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JORDAN BARNES

b. 1986 New Plymouth, New Zealand

Born in New Plymouth, Jordan Barnes is an artist renowned for his hyper-realistic portraits and figurative paintings. His inspiration for his works comes from social observations and personal relationships, often portraying individuals in carefully chosen environments to evoke profound psychological narratives.

Barnes began his artistic journey early, selling his first piece at the age of 14, and has been consistently painting and exhibiting since he was 16 years old. In 2010 he was awarded the inaugural NZAAT Artist Grant.

Barnes has been a finalist for the Parkin Drawing Prize multiple times, demonstrating his skill across various mediums. His works have been showcased in numerous exhibitions, including a joint exhibition with Kara Burrowes at The Central in 2025, which examined themes of solitude and isolation.

“As an artist, my ultimate goal is to deepen my understanding of the human condition, uncovering fresh perspectives on the world and our place within it.” Jordan Barnes 2025

AWARDS:

- 2024 Finalist, Parkin Drawing Prize
- 2023 Finalist, National Contemporary Art Award
- 2023 Finalist, Parkin Drawing Prize
- 2022 People’s Choice Award, Parkin Drawing Prize, 2022
- 2022 Merit Award, Parkin Drawing Prize.
- 2022 Finalist, Parkin Drawing Prize
- 2020 Finalist, Parkin Drawing Prize
- 2020 Finalist, Adam Portrait Award
- 2019 Finalist, Wallace Awards
- 2018 Finalist, Adam Portrait Award
- 2017 Finalist, Parkin Drawing Prize
- 2010 NZAAT Artist Grant (\$15,000)

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

- 2025 *Fix Me to the World*, Group Show, Webbs Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Barnes & Burrowes, The Central Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
- 2022 *STUDIO MIX*, Group Show, Nadene Milne Gallery, Arrowtown, NZ
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- 2021 *The Artist and the Ego*, Solo Exhibition, Hastings City Art Gallery, Hawkes Bay, NZ
Solo Exhibition, Hall of Design, Oakura, NZ

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- 2020 Solo Exhibition, Hall of Design, Oakura, NZ
- 2014 Life Education Trust Exhibition, Wellington, NZ
Group Exhibition, The Artist's Room Fine Art Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
Solo Exhibition, Y & Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Art of War, Group Show, Jonathan Grant Galleries, Auckland, NZ
Solo Exhibition, Thievery Studio, Auckland, NZ
Solo Exhibition, Puke Ariki, New Plymouth, NZ
Group Exhibition, Puke Ariki, New Plymouth, NZ
- 2012 Group Exhibition, Kina Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
- 2011 Solo Exhibition, The Long Gallery, Museum Hotel Wellington, NZ
- 2010 Solo Exhibition, Kina Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
Solo Exhibition, Te Karanga Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Solo Exhibition, Ink and Anchor, New Plymouth, NZ
- 2009 Solo Exhibition, Thistle Hall Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Group Exhibition, St Kevin's Arcade, Auckland, NZ
- 2008 Private Invite-Only Group Exhibition, New Plymouth, NZ
- 2006 Solo Exhibition, Powderroom, New Plymouth, NZ
Solo Exhibition, Verge Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ