

TELLY TUITA | CV

EDUCATION

- 2011 Masters of Special Education, University of Sydney
2004 Bachelor of Art Education, University of New South Wales
2003 Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art), Western Sydney University

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 The Tā and Vā of Tongpop, The Thirsty Mile, Sydney Festival, Sydney, Australia
CRUISE, DJCS Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2024 The Tēvolo Made Me Do It, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Tongpop Archetypes, New Zealand Portrait Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
The Immortal Tango Of Love And War, The Four Horsemen Of The Apocalypse, & Diaspora's Children, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Great Expectations, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, Australia
- 2023 Tongpop Pantheon, Core Program Outdoor - Australian Premiere, Ballarat International Foto Biennale, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia
Tongpop to Britomart, Britomart Precinct, Auckland, New Zealand
The Immortal Tango Of Love And War, Aotearoa Art Fair, Bergman Gallery, The Cloud, Auckland, NZ
- 2022 Tongpop Cornucopia, Bergman Gallery Auckland, New Zealand
Herstory, Weasel Gallery, Hamilton, New Zealand
Tongpop Fetish, Objectspace, Auckland, New Zealand
Tongpop He-story, Precinct 35, Wellington, New Zealand
Tongpop Nostalgia, Centre of Contemporary Art Toi Moroki, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2019 TONGPOP KAPOW, Precinct 35, Wellington, New Zealand
Auckland Art Fair 2019, Weasel Gallery, The Cloud, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2018 Tongpop Souvenir, Precinct35, Wellington, New Zealand
TongPopUa, Weasel Gallery, Hamilton, New Zealand

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Horny Jail 2, Nasha Gallery, Haymarket, Australia
Pride and Prejudice 2, Bergman Gallery, Rarotonga, Cook Islands
Aotearoa Art Fair, Bergman Gallery, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland, New Zealand
Redefining Space, Forrester Gallery, Ōamaru, New Zealand
- 2024 Aotearoa Art Fair, Bergman Gallery, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland, New Zealand
Fa'aaliga – Beneath the Surface, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Autumn Selection, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2023 Horizon, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Tukufakaholo – Tongan Contemporary, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Winter Group Show, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Autumn Group Show, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Summer Group Show, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2022 Aotearoa Art Fair, Bergman Gallery, The Cloud, Auckland, New Zealand
Te Atuitanga – Between our Cloak of Stars, Bergman Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Whetūrangitia/Made As Stars, The Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt, New Zealand
Divergent, New Photography Aotearoa, The Renshaws, Brisbane, Australia
- 2021 MĀNAWATIA TAKATĀPUI : DEFENDING PLURALITY, Tauranga Art Gallery, Tauranga, New Zealand
SpaceYZ, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, Australia
- 2020 SALTWATER/Interconnectivity, TAUTAI, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2019 Aati 'i he po'uli Art in the dark, 'Amui 'i Mu'a – Ancient Futures Conference, Tanoa International
Dateline Hotel, Nuku'alofa, Tonga
The Garden, Precinct 35, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2015 Subversion, Art Month with the Contemporary Art Festival, Tortuga Studios, St Peters, Australia
- 2011 Pacific Wave, Logan Regional Art Gallery, Queensland, Australia
- 2009 Buzz, Global Art Gallery, Paddington, Australia

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2021 Finalist for the 2021 National Contemporary Art Award for work Diasporas Children, Waikato Museum

2020 Molly Morpeth Canaday Award (Arts Whakatāne Highly Commended Award)
2019 Wintec New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Award Merit Award, Wintec
2015 Fishers Ghost Art Award, University of New South Wales Art & Design

RESIDENCIES

2025 Sydney Festival's Visual Artist in Residence, Sydney, Australia
2023 Poison Creek Sculpture Project Artist Residency, Wellington, New Zealand

SELECTED ARTICLES

2023 Ballarat International Foto Biennale gets kid friendly, Alison Foletta, The Courier
2022 Artists answer the call for Tonga, Kendall Vano, Tagata Pasifika
2020 Recycled objects portray Tongan artist's personal cultural journey, Sela Jane Hopgood, Radio New Zealand

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2025 Life In Technicolour, Steve Dow, Art Guide Australia
News and Previews, Art News Aotearoa
2024 Telly Tuita, Great Expectation, Nikita Holcombe, Artist Profile
Mother Of Tongpop Kingdom, Art News Aotearoa
2023 Pacific alchemies : recent & upcoming work by Telly Tuita, Samuel Te Kani, Art New Zealand
2022 SALTWATER / Interconnectivity, Giles Peterson, Katherine Losi Atafu-Mayo, Stacy L Kamehiro, and Maggie Wander, Pacific Arts: Journal of the Pacific Arts Association

2022 Artists Undiscovered, Emily McAvoy, Art Collector
Working from home, Melody Thomas, ArtZone
2022 Flair, Melody Thomas, Capital Magazine
2021 Telly Tuita: Telly Vision, Robert Leonard, Here Magazine
2020 Dancing With Hikule'o: A response to TongPop Herstory, Essa May Ranapiri, The Pantograph Punch

COLLECTIONS

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Wellington City Council, New Zealand
The Dowse Art Museum, New Zealand
Forrester Gallery, Ōamaru, New Zealand
Campbelltown Art Centre, Australia
The Wallace Collection