

BROOK ANDREW

Brook Andrew is a Melbourne based artist who works with neon, installation, photo-media, mixed-media, performance and video. Andrew challenges cultural and historical perception, using text and image to comment on local and global issues regarding race, consumerism and history.

His most recent mixed-media works *The Island* series draw on Prussian naturalist Blandowski's etchings of Australia from the 1850s (sourced from The Haddon Library, Cambridge, UK) that portray a wild and romantic Australia.

BROOK ANDREW: Theme Park a major solo museum exhibition at AAMU, Utrecht, continues until April 2009. Encompassing three levels of the museum and working with AAMU's own collections and historical records, along with works from international museum collections, his own artwork and site-specific installations, '*Brook Andrew's Theme Park*,' writes Marcia Langton in the exhibition catalogue, '*re-invents the Aboriginal 'type' exhibited in the old circus with both grave and ironic intent.*'

Andrew's work often dives into the political and social, not only challenging historical and personal conventions, but also allowing for other possibilities in regards to the 'gaze' and the consumer implicit activity in global issues. These themes inspire Andrew to travel locally and internationally, actively visiting museum collections and local communities to research and make new work. *Blakatak: Like a Chocatak* convened by Andrew, was a forum organised at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, creating rigorous debate surrounding Aboriginal art in a contemporary context.

Brook Andrew is currently based in New York, and will next year create new work for the soon to be launched art space *Detached* in Hobart.

BROOK ANDREW

Born 1970

Lives and works in Melbourne.

Brook Andrew is represented by Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2008-09 *BROOK ANDREW: Theme Park* AAMU. Utrecht. The Netherlands.
- 2008 *Brook Andrew – The Island*. Museum of Archeology and Anthropology, Cambridge, UK.
- 2007 *Come into the Light*. Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne.
Brook Andrew: Eye to Eye. A survey exhibition curated by Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne, touring Australian and south/south-east Asia.
- 2006 *YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE BLACK*. National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.
- 2005 *Peace, The Man & Hope*: Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide; STILLS Gallery, Sydney; Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne.
- 2004 *Kalar Midday* series and *Emu*. STILLS Gallery, Sydney & Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne.
- 2003 *Kalar Midday* series. Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide.
- 2002 *Showtime* and *Proselytiser*. Republic Tower. Visible Art Foundation, Melbourne.
- 2001 *the good side, the bad side, the other side*. Experimental Art Foundation, Adelaide, South Australia.
Buunji nginduugir AMERICA. Artspace, Sydney. Australia.
The unseen. Sanskriti Kendra. Delhi, India.
- 2000 *POLEMICS, BUUGA-BUUGA* and *Proselytiser*.. Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VICT, Australia.
- 1999 *contention* series. Contemporary Art Centre of S.A. Inc. Adelaide, Australia.
- 1996 *Dispersed Treasures*. Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, UK.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2008-09 *typical! Clichés of Jews and Others*. The Jewish Museum, Berlin, Jewish Museum, Vienna, and Spertus Institute, Chicago.
- 2008 *Half Light – Portraits of Black Australia*. Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney.
Artspace 24/25 – Twenty four one hour exhibitions. Twenty five years of Artspace. Artspace, Sydney
Leading Lights. Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney.
Lost and Found. TarraWarra Biennial. TarraWarra Museum of Art, Victoria.
- 2007 *DE OVERKANT/DOWN-UNDER: Stichting Den Haag Sculptuur*. Den Haag. The Netherlands.
The story of Australian printmaking 1801–2005. National Gallery of Australia. Canberra.
Alfred Metraux : From fieldwork to Human Rights. Smithsonian Institute. National Museum of Natural History. Washington D.C. United States of America. October 2006-March 2007.
PRISM: CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN ART. Bridgestone Museum of Art, Ishibashi Foundation. Tokyo, Japan.
TRANS VERSA. Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Santiago, Chile.
SATELLITE06. Yangshupu Rd. Pavilion. Shanghai, China: A Shanghai Biennale satellite event.
- 2006-07 *Light Sensitive*. Contemporary Australian Photography from the Loti Smorgon Fund. National Gallery of Victoria, Australia.
2006 WARNING Smoking has been linked to some of the most powerful images of the twentieth century. Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery. Victoria.
Australian Photographic Portrait Prize. Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney.
Points of View: Australian Photography 1985-95. Art Gallery of NSW. Sydney.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS continued

2006

HIGH TIDE: currents in contemporary Australasian art. National Gallery of Art, Warszawa, Poland, and Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius, Lithuania.

The Adelaide Biennial of Australia 2006: 21st Century Modern. Art Gallery of South Australia.

2005

Black on White. Centre for Contemporary Photography. Melbourne.

The Butterfly Effect. Australian Museum. The Sydney Festival. Sydney.

C-Town Bling. Campbelltown Arts Centre. Sydney.

04-05

Colour Power. National Gallery of Victoria.

SHIMAI – SISTERS. Fujieda City Museum, Japan, and Penrith Regional Gallery & Lewers Bequest, Western Sydney.

2004

2004-The Year in Art. S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney.

The Spirit of Football. National Gallery of Victoria.

2004 Australian Culture Now. Australian Centre for the Moving Image and the National Gallery of Victoria.

Our Place: Indigenous Australian now. Cultural Olympiad Program, Athens, Greece.

Images: Photo's by Aboriginal Artists. Aboriginal Art Museum, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Aboriginal Art: Spirit & Vision. Sammlung-Essl, Vienna.

2003

Australian Photographic Portrait Prize. Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney.

Boofheads & Scrubbers. Penrith Regional Gallery & Lewers Bequest. Sydney.

New View: Indigenous Photographic Perspectives. Monash Gallery of Art. National touring exhibition. Melbourne, Australia.

2002

Border Panic. Performance Space, Sydney.

ARCO. Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi. Madrid, Spain.

2001

Imaging Identity and Place. Grafton Regional Gallery. National Australian touring exhibition.

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across: Indigenous Art and Culture. Australian National University Gallery. National touring exhibition. Australia.

2000

Melbourne International Art Fair. Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi. Australia.

Blondies and Brownies . Torch gallery. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

4th Nouméa Biennale d'Art Contemporain. Nouméa -Pacifique. Tjibaou Cultural Centre. New Caledonia.

Orbital. Experimenta Media Arts at The Lux Centre for Film, London, UK, & Centre for Contemporary Photography., Melbourne, Australia.

98-00

Re-take: Contemporary ATSI Photography. National Gallery of Australia. Canberra. National touring exhibition.

1999

MENTHEN...queue here! djamu Gallery, the Australian Museum at Customs House

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Claiming Title. United States touring show:Carleton & St. Olaf College, MN, Lawrence Uni., WI, Samuel Dorsky Uni., SUNY.

Perspecta 99. S.H. Ervin Gallery. Observatory Hill, Sydney.

Beyond Myth-Oltre Il Mito. Palazzo Papadopoli, 48th Venice Biennale, Italy.

1999

Moet and Chandon Australian Art Fellowship 1999. Australia. Art Gallery of NSW. Sydney.

1998

Constructed in the Field of the Other. Artspace, Sydney.

15th National ATSI Award . Museum & Art Gallery of N.T, Australia.

blAK bABE(z) & kWEER kAT(z). Gitte Weise Gallery. Sydney.

1997

Black Humour. Canberra Contemporary Art Space. National Australian touring exhibition.

Quay Works. Sydney Festival, Sydney.

1996

Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art . Art Gallery of South Australia.

Souvenir Greetings from Sydney . Craft Council of NSW, Sydney.

1995

Perspecta. Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney.

New Faces New Directions. Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS *continued*

- 94-95 *Blakness: Blak City Culture..* Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne. National touring exhibition.
True Colours-ATSI Artists Raise the Flag. Boomalli. British and Australian national touring exhibition.
- 1994 *Window Gallery, Artspace, Sydney.*
Shifting Edges. Casula Powerhouse, Sydney.
Fresh Art. S H Ervin Gallery, Sydney.
- 1993 *Mary Alice Evatt Award.* Artspace, Sydney.
- 1992 *Wring.* The Performance Space, Sydney.
The Post Modern Experience. Casula Powerhouse, Sydney.

COLLECTIONS

ARTBANK, Australia.
The Vizard Foundation Collection, Melbourne.
BHP Billiton Collection
Darling Collection
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra.
Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth.
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney.
Museum of Contemporary Art, Circular Quay, Sydney.
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.
Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane.
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide.
Flinders University Museum
Benalla Art Gallery, Victoria.
Museum Victoria, Melbourne.
Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne.

Northern Territory University Art Collection, Darwin.
University of Wollongong Art Collection
Griffith University Art Collection, Brisbane.
University of Western Sydney
Monash University Museum of Art, Victoria.
La Trobe University Art Museum

International and National private collections

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2008 ISCP residency NYC. Visual Arts Board, Australia Council for the Arts.
- 2006 New Work. VACB. Australia Council.
- 2005 Peoples Choice. Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award. Gold Coast. Queensland.
- 2004 Recipient, Works on Paper. Telstra National ATSI Art Award. Northern Territory.
- 2002 Feature Film Development Grant. Australian Film Commission.
Research Grant. College of Fine Arts, University of NSW. Sydney.
- 2001 Fellowship. Australia Council for the Arts.
- 2000 Professional Development Grant. Australia Council.
Metro Screen and the Australian Film Commission. Sydney.
- 1998 Recipient of The 1998 Kate Challis RAKA Art Award. Ian Potter Museum of Art, The University of Melbourne. Victoria.
Metro Screen and SBS, Sydney.
- 1997 New Work Grant. Australia Council.
- 1996 Professional Development Grant. Australia Council.
- 1993 Mary Alice Evatt Award: Artspace, Sydney.

ARTIST RESIDENCY/FELLOW

- 2008 ISCP residency NYC. Visual Arts Board, Australia Council for the Arts.
- 2006 South Project. *TRANS VERSA*. Museum of Contemporary Arts, Galeria Metropolitana and Centro Cultural Matucana 100, Santiago, Chile.
Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2005-06 Honorary Fellow, School of Anthropology, Geography and Environment Studies. University of Melbourne.
- 2005 Sydney College of the Arts, University of NSW. Sydney.
- 2002 *Intersections*. University of Hawaii, School of Art. Hawaii.
Bundanon Trust. Nowra. Australia.
- 00-01 Sanskriti. New Dehli, India. Asialink Residency.
- 2000 Gasworks, and Goldsmith College, London University, London.
- 1999 Northern Editions, Northern Territory Uni. Darwin, Northern Territory.
- 1997 Kuala Lumpur Private Catholic College. Malaysia.
Royal Albert Memorial Museum. Exeter, UK.

EDUCATION

- 98-99 Master of Fine Arts. College of Fine Arts, Uni. of NSW. Paddington. Sydney, Australia.
- 90-93 Bachelor of Visual Arts. University of Western Sydney, Nepean. Sydney, Australia.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS

- 2008 *Clown I and Clown II*, Dream Festival 2008, Melbourne.
- 2005 Designer: Indigenous Opening Ceremony, Commonwealth Games, Melbourne.
- 2004 *ANP (ANIMATED NEON PROTOZOA)*. Queensland Museum Entry. Three suspended animated neon sculptures.
- 2003 Designer: Indigenous Opening Ceremony, Rugby World Cup. Olympic Stadium, Sydney.
Open Gallery. Art & About 2003. Sydney city street banners. Sydney City Council.
- 2001 *Rivervisions*. Collaboration with Regina Walter. Casula Powerhouse. Sydney. Light projection performance with sound.
- 2000 *Seven Spears*. Sydney International Shooting Centre, Cecil Park. Sydney Olympic Co-ordination Authority. Sydney, Australia. 7 wooden, bronze and LED spears ranging 5.5-7m in height.
Banner Art. Main Hall, National Museum of Australia. Canberra.
- 1999-2000 *Wilbing (to fly)*. Walama Forecourt, Sydney International Airport Terminal. Sydney. 22 rigged red animated neon boomerangs in a returning boomerang flight path
- 1997 *Thinking of You*. Greenvalley Artworks. Liverpool City Council. Sydney. Mosaic floor design.

REVIEWS/ESSAYS

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- Loxley, A. *Confronting the stereotype with defiance and affection*, in 'Sydney Morning Herald'. 14/8/03.
- Strickland, K. *Black lives viewed from the inside*, in 'The Australian'. 29/5/03.
- Nicholls, C. *Brook Andrew: Seriously playful*, in 'Real Time + Onscreen'. April-May, 03. No. 54: <http://www.realttimearts.net/rt54/nicholls.html>
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