

# GOW LANGSFORD

## VIRGINIA LEONARD

b. 1965, Auckland

Lives and works in Auckland

### Education

2001 Master of Fine Arts, Whitecliffe College of Arts & Design, Auckland  
1990 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Whitecliffe College of Arts & Design, Auckland

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025 *The Wedding Breakfast An Ode To Olly*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland  
2023 *Virginia Leonard*, Taste Contemporary, Cornwall Place, London, UK  
*Spectral Evidence*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland  
*Virginia Leonard*, Mindy Solomon Gallery, Miami, US  
2022 *No One Will See Me Walk to Deny Me Grace*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland  
2021 *Urns For Unwanted Limbs*, PAULNACHE, Gisborne  
2020 *Breath Holder*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland  
*The Cook and Her Driver*, Gertrude Glasshouse, Melbourne, Australia  
2019 *Gloria*, Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney, Australia  
*miart*, Taste Contemporary, Milan, Italy  
2018 *I Come Out Of Surgery Looking Golden; Virginia Leonard with Gretchen Albrecht*, Two Rooms, Auckland  
*It Only Hurts When I Bend*, Mindy Solomon Gallery, Miami, USA  
*All I Want is a Facelift*, Objectspace, Auckland  
Melbourne Art Fair, PAULNACHE, Melbourne  
Auckland Art Fair, PAULNACHE, Auckland  
*artgenève*, Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland  
2017 Installation Contemporary, Sydney Contemporary, Carriageworks, Sydney  
Galerie Wolfsen, Denmark  
Farvestralende Keramik, Guldagergaard, Denmark  
2016 *Christmas Time at Middlemore*, Corbans Estate Arts Centre, Auckland  
2014 *The Effects of Crack*, Objectspace, Auckland  
2013 *Virginia Leonard*, The Vivian, Matakana  
2009 *Oedipus Rex*, Auckland  
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### Selected Group Exhibitions

2024 *Editions Dubai*, Taste Contemporary, Dubai  
*Holy Organs*, PAULNACHE, Gisborne, New Zealand  
Sydney Contemporary with Gow Langsford Gallery, Sydney, Australia  
*Homo Faber*, The Journey of Life, Venice, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Italy

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- Abstrakt Abstrakt*, Northart, Auckland, New Zealand  
Auckland Art Fair with Gow Langsford Gallery & Martin Browne Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand  
*Collective Visions*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand (group)  
*Melbourne Art Fair*, Martin Browne Gallery, Melbourne, Australia (group)  
*artgenève*, Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2023  
*Jugs*, Craft Victoria, Melbourne  
Design Miami/Podium Shanghai, Side Gallery, Shanghai  
Felix Art Fair, Sow & Tailor, Los Angeles  
Friends & Family, Sow & Tailor, Los Angeles
- 2022  
Design Miami, Mindy Solomon Gallery, Miami  
Canberra Art Biennial, Contour 556, Canberra  
*Composition & Layout: Contemporary Design & Objects*, Mindy Solomon Gallery, Miami, USA  
Splash, Taste Contemporary, Basel  
Australian Ceramics Triennale, Alice Springs  
Sabotaje Estético, Yusto/Giner, Madrid  
*Exposed Material*, Side Gallery, Barcelona, Spain  
*artgenève*, Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Sculpture on the Gulf*, Waiheke Island
- 2021  
Group Exhibition, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland  
*Group Exhibition*, Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Full House*, Artist-run exhibition, Auckland  
*Threshold*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland  
*Summer Exhibition*, PAULNACHE, Gisborne
- 2020  
*The Backbone of Things*, Te Auaha, Wellington  
Auckland Art Fair, New Zealand, April 2020  
*Ladies Bits*, Mindy Solomon Gallery, Miami, USA  
*Design Miami / Basel*, Mindy Solomon Gallery, Miami, USA  
*Sydney Contemporary*, Gow Langsford Gallery & PAULNACHE, Sydney  
*miart*, Taste Contemporary, Milan, Italy
- 2019  
*Hot Mess*, Bowerbank Ninow, Auckland  
*Beau-laid*, Masons Yard, St. James, London, UK  
*Dirty Ceramics*, The Dowse Art Museum, Wellington  
*International Biennial of Contemporary Ceramics 2019*, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Sydney Contemporary*, Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney  
*Autumn Exhibition*, Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney  
*Trans-Pacific Dialogue*, NCECA, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA  
*National Treasures*, Contemporary Ceramics from Australia and New Zealand, The Vivian, Matakana  
*Open to Art*, Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy  
*artgenève*, Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2018  
*miart*, Erastudio Apartment Gallery, Milan, Italy  
*Collective Design Fair*, Mindy Solomon Gallery, New York, USA  
*Exodus*, The Vivian, Matakana
- 2017  
*Pulse Art Fair*, Mindy Solomon Gallery, Miami Beach, USA  
*Village huha*, PAULNACHE, Gisborne

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- 2016 *HANDBUILT made in clay*, Two Rooms, Auckland  
*Spring 1883*, PAULNACHE, The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne  
*MUD*, Galerie Wolfsen, Denmark  
*Graffiti Lounge*, PAULNACHE, Gisborne
- 2015 *Potters & Painters*, The Vivian, Matakana
- 2014 *Foursome*, The Vivian, Matakana
- 2012 *The Opening Show*, The Vivian, Matakana
- 2009 Auckland Art Fair, Auckland
- 2007 Oedipus Rex, Auckland

## Awards

- 2021 Winner Officine Saffi Award 4, Milan, Italy
- 2019 Winner Artist-in-Residence Prize in Finland, Open to Art Ceramic Award, Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
- 2018 Finalist Wallace Art Awards, Auckland
- 2017 Finalist Portage Ceramic Awards, Te Uru Waitakere Contemporary Gallery, Auckland  
Finalist Wallace Art Awards (Travelling Show), Auckland
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Finalist Molly Morpeth Canaday 3D Award, Te Kōputu a te whanga a Toi - Whakatane Library and Exhibition Centre, Whakatane  
Finalist Waiheke Small Sculpture Prize, Waiheke Art Gallery, Waiheke
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- 2013 Finalist Wallace Art Awards, Auckland, New Zealand, Travelling Show  
Finalist Waikato Painting and Printmaking Art Award, Hamilton
- 2012 Finalist Waikato Painting and Printmaking Art Award, Hamilton  
Winner Molly Morpeth Canady Art Award, Whakatane
- 2011 Winner of the Walker and Hall Waiheke Art Award, Waiheke Art Gallery, Waiheke  
Finalist Molly Morpeth Art Award, Whakatane
- 2010 Finalist Molly Morpeth Art Award, Whakatane
- 2009 Finalist Waiheke Art Awards, Waiheke Art Gallery, Waiheke
- 2008 Finalist Waiheke Art Awards, Waiheke Art Gallery, Waiheke
- 2007 Waiheke Art Awards - Zinni Douglas Merit Award, Waiheke Art Gallery, Waiheke  
Finalist Norsewear Art Awards, Hawkes Bay
- 2003 Finalist Wallace Art Awards, Auckland

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## Selected Public and Private Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia  
Shepparton Art Museum, Shepparton  
Rigo-Saitta Collection, Geneva, Switzerland  
Bill Gautreaux Collection, Kansas, USA  
Ann Tennenbaum Collection, New York, USA  
Girls Club Collection, Miami, USA  
Chartwell Collection, Auckland, NZ  
The Arts House Trust, Auckland, NZ

## Residencies

Glass House/Stone House, Chenaud, France  
Guldagergaard - International Ceramic Research Centre, Denmark

## Publications

100 Sculptures of Tomorrow, Thames & Hudson, 2019  
Ceramics Art + Perception #113, 2019  
Ceramics New Zealand, Volume 1 issue 2, Spring/Summer 2018, Essay by Kim Paton  
The Journal of Australian Ceramics, Vol. 57, No.1, April 2018, Essay by Anna Briers