

ARTIS

G A L L E R Y

JENNA PACKER

b. 1967

Jenna Packer graduated from Ilam School of Fine Arts in 1988 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, later completing a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History at the University of Canterbury. During the 1990s, she lived and worked in the UK, Morocco, and France, undertaking periods of study at the Glasgow Print Workshop, The Slade School of Art (London), and La Rouelle Studio (France).

Now based in Waitati, Otago, Packer is a full-time artist who has exhibited consistently since 1990 across Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally. Her practice is shaped by research-driven projects, including *Paradise Lost* (Solander Gallery, 2018), which toured New Zealand, Australia, Sweden, and Iceland, and *Wai – The Water Project* (Ashburton Art Gallery, 2018–2019).

Engaging closely with environmental and social histories, Packer's work explores the politics of climate change and has been presented widely in associated forums. Her work is held in private collections throughout New Zealand, Australia, Japan, China, the United Kingdom, Canada, France, and Italy.

EDUCATION:

- 1988 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Ilam School of Fine Arts, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1989 Bachelor of Arts (History), First-Class Honours, University of Canterbury, Christchurch
- 1992 Glasgow Print Workshop (Printmaking), Glasgow, Scotland
- 1996 La Rouelle Studio (Printmaking), France (3 months)
- 1997 The Slade School of Art (Fresco), London, United Kingdom

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2006 *The Island*, Milnes Court Gallery, Port Chalmers, New Zealand
- 2007 *The Island*, Solander Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2008 *Plant*, Gallery on Blueskin, Waitati, New Zealand
- 2009 *A History of Flight*, Milford Galleries Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2010 *Provisioning*, Milford Galleries Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2012 *Anchored*, Milford Galleries Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2013 *States of Emergency*, Milford Galleries Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2014 *State of Grace*, Jonathan Grant Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2015 *South Seas Idol*, Milford Galleries Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2015/16 *Unsettled; Making/Seeking Shelter*, Tivoli, Waiheke Island, New Zealand
- 2017 *Art of the Deal*, Milford Galleries Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2021 *Utopiaroa*, Milford Galleries Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2022 *Tract*, Milford Galleries Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2023 *Stained Glass Window Commission*, All Saints Church, Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2024 *Giltwood*, Milford Galleries Queenstown, New Zealand
- 2025 *Toro*, Ashburton Art Gallery, New Zealand
- 2025 *Paper Road*, PG Gallery 192, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2026 *Harvest*, ARTIS Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand