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Tonia Geddes

Tonia Geddes is the director of the Wallace Gallery in Morrinsville with many years prior experience teaching Visual Art at secondary school level.

She holds a BFA from Canterbury University and was recently a finalist in the Molly Morpeth Canada Day 3D Award 2022, the 2021 Fieldays No.8 Wire Competition and the 2020 NZ Painting and Printmaking Award.

Tonia's art practice includes both printmaking and painting and she has recently created ceramic pieces, as one half of Memento Mori Ceramics, for New Zealand film projects.



Hollie Tawhaio

I am a Kirikiriroa based multidisciplinary artist, writer, and toi advocate. I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons) from Elam, Post Graduate Diploma (Dist) in Museum Studies from Massey University and am currently completing my Masters in Contemporary Art with Wintec | Te Pūkenga under the supervision of Leafa Wilson and Tony Nicholls. I am currently Kaitiaki Mātangireia at the University of Waikato. My art practice stems from my lifetime of living with and learning toi whakairo in my father's shed and from the unwavering support of my whānau. Currently my research looks at the development of our toi from the perspective of cumulative cultural evolution and the reality that our current practices as they stand are the foundation of future movements that could influence artistic and sociological cultural shifts. I enjoy exploring intangible boundaries, assumptions and conveniences and pulling them to the fore to reflect on the way they shape our experience and what they say about who we are.



#1. Nathapat
Rattanpornsompong

'Imperfect King'

Painting

530.00



#2. Weizhi Zhou

'Definition - 1'

Oil on Canvas

1,500.00



#3. Hannah Zhou

'Bloom's Radiance'

Oil painting

150.00



#4. Selena Li

'The Whispering
Lake, on Earth'

Watercolor Painting

350.00



#5. Hongyi Wu

'War Escapism'

Painting

50.00



#6. Jingyi Mei

'0.5'

Colour pencil
drawing

150.00



#7. Zihan Xia

'The Bumpy
Alleyway'

Drawing with alcohol-
based markers

80.00



#8. Matai Reid

'DISCARDED - 1'

Sculpture -
woodturning

575.00



#9. Esmeralda
(Baohan) Zhao

'Second chance'

Painting

280.00





#11. Olive
Ruddenklau

'Hierarchy'

Sculpture

480.00







#14. Isabella Xu

'Enshrouded'

Charcoal on
cardboard

600.00



#15. Abigail Reid

'0.08° Celsius'

Sculpture

5000.00





#17. Nikita Billington

'Unmasked'

Acrylic Painting,
melted crayon

120.00



#18. Daniela Garcia
Hoyos

'Mujer guerrera
(warrior woman)'

Charcoal on paper

400.00



#19. Zoe Simonson

'The price of loyalty'

Sculpture- Clay

20,000.00



#20. Katie Vincent

'Dolly Potts'

Sculpture

300.00



#21. Chang Liu

'Yoni'

Painting

900.00



#22. Noah Bremner

'Statue of Steel'

Painting

5,000.00



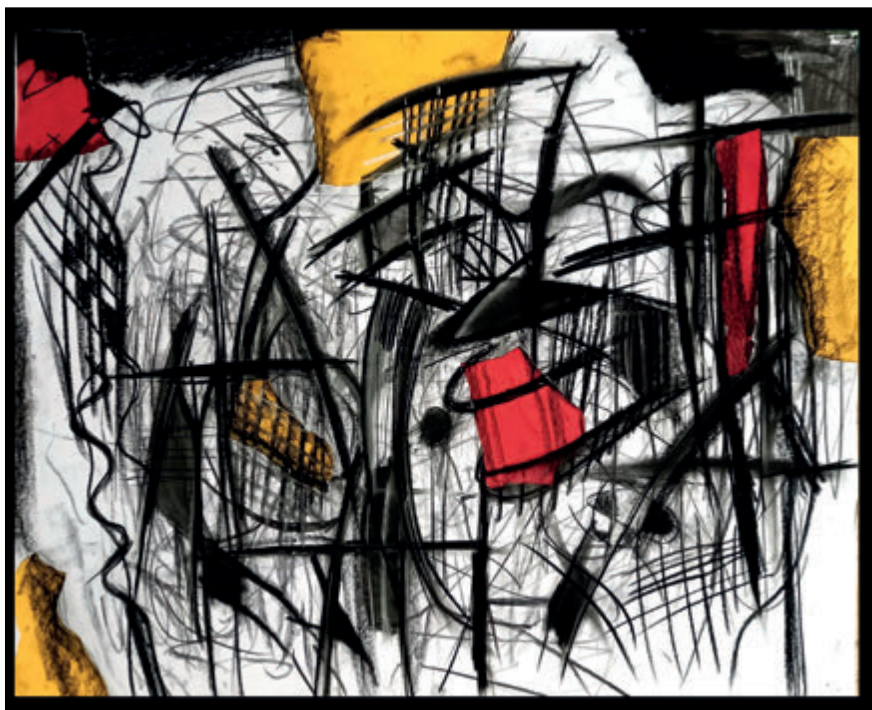


#24. Daniel Silsbee

'Tiaki Stag'

Wood Burning

295.00



#25. Olivia Wang

'Aerial Metropolis'

Mixed Media

550.00

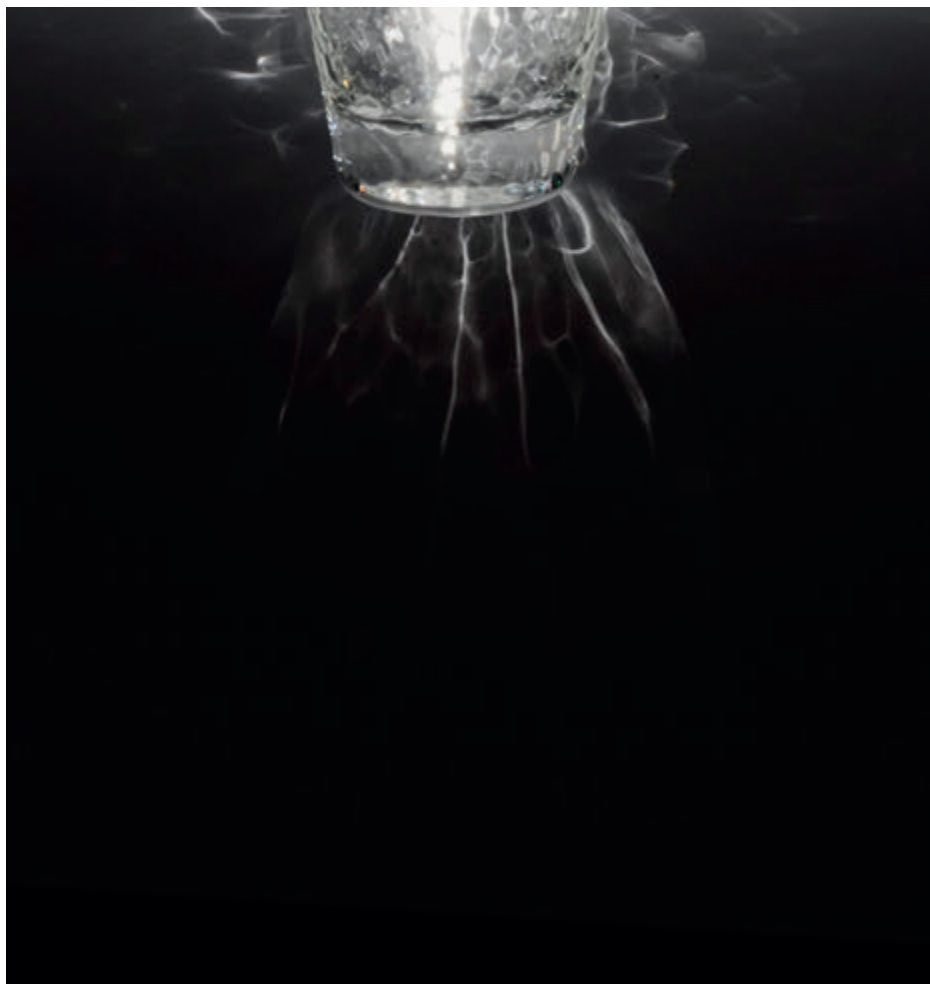


#26. Xiuqi Li

'Shriek'

Charcoal drawing

2,000.00





#28. Zifei Zhou

'Consumerism I'

Mixed media-
watercolour, ink and
acrylic

550.00



#29. Charlie
Campbell

'Guardian'

Digital Painting
(printed)

350.00



#30. Dora Yi

'A Sunday Dinner'

Painting

500.00



#31. Nat Kirk

'In His Grip'

Drawing, Graphite

1,750.00



#32. Eddie Purdom

'The Veiled Selves'

Photograph

600.00



#33. Audrey Goggin

'Untitled
Lepidoptera'

Acrylic paint on
canvas

500.00



#34. Nyle
Turuwhenua

'Mahi Wahine?'

Mixed Media

500.00



#35. Madeleine
Cunliffe

'Uncanny Figures'

Oil Painting

400.00



#36. Esmae Salesa

'Plastic'

Acrylic linked by
sterling silver

1,200.00



#37. Zoe Rawdon

""Young Dad""

Acrylic Painting on
Canvas

560.00

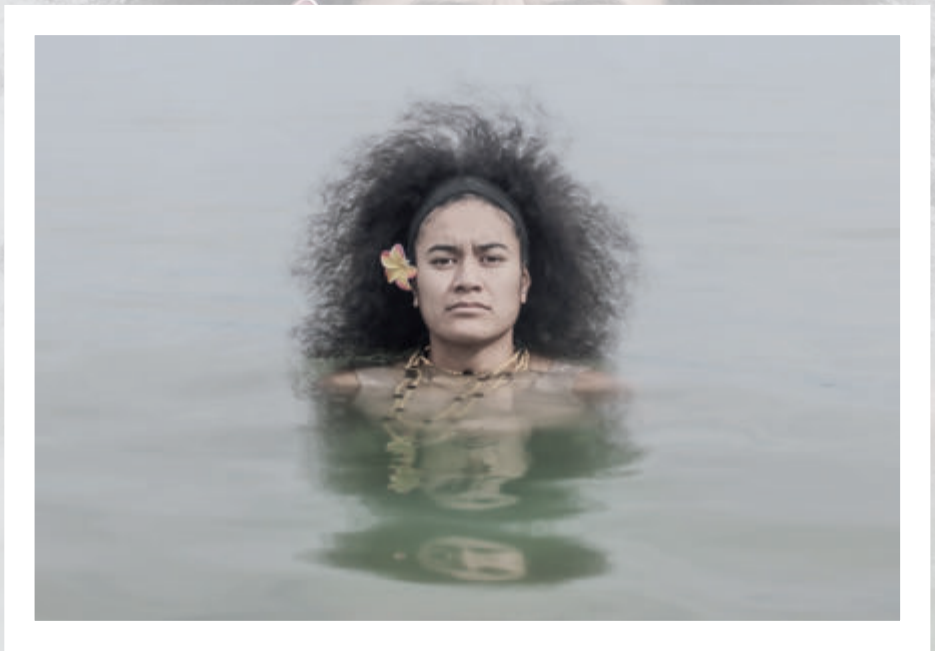


#38. Hannah Huggan

'We Glue The Flesh
Torn Apart'

Cyanotype
Photography

460.00





#40. Amber Hayward

'In the Reflection'

Sculpture

890.00



#41. Bianca Enright

'Ephemera'

Photograph

150.00

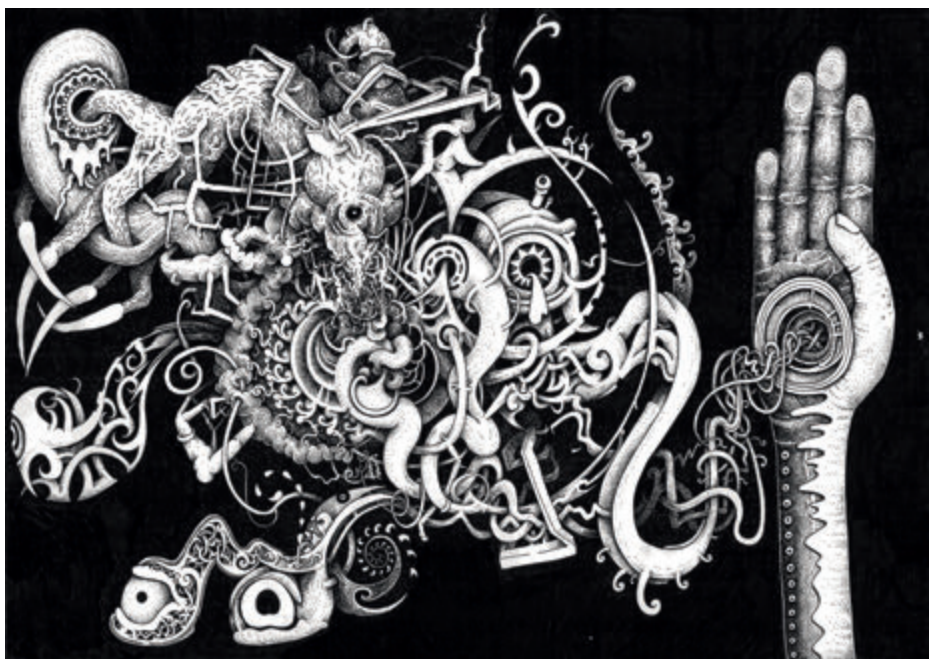


#42. Isabella Aglioti

'Wasteland'

Sculpture

700.00





#44. Hannah Savage

'Barrow Street'

Acrylic Paint

1,020.00



#45. Cindy Yi

'Split'

Oil on Panel

2,300.00



#46. Gabriel Renner

'The Makings of a
Damsel'

Acrylic Painting on
Canvas

1,200.00



#47. Jessie Kanji

'Kiosco x Art D
Magia'

Ink on Paper

1,300.00



#48. Tristan Zhang

'The Old House'

Painting (acrylic on
canvas)

1,900.00



#49. Ben Dellabarca

'Rumination'

Oil paint on panel

5,000.00

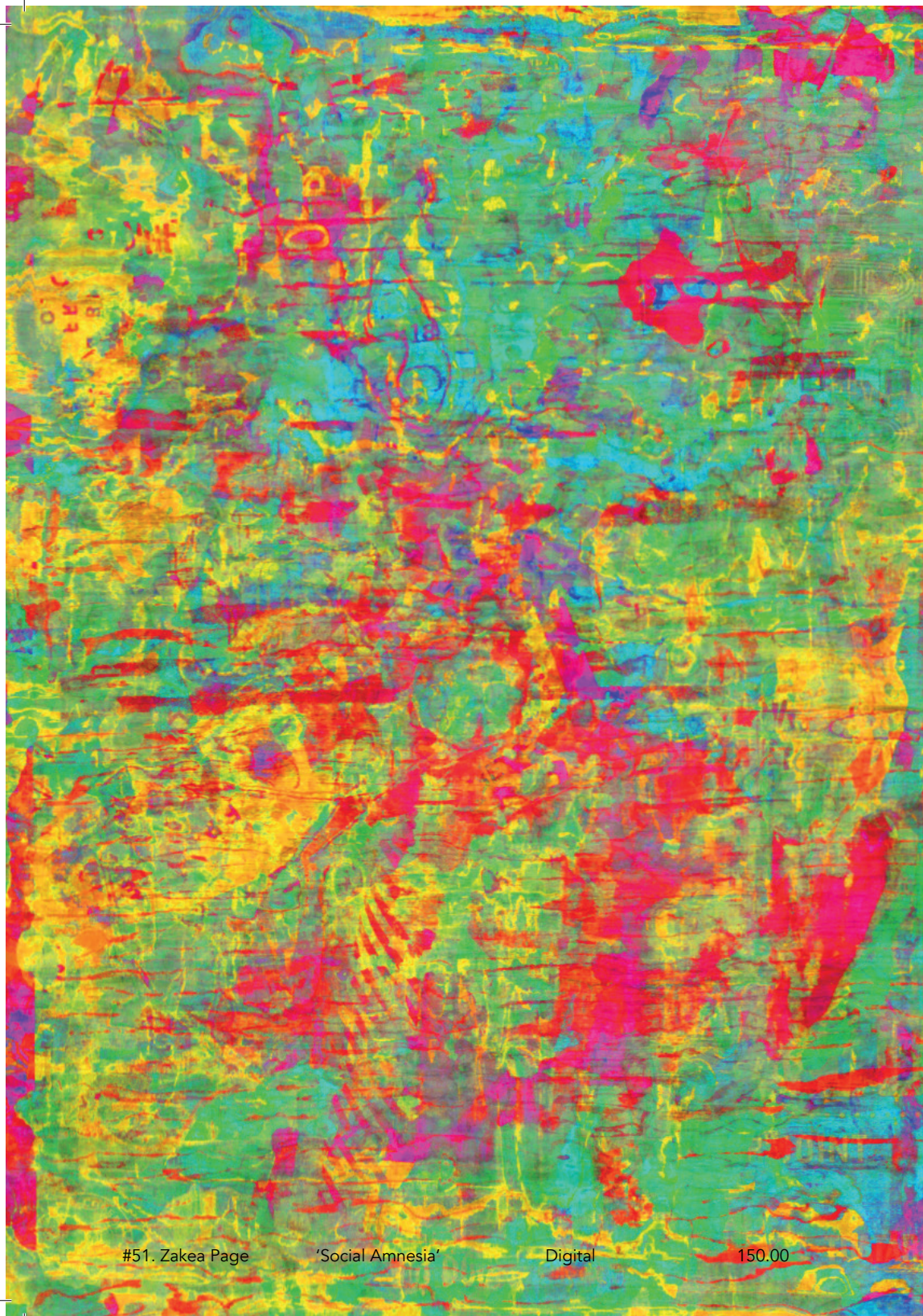


#50. Nathan Wilson

'Under Night Skies'

Painting

2,500.00





Waikato Society of Arts
National Youth Art Awards 2023

Art, in its many forms, has always been a powerful means of expression, capable of transcending barriers, capturing emotions, and igniting change. It is through art that we discover new perspectives, challenge the status quo, and breathe life into our dreams. And it is the young artists, with their enthusiasm and fresh vision, who bring a unique energy that inspires and invigorates us all.

The National Youth Art Awards stand as a testament to the importance we place on nurturing artistic talent and encouraging creative pursuits among our young generation, in paint, sculpture, drawing, photography, printmaking and so many more mediums. We applaud the dedication, the countless hours spent honing their skills, and the unwavering commitment to their craft that each and every young artist here has demonstrated.

The Waikato Society of Arts has long been a stalwart supporter of the arts, championing creativity, and providing a platform for artists to showcase their brilliance. It is through events like the National Youth Art Awards that we continue to foster a vibrant arts community, nurturing young talent and encouraging artistic expression.

Young artists, with your bold strokes, intricate designs, and thought-provoking concepts have the power to shape our world, challenge conventions, and inspire change. You have dared to dream, push boundaries, and aimed make a difference through your art.

To the parents, mentors, and educators who have guided and supported these young artists, thank you for recognising the importance of nurturing their creativity and providing them with the tools to express themselves. Your encouragement and belief in their abilities have played an important role in their arts education so far.

This year we received over 300 entries from throughout Aotearoa, so, to our judges Hollie Tawhaio and Tonia Geddes, we are extremely grateful for undertaking the challenging task of

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selecting the 51 finalists, among such a remarkable pool of youth artists. Your expertise, discerning eye, and fair judgment acknowledges the dedication of these young artists. We thank you for the time that goes into this whole process and for being here tonight.

Thank you to our incredible sponsors who recognise the great importance for youth to participate in the arts, now more so than ever, we are extremely grateful and humbled by your ongoing support outside of your own businesses and daily lives. The value of having these awards cannot be highlighted enough for young people to feel validated in their pathway towards whatever goals they have set or after being a part of this, the goals they may now feel they can achieve. The WSA is proud to offer this award and exhibition year after year but this would not be at all possible without your backing and belief in its value for our youth.

Finally, thank you to our team of volunteers who work hard behind the scenes each year to bring the awards and exhibition together.



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