

Karla Marchesi

Born 21.09.1984, Born Brisbane, Australia Lives Berlin, Germany

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026** **Till and Toil**, Jan Manton Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
- 2025** **Disco Inferno**, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2024** Slow Growth: Recent paintings from Europe, Jan Manton Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
Weathervane, Galerie Cyprian Brenner, Hüttlingen, Germany
- 2023** Cruise control death drive, Bark Gallery Berlin, Germany
Slow is smooth, Smooth is fast, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2022** **Desire Path**, Jan Manton Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
Slow Burn, Jumbo Receiver, Berlin, Germany
- 2021** **Sugar Fever Dream**, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
Vanity Fair: Select works, Jan Manton Gallery, Brisbane Australia
- 2019** **To proceed within a trap**, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2018** **Floral Atlas** Artscape Contemporary, Luxembourg
Gold Standard Helmut, Leipzig, Germany
Fools Gold, Das Giftraum, Berlin, Germany
- 2017** **After Nature** Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2015** **Vivarium** Heiser Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
- 2014** **Here nor There** Australian High Commission, Singapore and Chan Hampe Galleries, Raffles Hotel Arcade, Singapore
- 2013** **Hang-Ups** Beam Contemporary, Melbourne Australia
Every moment lives together Kunsthalle M3, Berlin, Germany
- 2012** **To have and to hold** Beam Contemporary, Melbourne Australia
Finders Keepers Firstdraft, Sydney, Australia
Recent Paintings Heiser Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
- 2011** **Deterior** Blindside Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2010** **Left Behind** Heiser Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
- 2008** **Interiors** Heiser Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
Dwelling Metro Arts, Brisbane, Australia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026** Bitter Sweet, Mjuz Art Salon, Augsburg, Germany, Marking Time, University of the Sunshine Coast Art Gallery, Queensland, Australia, BAAM11, Monopol, Berlin, Germany, Winter Show, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne
- 2025** Summer 2025: An end of year celebration, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia, Collecting the Future: 50 years of the Griffith University Art Collection, GUAM, Brisbane, Kirschen Essen mit dir, Projektraum K-Salon, Berlin, Germany
- 2024** Rocks & Tethers, Bark Berlin Gallery, Berlin, Germany, According to Her, Bark Berlin Gallery & Kultur am See e.V Bad Saarow, Bad Saarow, Germany, Le nouveau Biedermeier, Tick Tack, Antwerp, Belgium, Art Karlsruhe (Art Fair booth) Bark Berlin Gallery, Karlsruhe, Germany, Gruppenausstellung, FoYou, Berlin, Germany
A Summer Selection, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2023** AmtSalon 5th edition, Bark Berlin Gallery booth, Berlin, Germany, Bark Berlin Gallery, Booth B1, Kunst Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland, Miniutra, Kunsthalle M3, Berlin, Germany, Uncanny, Phantasmal Gallery, London
- 2022** Mirus LA Sneak Peek, Mirus Gallery, Los Angeles, United States, Feel Free Feel Free, SCOTTY, Berlin, Germany, Holdings 2022, Jan Manton Gallery, Brisbane, 200 under 2000, CSR.ART, Berlin, Germany
- 2021** Planet Mother, The Foundry, Luxemburg, Luxemburg, Vitality, Mirus Gallery, Denver, United States, Trash to Impress, PR17, Berlin and Polarraum ,Hamburg, Germany
- 2020** Built Forms, Redcliffe Regional Gallery, Queensland, Australia, The Family Home, Redland Art Gallery, Queensland, Australia, 5 Years Anniversary Exhibition, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, An Australian Spring, Michael Reid Gallery Berlin, Germany, Floral Obsession, Artscape Luxembourg, Luxembourg Art Week, Tondo, InFormat collective, Kunstquartier Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
- 2019** Re_wild, CMS, Luxembourg, Female Gaze, Foundry Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Outmoded* Nachtspeicher23, Hamburg, Germany
- 2018** Almost Nature, Caves Bernard Massard, Luxemburg. Neue Echtheit, 48 Stunden Neukolln, Berlin, Preview, Nachtspeicher23, Hamburg, Germany
- 2017** Artscape Contemporary, Luxembourg Art week, Luxembourg, Raze Raise, Kunsthalle M3, Berlin, Germany, Scenes of our city, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane, Australia
- 2016** 100% Brisbane, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane, Frieze, Kunsthalle M3, Berlin, Germany, Summer Show, Michael Reid Berlin, Berlin, Germany, A Conversation about Portraiture, Pine Rivers Art Gallery, Brisbane

RESIDENCIES

2012-13 6-month studio residency at Atelierhaus Mengerzeile, Berlin, Germany

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

2024 Rocks and Tethers, Bark Berlin Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2020 Moon Spill – Arryn Snowball and collaborators, Proxi Projects, Berlin, Germany

GRANTS AND PRIZES

2026 Winner – The Gold Award, Rockhampton Art Museum, Finalist - Waterhouse Natural Science Art Prize, Art Gallery of South Australia **2025** Finalist – Lethbridge Landscape Painting Prize **2024** Highly commended Redland Art Awards **2023** Finalist – Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo, Victoria, Australia **2022** Third Prize – Redland Art Awards **2019** Finalist – Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo, Victoria, Australia **2017** Finalist – Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo, Victoria, Australia **2016** Finalist – Bayside Acquisitive Art Award, Brighton, Victoria **2014** Finalist – Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award, Grafton, New South Wales, Australia **2013** Australia Council for the Arts New Work Grant – Early Career **2012** Gewinner des Wilson Visual Arts Award , Arts Queensland Career Development Grant

COLLECTIONS

Australian Catholic University Art Collection, Central Queensland University, Gadens Lawyers, Griffith University Art Collection ,Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, Museum of Brisbane, Pine Rivers Shire Gallery, Queensland University of Technology Art Museum, Collection Redcliffe City Gallery, Redland Art Gallery, Southern Downs Regional Art Collection, St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, Brisbane, Swiss Re Melbourne, University of Queensland Art Museum, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sammlung Holtmann Berlin

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

2023 - (ongoing) Verena Kerfin Gallery (formerly Bark Berlin Galerie), Berlin, Germany

2021 - (ongoing) Jan Manton Gallery, Brisbane, Australia

2016 - (ongoing) Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia

2012 - 2014 Beam Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia

2007 - 2017 Heiser gallery, Brisbane, Australia

EDUCATION

2007 Bachelor of Fine Art, First Class Honours, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University,
2004 Bachelor of Fine Art Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, 2003 Semester study at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, United States of America

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

2018-ongoing Artist Assistant for Studio Martin Eder, Berlin

2016-2017 Artist Assistant for Studio Anslem Reyle, Berlin

2016 Artist Assistant work for Iris Van Dongen and Alex Tenningkeit, Berlin

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