

## **SCOTTY SO**

### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Scotty So is a Melbourne/Narrm-based artist who works across media, including ceramic, painting, photography, sculptures, site-responsive installation, videos, and performance. Driven by the thrill of camp, he explores the often-contradictory relationship between humour and sincerity, creating a scene of para-fiction through the manipulation of found objects and existing imageries in the living experience. Born and raised in Hong Kong, So's work has been shown in Australia, China, Hong Kong, and Europe, including the National Gallery of Victoria. Scotty So is represented by MARS Gallery in Australia. So is currently working at the Boyd Studio under the Creative Spaces Program of City of Melbourne.

#### **Education**

##### **2019**

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours), First-Class Honours, Victorian College of the Arts, University of Melbourne

##### **2018**

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

##### **2015**

Associate Degree in Visual Arts, Hong Kong Baptist University College of International Education

#### **Solo Exhibitions/Project**

##### **2024**

Maybe She Was There, MARS Gallery, Melbourne  
Artist Interpretation of A Prosper Living Life, M Pavilion Parkville  
Queen of the Begonias, Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat  
+50, Benalla Art Gallery, Benalla

##### **2023**

The floating bamboos hang across the southern court 浮空兩竹橫南閣, Passage Gallery  
百媚生 Baak Mei Saang, VAIN Project, Hong Kong  
Plinth Drink, Flack Studio, Melbourne  
Developing Sunset, Gertrude Glasshouse, Melbourne  
These Bodies of Video Works, Footscray Community Art Centre, Melbourne

##### **2022**

The Mood of Cheongsam, for Melbourne Fashion Festival, MARS Gallery Melbourne

##### **2021**

The 1st Movement of Elgar's Cello Concerto by Jackie, West Space Window, Melbourne  
I will keep you in the loop. Warm regards, Trocadero Art Space, Melbourne

##### **2019**

06:00/ 18:00, Melbourne, George Paton Gallery, Melbourne

**2015**

Self-Introduction, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

**2014**

A Moment of A Moment, Hong Kong

**Group Exhibitions****2025**

Spring1883 Art Fair 2025, Melbourne

de-centre re-centre, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, Perth

Make Believe: Encounters with Misinformation, State Library of Victoria, Melbourne

**2024**

Closer Together, Pao Galleries, Hong Kong

B-Side 2024, Blindside, Melbourne

Celebrating PrideFEST 2024, City of Perth Council House Gallery, Perth

**2023**

Gertrude Studio 2023, Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne

Incinerator Art Award 2023, Incinerator Gallery, Melbourne

Bowness Photography Prize 2023, Museum of Australian Photography, Melbourne

A Measured Refusal, Res Artis Project Space, Melbourne

Spring1883 Art Fair 2023, Melbourne

Closer Together, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne

Hello Nei Ho Ma, Articulate Project Space, Sydney

Photo London, Somerset House, London

Melbourne Now, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

The Bureau for the Organisation of Origins (BOO) is Out of Office... (OOO), Fitzroy Garden Pavilion, Melbourne

**2022**

China – The Past is Present, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

The Sitter: Portraits across the collection, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo

Contemporary Small Sculpture Award, Deakin Art Gallery, Melbourne

RISING Festival 2022, Melbourne

Being Human, PHOTO 2022, Melbourne

QUEER: Stories from the NGV Collection, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

UNIFORM, Wyndham Art Gallery, Melbourne

Exposure Site, Gertrude Glasshouse, Melbourne

Access Class, Gertrude Contemporary in Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne

**2021**

Darebin Art Prize, Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Melbourne

Christmas Group Exhibition, MARS Gallery, Melbourne

National Sculpture Tasmania Shoebox Sculpture Prize, Sculpture Tasmania, Tasmania

Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney

Iris Award, Perth Centre For Photography, Perth

Footscray Art Prize 2021, Footscray Community Arts Centre, Melbourne  
A Strange Space, Centre for Projection Art, Melbourne  
APRIL FOOL GROUP, MARS Gallery, Melbourne  
Small room downstairs, MARS Gallery, Melbourne

## **2020**

Triennial 2020, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
Project Anywhere 2020, Melbourne  
STRANGE UNCERTAIN TIMES, Grey Gardens Gallery, Melbourne  
Shelter, Multicultural Arts Victoria, Melbourne  
Abstracted Landscapes, Lon Gallery, Melbourne  
FiX 05, Melbourne  
Venus in Thorns, Trocadero Art Space, Melbourne

## **2019**

Performing Textile, The Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne  
Satellite Anthem, Assembly Point, Melbourne  
Gaping, VCA Art Space, Melbourne  
FiX 04, KINGS, Melbourne  
Kensington Contemporary – a Conveniently Timed, Market Based Event for the Activation of Space, Program Announcement and Generation of Capital Art Fair, New Agency, Melbourne

## **2018**

2018 ILFORD CCP Salon, Centre for Contemporary Photography Melbourne  
DESTINATIONS, Step Gallery, The Greek Australian Cultural League, Melbourne  
Please Mind the Uneven Ground, Cattle Depot Artists Village, Hong Kong

## **2017**

IDENTITY, Barber's Basement Gallery, Hong Kong

## **2016**

HK:ID, identity and illusion, Lightstage Gallery, Hong Kong  
Pride Art, Clifford Chance, The Cat Street Gallery, Hong Kong

## **2015**

Love Is Our Future, Polar Bear Gallery, Shanghai

## **Awards And Recognition**

### **2023**

Incinerator Art Award, Finalist  
Bowness Photography Prize, Finalist

### **2022**

Deakin Art Gallery Contemporary Small Sculpture Award, Winner  
Gertrude Contemporary Studio Residency Program

### **2021**

Darebin Art Prize Finalist, Bundoora Homestead Art Centre  
National Sculpture Tasmania Shoebox Sculpture Prize Finalist, Sculpture Tasmania  
Iris Award Finalist, Perth Centre For Photography  
Footscray Art Prize 2021 Emerging Artist Residency Prize

## 2020

Room to Create Artist-in-Residency Program at Collingwood Yard, Yarra City Arts  
Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize 2020 Finalist

## 2019

West Space Award, West Space  
Trocadero Art Space Award, Trocadero Art Space  
Creative Arts Grants, University of Melbourne Student Union

## Public Collections

Bendigo Art Gallery  
Benalla Art Gallery  
National Gallery of Australia  
National Gallery of Victoria  
Deakin University  
City of Stonnington  
Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery  
The University of Western Australia  
Monash University Museum of Art  
National Portrait Gallery

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