2000  
Meet 2 x 2, Tim Olsen Gallery Sydney  
Ten Australian Artists, Australian high commission Singapore  
Nicola Townsend, Tokyo, Japan  
Kings School Art Prize, Sydney  
Norvill Landscape Prize, Murrundi  
Conrad Jupiter Art Prize, Brisbane  
Fleurieu Landscape Prize, South Australia  
Tattersalls Landscape prize, Sydney

1999  
Millennium Art Prize  
University and Schools Club, Sydney

Westpac Art Prize, SCEGGS Redlands, Sydney  
Tattersalls Landscape Prize, Brisbane  
Kings School Art Prize, Sydney

1998

Salon de Refuses, SH Erwin Gallery, Sydney  
Painting is not Dead, Olsen Carr Art Dealers, Sydney

1988

Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne

1997

Kings School Art Prize, Sydney  
Jeans for Genes, Gianni Versace, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Devoured by Paint  
Olsen Carr Art Dealers, Sydney

1996

Mosman Art Prize, Sydney

1995

Exhibition with furniture, David Jones, Sydney

1994

Mosman Art Prize, Sydney  
Exhibition for David Jones Spring Flower Show, Sydney

1993

Mosman Art Prize, Sydney  
Salon de Refuses, SH Erwin Gallery, Sydney

1991

Gary Anderson Gallery, Sydney

1989

Mars, New York City

## Awards

2005 - Packing Room Prize, Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales  
2004 - Finalist, Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales  
2002 - Finalist, The Doug Moran National Portrait Prize

## Commissions

2004 - Unfinished Journey, overseas project, exhibition and publication  
2002 - Queen Mary 11, London, sixteen paintings for new cruise ship  
2001 - Lake Eyre and Beyond, collaborative project involving ten prominent artists for exhibition, a publication and print folio and Burswood Hotel, Perth  
2000 - Chanel, Australia

## Collections

Derwent Collection, Tasmania  
Artbank, Sydney  
Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria  
National Portrait Gallery, Canberra  
Macquarie Bank, Victoria

Ballarat Art Gallery, Victoria  
Shepperton Art Gallery, Victoria  
Gold Coast City Gallery, Queensland  
Mornington Peninsular Regional Gallery  
Art Space Makay. Regional Art Gallery and Museum  
Castlemaine Regional Art Gallery  
Parliament House Art Collection