

SARA HUGHES



Sara Hughes is an acclaimed New Zealand artist known for her dynamic installations and public works as well as her compelling paintings.

Her practice has attracted significant attention throughout Australasia, winning both the Wallace Art Award and the Norsewear Art Award in 2005, whilst in 2008 she was the first New Zealand recipient of *The RIPE: Art and Australia magazine Art Award*. She has been selected to participate in a number of notable residencies including the International Studio and Curatorial Program, New York, in 2007; and Creative New Zealand's Berlin Visual Artists Residency at the Künstlerhaus Bethanien between 2008 and 2009. Hughes' paintings and installations are held in many important Australasian public and private collections, including the Chartwell Collection, Auckland City Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki; Dunedin Public Art Gallery; Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington; National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; and the University of Auckland Art Collection.

Hughes completed an MFA in painting in 2001 from Elam School of Fine Arts, University of Auckland. Her work has been published widely appearing in international art and architecture magazines including *Art in America*, *Artlink*, *Art in Australia* and *Monument*. Hughes has also undertaken a number of high profile public commissions, including a temporary installation entitled *Heat Wave* at Federation Square in Melbourne and *Magma* a large 500sqm painting in Auckland. Between 2013-16 she completed two large-scale permanent works for the ANZ lobby in Auckland, as well a series of striking outdoor works for the re-opening of Cathedral Square in the centre of Christchurch.

For the past three years, Hughes has been immersed in making the country's biggest ever public art work, adorning the new New Zealand International Convention Centre (NZICC). Her enormous glass pieces - 550 panels in total - will sit alongside an equally immense terracotta tile work being created separately by Peata Larkin.

Hughes is represented by Gow Langsford Gallery in New Zealand

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