

Alison Watt Biography

Born 1965 Greenock, Scotland, UK
Lives and works in Edinburgh

Education

2006-2008 Associate Artist at The National Gallery, London, UK
1987-88 Glasgow School of Art Postgraduate Studies, Glasgow, UK
1983-87 Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, UK

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2020 *A Portrait Without a Likeness*, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
2019 *A Shadow on the Blind*, Parafin, London, UK
2018 *A Shadow on the Blind*, Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, UK
2016 *The Sun Never Knew How Wonderful It Was*, Parafin, London, UK
2014 *GENERATION, Alison Watt: Paintings 1986 –2014*, Perth Museum and Art Gallery, Perth, UK
2011 *Hiding in Full View*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
2008 *Phantom*, The Sunley Rooms, The National Gallery, London, UK
2007 *Dark Light*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
Dark Light, Pier Arts Centre, Orkney, UK
2004 *Alison Watt*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
Still, Memorial Chapel, Old Saint Paul's Church, Edinburgh, UK (permanent installation)
2002 *New Paintings*, Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, UK
2000 *Shift*, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK
1998 *Fold*, Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museum, Aberdeen, UK
Leeds Metropolitan University Gallery, Leeds, UK
1997 *Monotypes*, Flowers East, London, UK
Fold, The Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
1996 *New Paintings*, Flowers East, London, UK
1990 *Contemporary Art Season*, Glasgow Art Gallery & Museum, Glasgow, UK
The Scottish Gallery, London, UK

Selected Group Exhibitions

2020 *Folds*, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK
Fabric: Touch and Identity, Compton Verney Art Gallery, UK
2018 *TWENTY*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
2017 *The Modern Portrait*, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
Ages of Wonder, National Galleries of Scotland and Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, UK
Mono, Unique Artist's Prints, Flowers, London, UK
Built in Tapestry, Dovecot Studios, Edinburgh, UK
Alphabet, City Arts Centre, Edinburgh, UK
2016 *The Scottish Endarkenment: Art and Unreason 1945 to Present*, Dovecot Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
Facing the World: Self-Portraits from Rembrandt to Ai Weiwei, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
Autoportraits, Musée ds Beaux-Arts, Lyon
2015 *I Am Here! From Rembrandt to the Selfie*, Staatliche Kunsthalle, Karlsruhe, Germany
Northern Lights: Aberdeen Art Gallery at the Fleming Collection, London, UK
Defining Beauty, The British Museum, London, UK
Collecting Now, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
Reality: Modern & Contemporary British Painting, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, UK
2014 *GENERATION: 25 Years of Contemporary Art in Scotland*, Scottish National Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
Reality: Modern & Contemporary British Painting, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich, UK
2013 *Once upon a time and a very good time it was...*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
The Vasari Corridor, Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

- 2013 *40/40*, Glasgow Print Studio, Glasgow, UK
- 2011 *Reflecting Glenfiddich*, The Flemming Collection, London, UK
- 2010 *Autoriattro*, Sala delle Reali Poste, Uffizi, Florence, Italy
Commission: An exhibition of contemporary art in British churches, Wallspace, London, UK
Standing Room Only, Flowers Galleries, London, UK
- 2007 *A North Light – Cynosure*, Pier Arts Centre, Orkney, UK
The Naked Portrait, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, and touring to Compton Verney, Warwickshire, UK
- 2006 *Strands*, City Art Centre, Edinburgh, UK
Divided Selves: The Scottish Self-Portrait, Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh & The Fleming Collection, London, UK
- 2004 *Picturing Women*, Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, USA
- 2003 *White: Callum Innes, Alison Watt, Winston Roeth, James Hugonin*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 2002 *New*, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK
Fold, The City Gallery, Leicester, UK
- 2001 *Here + Now*, Dundee Contemporary Arts, Dundee, UK
Narcissus, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
Can You Judge a Book by it's Cover, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK
- 2000 *Expressions*, Dundee Contemporary Art, Dundee, UK
- 1999 *The Human Figure in Contemporary Art*, Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada
- 1998 *Londres, Glasgow, Edimbourg*, Galerie Rachlin LeMarie, Paris, France
Drawings, Glasgow Print Studio, Glasgow, UK
- 1997 *Treasures for Everyone*, National Arts Collection Fund, Christie's, London, UK
10th Anniversary Portfolio, The Freud Museum, London, UK
- 1996 *Four British Painters*, John McEnroe Gallery, New York, USA
Naked, Flowers East, London, UK
- 1995 *75 Years of Painting*, Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, UK
 McLellan Galleries, Glasgow, UK
Small is Beautiful, Flowers East, London, UK
- 1993 *New Figurative Painting*, Salander O'Reilly/Fred Hoffman, Los Angeles, USA
- 1992 *The Portrait Award 1980-89*, The National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
- 1990 *21 Years of Scottish Contemporary Art*, Tramway, Glasgow, UK
- 1989 *The Morrison Portrait Award*, The Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, UK
- 1987 *The National Portrait Competition*, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK

Awards

- 2017 Fellow of the Royal Edinburgh Society
- 2008 Order of the British Empire
- 2006-8 Associate Artist at the National Gallery, London
- 2005 ACE Award for *Still*, her installation at Old St Paul's Church, Edinburgh
 Awarded National Gallery Artist in Residence 2006-08
 Glenfiddich Artist in Residence
- 2003 Winner of Creative Scotland Award
 Shortlisted for Jerwood Painting Prize
- 1996 Scottish Arts Council: Individual Artists Award
- 1993 City of Glasgow Lord Provost Prize
- 1989 Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Award
- 1987 Winner of the John Player Portrait Award, National Portrait Gallery, London
 Armour Prize for Still Life Painting, Glasgow School of Art
- 1986 British Institution Fund, First Prize for Painting, Royal Academy, London
- 1986 First Prize for Painting, Glasgow School of Art

Selected Collections

- Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen, UK
- Artemis, London, UK
- Arts Council Collection, UK
- Boswell Art Collection, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, UK
- British Broadcasting Corporation
- British Council
- City Art Centre, Edinburgh, UK



Christie's Corporate Art Collection
Deutsche Bank
Ferens Art Gallery, Hull, UK
Robert Fleming Holdings Ltd
The Freud Museum, London, UK
Glasgow Art Gallery & Musuem, Glasgow, UK
Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow, UK
Hall Art Collection, Dallas
HBOS Art Collection
The Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK
Kirkcaldy Museum and Art Gallery, Kirkcaldy, Fife, UK
McMaster University Art Gallery, Ontario, Canada
National Westminster Bank, London, UK
National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
Perth Museum and Art Gallery, Perth, UK
Royal Scottish Academy of Art & Architecture, Edinburgh, UK
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
Scottish Opera, Glasgow, UK
The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, UK
Southampton Art Gallery, Southampton, UK
Uffizi Collection, Florence, Italy
US Embassy, London
