

SCOTTY SO

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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

2026

Oh This Archival Dior Hat?, MARS Gallery, Melbourne

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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