

## 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

- 2026 A Tongpop Tale: Memoirs of a Professional Brown Man, MARS Gallery, Melbourne, Australia  
Good As Gold, Tautai, Auckland, New Zealand  
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 Tau o Mai | Journeys with Mai, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, United Kingdom  
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, Queensberry, Central Otago, 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