

Shani Ghosh Biography & Statement 2024

Shani Ghosh is a Manly-born Australian artist currently living and working in Sydney. Her practice specialises in producing highly detailed charcoal and graphite drawings on paper with surreal influences. A graduate of the National Art School, Shani earned her Bachelor of Fine Art in 2022, majoring in Photomedia. Her academic journey laid a strong foundation for her artistic career, enabling her to refine her skills and develop a unique visual language.

Shani's work has been showcased in various galleries across Sydney. Notable exhibitions include her figurative drawings at the Warringah Creative Space, photography in the Rayner Hoff Gallery, and the National Art School's Library Stairwell Gallery. Three group exhibitions at TAP Gallery in 2024 have included a variety of her drawings and paintings.

Her practice utilises introspection through journaling and meditation to generate ideas in the form of visual metaphors. These drawings serve as a cathartic process, translating thoughts and emotions into physical entities. Her work often explores opposing sentiments, such as connection to nature, inspiration, and life versus loss, melancholy, and death. Anonymous figures in surreal environments convey these universal emotions through compelling analogies.

Beyond her exhibitions, Shani has contributed to the arts community through teaching art classes and interning at the Kensington Contemporary Art Gallery. These experiences have enriched her role as a creative mentor, artist, and writer for the arts. Her commissioned works reside in private collections across Australia, New Zealand, and London, attesting to the local and international appeal of her art.