



BLACK DOOR GALLERY
CONTEMPORARY NEW ZEALAND ART AND DESIGN

Artist Bio

Di Tocker, NZ

Glass

Working from her purpose-built studio in Waikato, New Zealand, Di Tocker creates skilful figurative cast glass sculptures.

Tocker found her passion for glass at a young age, first working with the leadlight process. Her practice has since developed and refined, and now her recognisable works often centre around a single thoughtful figure. These works conjure ideas of memory, interconnectedness, and moments of reflection - ultimately, explorations of the human condition.

Process is important to Tocker's practice. She uses the lost-wax casting technique, whereby a wax model is used to create a mold which is then lost during the glass casting process. After casting, Tocker polishes the numerous glass facets characteristic of her style leading to an almost gem-like finish.

Tocker completed a Bachelor in Fine Arts (Glass) from 2000-2002. She has won numerous awards for her glass; including the Swarbrick Dixon award for Excellence at the Re-Fraction Glass Exhibition in 2010, selection in the prestigious Australasian Ranamok Glass Prize in 2011 and first prize and people's choice awards at the 2014 Auckland Easter Show Art Exhibition. Di Tocker's work can be found in private collections in the US, UK and across Australasia.

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EDUCATION

2000-2002 - R.M.I.T. University, Melbourne, Australia. Bachelor of Fine Arts – Glass

1994-1995 - West Cheshire College, England. Certificate in Art and Design

SELECT SOLO/DUO EXHIBITIONS

2020 – The Painter and the Glassmaker – Black Door Gallery, Auckland, NZ

2019 – Fluid Practice, Form Gallery, Christchurch, NZ

2018 – It’s Better Together, Form Gallery, Christchurch, NZ

2017 – The Painter and the Glassmaker VISIT – Gallery De Novo, Dunedin, NZ

2015 – SOLO Cast Glass by Di Tocker, Gallery De Novo, Dunedin, NZ

2008 – Abstract Figurative Glass - ArtsPost, Hamilton, NZ

RESIDENCY

2015 – 6 week studio residency, Dunedin School of Art, NZ

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITION

2020 – Small Sculpture Prize 2020, Waiheke Art Gallery, NZ

2020 – Molly Morpeth Canaday 3D – Whakatane, NZ

2019 – We Are Luminaires, Black Door Gallery, Auckland, NZ

2019 – FOUR – Weasel Gallery, Hamilton, NZ

2019 – Small Sculpture Prize 2019, Waiheke Art Gallery, NZ

2018 – NZSAG Members Exhibition, Sargeant Gallery, Whanganui, NZ

2015 - Figurative Form, Waiheke Art Gallery, Waiheke Island, NZ

2015 - The Glassmaker and the Painter, David Lloyd Gallery, Hamilton, NZ

2014 - NZSAG Members Exhibition, Pah Homestead, Auckland, NZ

2013 – Figurative Glass, Waiheke Art Gallery, NZ

2013 – Small Sculpture Prize 2013 – Waiheke Art Gallery, Waiheke Island, NZ

2012 – Blown Away With Glass – Percy Thompson Gallery, Stratford, NZ

2011 – Ranamok Glass Prize, Canberra Glassworks, AUS - Finalist

2011 - Five Glass Artists: New Works, ArtsPost, Hamilton, NZ

2010 - RE-FRACTION - The Sculpture Park @ Waitakaruru Arboretum, Hamilton, NZ - Winner

2010 – GLASS The Molly Morpeth Canaday 3D Awards, Whakatane District Museum & Gallery, Whakatane, NZ - Selected

2009 – Verre – COCA, Christchurch, NZ

2008 – Cavalier Bremworth Art of Glass Awards (Artworks at the Hilton), Auckland, NZ

2008 – GLASS The Molly Morpeth Canada 3D Awards, Whakatane District Museum & Gallery, Whakatane, NZ - Selected
2007 - RE-FRACTION - The Sculpture Park @ Waitakaruru Arboretum, Hamilton, NZ
2007 - In A Different Light - Aesthete Gallery, Hamilton, NZ
2002 - 22 Degrees R.M.I.T. Glass & Ceramics Graduate Show - Span Gallery, Melbourne, AUS
2000 - R.M.I.T. Glass - First Site Gallery, Melbourne, AUS

Grants

2014 Mental Blocks, ArtStation, Ponsonby, Auckland, NZ

SELECT COMMISSIONS

St Peter's School Cambridge
Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM)
Civil Contractors NZ (Waikato Branch)
University of Waikato Alumni Association
New Zealand Tourism Industry Awards
Waipa District Council - Heritage Award
Waipa District Council - Biodiversity Award
Brian Perry Classic ProAm Golf Tournament Awards

AWARDS

2020 – Peoples Choice Award – NZSAG Members Exhibition, NZ Glassworks, Whanganui, NZ
2014 - Peoples Choice Award - NZSAG Members Exhibition, Pah Homestead, Auckland, NZ
2011 - Finalist - Ranamok Glass Prize, Canberra Glassworks, AUS (Stick to your Knitting #2)
2010 - Excellence Award - RE-FRACTION - The Sculpture Park @ Waitakaruru Arboretum, Hamilton, New Zealand
2002 - Australian Combustion Services Award for Excellence - R.M.I.T. University