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HANNAH KIDD
b. 1979

Hannah Kidd was first represented by ARTIS Gallery in 2012 and held a sell-out exhibition here (*Creature Comforts*) in 2014. ARTIS Gallery was delighted to welcome Kidd back to Auckland during 2025.

Hannah Kidd is a New Zealand sculptor widely recognised for her inventive and highly expressive sculptural work, which explores the intricacies of everyday life - from people and animals to the often-overlooked moments that define them.

Based in Methven, beneath the Southern Alps, Kidd creates her large-scale works using welded steel rod and cladding them in corrugated iron, a material that has become synonymous with her distinctive practice.

Kidd's sculptures are often life-sized or larger, and they are imbued with a sense of movement, character, and humour. Despite the industrial nature of her materials, there is a remarkable warmth and immediacy to her work. Whether portraying a dog mid-stride, a tui perched on flax, or a person engaged in an ordinary task, Kidd's figures are grounded in observation but filtered through a highly imaginative lens.

Each sculpture begins as a two-dimensional chalk drawing on metal, which serves as a template for building up a three-dimensional frame in steel rod. That framework is then clad in sheets of corrugated iron, often recycled or flattened by hand (or by vehicle) and sometimes finished with enamel or acrylic paint. In some cases, she incorporates lighting to add theatricality and further dimension to the work. Kidd first trained in bronze and fiberglass, but eventually pivoted to these more robust and scalable materials, working alongside local engineers to develop the technical skills necessary for constructing large, durable pieces.

EDUCATION:

1998-2001 BFA (Sculpture), Otago School of Fine Art.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2022 *Southern Comfort*, The Central Art Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
2021 *Could God be a Dog?*, Milford Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
2020 *Inheritance*, The Central Art Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
2019 *Worship*, Milford Gallery, Dunedin NZ
2018 *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral*, Milford Gallery, Queenstown NZ
 Absolutely!- The Central, Art Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
2015 *Tipping Point*, Milford Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
 Fantastic Land, Milford Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
2014 *Creature Comforts*, ARTIS GALLERY, Auckland, NZ
2013 *Under Dog*, Milford Gallery, Queenstown NZ
 The Race, Milford Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
2012 *Top Dog*, Milford Gallery, Queenstown, NZ
 Working Dogs, Milford Gallery, Dunedin NZ

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- 2011 *Heavy Petting*, The Little River Gallery, Banks Peninsula, NZ
In a Man's World, Milford Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
- 2010 *Top Dog*, Milford Gallery, Dunedin NZ
- 2009 *Antarctica and Other Adventures*, Dunedin NZ
Local Hero, The Little River Gallery, Banks Peninsula, NZ
- 2008 *Heartland*, The Art House, Christchurch, NZ
The Locals, Milford Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
- 2007 *The Gentleman's Club*, The Little River Gallery, Banks Peninsula, NZ
Go Dog Go!, CoCA, Christchurch, NZ
- 2005 *Runaway to the Circus*, The Little River Gallery, Banks Peninsula, NZ
Road Kill, CoCA, Christchurch, NZ
- 2004 *Made to Rust*, The Little River Gallery, Banks Peninsula, NZ
Best in Show, CoCA, Christchurch, NZ
- 2003 *Down on the Farm*, CoCA, Christchurch, NZ
- 2002 *Goat Breeding*, CoCA, Christchurch

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS:

- 2014 *Sculpture by the Sea*, Sydney, Australia
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Sculpture by the Sea, Perth, Australia
- 2008 *Sculpture by the Sea*, Perth, Australia
- 2002I *I'm Sure I've Seen That Before*, Vienna, Austria

AWARDS:

- 2017 Winner of Sculpture on the Peninsula, NZ
- 2015 People's Choice Award, Sculpture on the Peninsula
- 2012 Monalto Sculpture Award, Melbourne, Australia
- 2011 Wallace Art Awards finalist, NZ
- 2010P eople's Choice Award, Sculpture by the Sea, Perth, Australia
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Winner of the Montalto Sculpture Prize, Australia
- 2010 People's Choice Award, NZ Sculpture Onshore
- 2008 People's Choice Award, Sculpture by the Sea,