

# Peter Godwin

## Short Bio

Peter Godwin is one of Australia's leading painters. The unique character of Godwin's work springs partly from his use of egg tempera, which handles like an oil-based paint but its fast-drying properties allow him to quickly build up layer upon layer. Godwin will scratch back into the surfaces, creating thin, meandering lines that break up the dark recessive planes he uses as a backdrop.

## Long Bio

Peter Godwin began exhibiting his work in 1978. In 2002 he began regularly exhibiting at Defiance Gallery, Sydney. Peter's work quickly attracted the attention of Australian collectors and he has enjoyed sell out solo exhibitions in 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2006. His work is represented in private, corporate and public collections. He has been awarded the Art Gallery of New South Wales Gruner Prize in 1979 and again in 1985. Peter was the recipient of the Mosman Art Prize in 2004 and was selected as a finalist in the Art Gallery of NSW Sulman Prize in 2007. Peter worked as a sessional lecturer in painting and drawing at the National Art School, Sydney from 1983 to 2005. In 2017 he was finalist in the Mosman Art prize and Winner of the Kings School Art prize.

## Education

1979      Fine Art Certificate, Hornsby College  
1983      Higher Art Certificate, National Art School

### Teaching

2006      Sessional lecturer in drawing, National Art School

1984

1990/      Sessional lecturer in printmaking, National Art School

1984      Sessional lecturer in drawing and painting, Hornsby College  
Tutor/Aboriginal Education Unit, Central Coast

1987/ Tutor in drawing, Sydney University  
1985

### Selected solo exhibitions

2013 Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
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2011 Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
2009 Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
Nevill Keating Mclroy, London, UK  
2007 Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
2006 New Works, Wilson Street Gallery, Presented by Defiance Gallery,  
2005 Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
2003 Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
2002 Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
1992 Hobson Gallery, Sydney  
1990 Hobson Gallery, Sydney  
1986 Hobson Gallery, Sydney  
1984 Hobson Gallery, Sydney  
1975 Studio 7, Madrid, Spain

### Selected group exhibitions

2014 The Painters' Journey – Hong Kong/China: Euan Macleod and  
Peter Godwin, Nock Art Gallery Hong Kong

2013 Six Artists | Seven Days The AWC Kimberley Exhibition, Mary Place  
Abstracting Landscape, Defiance Gallery, Newtown  
Please Be Seated, Defiance Gallery, Newtown

2011 Ship Shape: The Boat Show, Defiance Gallery  
The Landscape Show, Defiance Gallery, Paddington  
The Drawing Show, Defiance Gallery, Newtown

2010 The Drawing Show, Defiance Gallery Newtown  
The Opening Exhibition, Defiance Gallery, Paddington

2009 Same Place Many Views, Painting the Australian Landscape –  
Group Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney

- 2008 Same Place Many Views, Painting the Australian Landscape –  
Group Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2007 'Country & Cuisine' touring exhibition curated by Gavin Wilson  
Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2006 'Same Place, Many Views', Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
The Defiance Gallery Drawing Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2005 '2005 The Year in Art' National Trust S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 2005 The Defiance Drawing Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
'Same Place, Many Views', Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 Fonas Exhibition, National Art School, Sydney  
Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Gallery, Sydney
- 2003 The Year in Art 2003, SH Ervin Gallery  
National Art School, Sydney  
Defiance @ Danks, 2 Danks St, Sydney  
The Defiance Group Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 Group Show – Painting & Sculpture, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 Selected works, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
- 2000 Staff exhibition, National Art School, Sydney
- 1999 Staff exhibition, National Art School, Sydney
- 1995 James Harvey Gallery, Sydney
- 1993 Gosford Regional Gallery
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- 1991 Hobson Gallery, Sydney
- 1987 Hobson Gallery, Sydney
- 1986 Faber Castell Drawing Prize
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Hobson Gallery, Sydney
- 1984 Faber Castell Drawing Prize
- 1979 NSW Travelling Art Scholarship (highly recommended)
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### **Prizes and residencies**

- 2013 Residence in Guilin and Hong Kong , Nock Foundation
- 2009 Enid Ng Paris Residency
- 2005 Finalist, Sulman Prize Art Gallery NSW
- 2004 Mosman Art Prize
- 1985 Gruner Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 1984 Barry Stern Print Prize  
Tamaresque Works on Paper
- 1983 Barry Stern Print prize

1979 Gruner Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales

### Public collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales  
Government House, Sydney  
Gosford Regional Gallery  
Sydney Institute of Technology Collection  
Parliament House, Canberra  
Mosman Art Gallery

Selected corporate collections  
Allen Allen and Hemsley  
Coopers Lybrand Collection

Private collections  
Private collections throughout Australia and overseas

### Selected bibliography

- 2009 The Spectator, Exhibitions 'Summer Round Up'  
Andrew Lambirth, 27 June 2009, p44-45  
Catalogue Essay by John McDonald for Nevill Keating Mclroy  
Gallery
- 2007 The Australian, Arts 'Punchy and Inventive'  
Sebastian Smee, 18 September 2007, p16  
The Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum, Visual Art  
'Eloquent works by Quiet Achievers'  
John McDonald, September 15-16 2007, p16-17
- 2006 The Australian Financial Review Magazine, March 2006  
'Unstill Life' Interview with John McDonald, p24 - 29
- 2005 Sydney Morning Herald, Spectrum, Visual Art  
'Out of Art's Boiler Room' John McDonald, p28  
October 8-9 2005  
702fm ABC Sydney Talk Radio  
Arts Segment - Exhibition Review with Henry Mullholland  
10.50am 12 October 2005

