

The logo for the Eden Arts Art Schools Award features a stylized green graphic on the left, resembling a ribbon or a calligraphic flourish that forms a circular shape. To the right of this graphic, the words "EDEN ARTS" are stacked above "ART SCHOOLS", which is stacked above "AWARD". All text is in a grey, serif font.

EDEN ARTS ART SCHOOLS AWARD

ANDREW CLIFFORD



Andrew Clifford is the inaugural director of Te Uru Waitakere Contemporary Gallery (formerly Lopdell House Gallery) in Titirangi. Under his leadership the gallery has gone from strength to strength, re-launching in new purpose-built facilities in November 2014 with a much-expanded programme and renewed vision.

Andrew previously worked as the curator at the University of Auckland's Centre for Art Studies, which manages the Gus Fisher Gallery and the university's art collection, including a stint as acting director. He has a Bachelor of Design from Unitec and, in 2013, gained an MFA at Elam based on his long-standing interest in the crossover between art and music, particularly researching aspects of documentation and archives for performance practices, notably the legacy of performance group *From Scratch*, founded by Phil Dadson.

Andrew is also a well-known arts writer with contributions to many mainstream media outlets such as *NZ Listener*, *The New Zealand Herald* and *Radio NZ* as well as specialist art magazines here and overseas. He has contributed many articles to journals throughout the Asia-Pacific region, including *Art New Zealand*, *Art & Australia* and Hong Kong-based *Art Asia Pacific*. He has had essays included in publications about Lisa Reihana, Billy Apple, Len Lye, Sean Kerr, Reuben Paterson and Yuki Kihara, among others, and a chapter on invented instruments in the book *Home, Land and Sea: Situating Music in Aotearoa*.

He is a trustee of the Len Lye Foundation, the Audio Foundation and the arts agency CIRCUIT. He has also been a judge of the annual Wallace Art Awards, a juror for the Walters Prize and has sat on a variety of other selection panels.