

BEN TARANTO

Born in Darug County/Sydney in 1979

Lives and works across Gumbaynggirr Country and Naarm/Melbourne on Wurundjeri Country, Eastern Kulin Nation

EDUCATION

2010 Bachelor of Arts, Fine Art (Sculpture), Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne, Australia

PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS and EXHIBITIONS

2018 *T I M E L A P S E D # 1*, MoreArt Public Arts Festival, Moreland Area, Brunswick, Australia
2017 *Memory Palace*, Campbell Arcade Art Space, Melbourne, Australia. Curated by Jake Treacy
2015 *The Art of Repurposing*, MoreArt Public Arts Festival, Moreland Area, Melbourne, Australia
2011 *Urban Matter*, with Cherie Winter, Gilligan Grant Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
2010 Victoria Harbour Young Artists Initiative, Docklands, Melbourne, Australia.
2009 Sample Window, Platform Artist Group, Campbells Arcade, Melbourne, Australia
2009 Victoria Harbour Young Artists Initiative, Docklands, Melbourne, Australia.

PROJECTION ART COMMISSIONS and EXHIBITIONS

2020 MicroGalleries Global Projection Festival, Amman, Jordan. Curated by Kat Roma Greer
2016 Gertrude Street Projection Festival, City of Yarra, Melbourne, Australia
2016 MicroGalleries Global Projection Festival, Graz, Austria. Curated by Kat Roma Greer
2016 *Water Level*, Frankston Art Centre, Frankston, Melbourne, Australia
2015 Greville St Projection Festival, Prahan, Melbourne, Vic, Australia. Curated by Kym Ortenburg
2015 *Sea Inside Me*, The Black Gallery, Vaasa, Finland. With Mirva Vittaniemi and Mathias Nystrand
2015 Paradise Cinema, Paradise Festival, Lake Mountain Alpine Resort, Australia
2015 MicroGalleries Global Projection Festival, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Curated by Kat Roma Greer
2014 Gertrude Street Projection Festival, City of Yarra, Melbourne, Australia. Curated by Kym Ortenburg
2013 Gertrude Street Projection Festival, City of Yarra, Melbourne, Australia. Curated by Kym Ortenburg
2013 *Blue Space V*, Seventh Gallery Night Screen, Melbourne, Australia

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

2022 Coffs Coast Art Prize, Coffs Harbour, Australia
2022 *Shaped*, Craft Victoria, Australia
2021 | notfair | An alternate Art Fair, Former Kardinia Church, Windsor, Australia
2019 28 Beasts, Art event and exhibition, Brunswick East, Australia. Co-curated with Jake Treacy
2017 Noel Counihan Commemorative Art Award, Counihan Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
2016 *Expanded Gaze*, with Betra Fraval, Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Melbourne, Australia
2016 *Stratum*, c3 Contemporary Gallery, Abbotsford Convent, Abbotsford, Melbourne, Australia
2016 *Imagined Worlds*, The Town Hall Gallery, Hawthorn, Australia
2014 Art Award 2014: Art Concerning Environment, Scope Galleries, Warrnambool, Australia
2013 *Resonant Residents* with Dominic and Leo Kavanagh, Conduit Arts, Melbourne, Australia
2012 Closing Season Exhibition, Sa Taronja Cultural Association, Andratx, Majorca, Spain

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016 *Expanding Australia*, Frankston Art Centre, Frankston, Melbourne, Australia
2014 *Coverage II*, Brunswick Arts, Brunswick, Melbourne, Australia
2014 *Coverage I*, Craft Victoria, Melbourne, Australia. Curated by Debbie Pryor
2014 *Resonance*, Counihan Gallery, Brunswick, Melbourne, Australia. Curated by Victor Griss

RESIDENCES

2021 Creative Learning Partnerships program, Staughton College, Melton, Australia
2018 Chinese and European Art Centre (CEAC), Xiamen, Southern China
2017 &Beyond Travel, Mnemba Island, Zanzibar, Tanzania, East Africa
2016 East Coburg Community House, Melbourne, Australia
2015 Projects Abroad, Shark Conservation Project, Pacific Harbour, Suva, Fiji
2012 Sa Taronja Cultural Association, Andratx, Majorca, Spain

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES

- 2021 Creative Learning Partnerships program, Staughton College, Melton
- 2018 Artist Talk, *Art through Atmospheres*, Xiamen University, Xiamen, Southern China
- 2017 Artist Talk, *Imagined Worlds*, The Town Hall Gallery, Hawthorn, Vic, Australia
- 2014 Presentation, Public sculpture commission pitch to Mirvac, Places Victoria and City of Melbourne
- 2014 Artist Talk, *Coverage I*, Craft Victoria, Melbourne, Vic, Australia. Curated by Debbie Pryor
- 2014 Artist Talk, *Resonance*, Counihan Gallery, Brunswick, Melbourne, Vic, Australia
- 2012 Artist Talk, Sa Taronja Cultural Association, Andratx, Majorca, Spain
- 2009 Speaker, Proud, School of Art Exhibition, Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2009 Artist Talk, Victoria Harbour Young Artists Initiative, Docklands, Melbourne, Australia

GRANTS | AWARDS | PRIZES

- 2021 Creative Victoria, Creative Learning Partnerships, Australia
- 2020 Creative Victoria, Sustaining Creative Workers, Australia
- 2017 Public Art Grant, MoreArt Festival, Moreland City Council, Melbourne, Australia
- 2014 Shortlisted, \$750K public sculpture commissioned by Mirvac and City of Melbourne, Australia
- 2010 Fresh! Graduate Exhibition Award, Craft Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
- 2010 Yarra City Community Arts Grant, Melbourne, Australia
- 2010 Ironside Emerging Artist Studio Award, Ironside Studios, Melbourne, Australia
- 2010 Graduate Award for Sculpture, VCA, School of Art, Australia
- 2010 Wallara Travelling Scholarship \$10K Prize, Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Melbourne, Australia

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 | notfair | 2021, Audio, visual and printed guide: [Audio Visual Guide 2021](#)
- 2017 Centre for the Projection Art: www.centreforprojectionart.com.au
- 2016 Kent Wilson, *The Image and the Imagination*, Imagined Worlds catalogue, Hawthorn, Australia
- 2016 Tamara Heath, *Glass art reflects the world*, Moreland Leader, Melbourne, Australia, June 27th
- 2015 Peter Reynolds, *Turning trash into treasured art pieces*, Moreland Leader, Melbourne, Australia, Nov 6th
- 2014 Dan Rule, *Exhibitions trace human footprint*, Arts, The Age, Melbourne, Australia, August 29th
- 2014 *Coverage I exhibition catalogue*, Craft Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
- 2014 Carmen Reid, *Social Resonance* exhibition catalogue, Counihan Gallery, Brunswick, Australia
- 2012 Simone Slee (ed), *Rising: Victoria Harbour Young Artist Initiative*, School of Art, VCA, Australia

ARTS INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2022 – present Founded FYRESIDE ARTS, Artspace and Art Services: www.fyresidearts.com
- 2015 – present Founded Melbourne Art Assist, Art Services: www.melbournearassist.com
- 2014 – 2022 Installation Technician, Craft Victoria
- 2014 – 2020 Installation Technician, National Exhibition Touring Support (NETS)
- 2016 – 2020 Installation Technician, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA)
- 2014 – 2017 Installation Technician National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)