

LEILA JEFFREYS

Leila Jeffreys (b. Papua New Guinea) was raised in Perth, Australia, however thanks to her very adventurous parents, spent much of her childhood travelling. This included time in Nasrapur, India, a small village 140 kilometres south east of Mumbai. Jeffreys grew up surrounded by wildlife and forest both in Australia and abroad, sparking her interest in the natural world.

Jeffreys went on to study photography as part of a bachelor of arts degree at Murdoch University and Curtin University in Perth. Jeffreys continued her studies in Sydney, completing an Advanced Certificate III in Photography from Ultimo TAFE College. Jeffreys began documenting birds by way of photographic portraiture in 2008 when she realised that it was because of their small size that the beauty in the commonplace was being missed.

“Through a unique combination of technical skill, ingenuity, patience and empathy, Leila creates objects of art that are luxurious visual pleasures in themselves. By abstracting her subjects from their accustomed context, she demands focus on form, composition and colour. Stark and warm, objective and celebratory at the same time, her photographs not only enhance our personal surroundings by their own decorative presence, but expand our joyous understanding of the world we inhabit, yes customarily see so incompletely in the short time allowed to us.”

– Dr Sarah Engledow, Historian (National Portrait Gallery, Canberra, Australia)

- 1972 Born in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, Australian citizen
- 1993 BA Communications, Curtin University, Australia
- 1994 BA Photography Major, Murdoch University, Australia
- 1999 Photography Advanced Certificated III, Ultimo TAFE, Australia

Lives and works in Sydney, Australia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *Ornithurae*, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London
Linda Fargo’s Shop, Bergdorf Goodman, New York City
Garden Party Loft Exhibition, Bergdorf Goodman, New York City
Muse, Taronga Zoo, Sydney
Ornithurae, Olsen Gruin Gallery, New York City
- 2017 *Australians in Film Black Tie Dinner*, Los Angeles
- 2016 *Bird Love*, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London
- 2014 *Wild Cockatoos*, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London
Prey, Olsen Irwin Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 *Wild Cockatoos*, Tim Olsen Gallery
- 2011 *Portrait of a Budgerigar*, Jonathan Adler, NY
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- 2010 *Portrait of a Budgerigar*, Iain Dawson Gallery, Sydney

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *Photo London*, London
 2 x 2, Olsen Gallery, Woollahra, Sydney
- 2017 *Sydney Contemporary Art Fair*, Sydney
 Flight Paths, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC
- 2017 *Carriage Works*, Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney
- 2016 *Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy of Arts, London
- 2015 Olsen Irwin Gallery, Sydney
 Sophie Gannon Gallery, Melbourne
 Feathered Touchstones, Rochdale, UK
- 2013 *On a Wing and a Prayer*, Mars Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2012 *Wild Australia*, Gallery Reis, Singapore
- 2011 *Summer Collection Studio at the B*, Ally's Beach, Florida
 Wattle, Contemporary Australian Art, Cat Street Gallery, Hong Kong
 Summer Feast, Iain Dawson Gallery, Sydney
 Head on Photo Festival, Iain Dawson Gallery, Sydney

COLLECTIONS

- Artbank, Sydney
21C Museum Hotels, USA
Macquarie Bank, Sydney
Museum of Photography, Seoul