

ZORICA PURLIJA BIO

Zorica Purlija migrated age 8 from Montenegro, to Australia: a country where she could not speak the language. As she learned to live in a different culture, she observed that the nuances of human interaction often were more revealing than the words. After studying graphic design and photography at Nepean College, Zorica spent some years travelling through Europe, experiencing life and art. She returned to Australia, began a family and devoted herself to full time mothering. Since 1999, Zorica has been pursuing her artistic vision, through the medium of photography. Initially pursuing themes of beauty, longing and the human experience through photographic portraiture, Zorica developed a unique ability to capture the essence of her subjects, beginning (and continuing) with a series of portraits of her muse, Yumi. Her ability to engage and put her subjects at ease has resulted in extraordinary images of some of our society's most, and least, privileged members. More recently in addition to her portrait work, Zorica has been pursuing less figurative subjects, incorporating ethereal elements of landscape, and everyday objects seen in new ways. She continues to exhibit widely, and her public profile continues to build: she has been a finalist in the National Photographic Portrait Prize, Canberra, three years consecutively. Zorica is represented by Sara Roney Gallery, Sydney.

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2012 **Nebula**.SARA RONEY Gallery Sydney.
2011 **Suspension in Transience**. SARA RONEY Gallery Sydney.
2010 **Awakenings**. SARA RONEY Gallery Sydney.
2008 **Emergent**. Sale/Lease 3 SPACES 3 PHOTOGRAPHERS Sydney.
2000 **Shedding Skin**. Rex Centre Potts Point.PND Conference, Sydney.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2012 Blind Donkey International Art Competition, Finalist.Rita Castelotte Gallery, Madrid.
agldeas 2012 International Design Week. Melbourne. Shortlisted **YUMI RAINBOW** book.
Nudes on TAPTAP Gallery Sydney.
Emergence IDAHO 2012 . Parramatta.
23rd Muswellbrook Regional Gallery Photography Award finalist. **I Watched her swim Away**.

2011 Josephine Ulrick & Win Schubert Photography Award finalist. **The Thinker and The Muse**.
Getty Images Grab –Captured Moments Exhibition.Sydney **The Sleepover Party**.
Prospect Portrait Prize.Prospect Gallery.SA. **In the Eye Of Bacon**.
Greenway Arts Prize. Greenway Festival :Art Est, Leichardt. **Forever**.
Kings Cross Photography Prize: People and Places,Past and Present. **When I was 12.....**
Waverley Art Prize. **Waiting For Sunset**.
Photography on Oxford. Oxford Street Shop Windows Photography Exhibition, curated by Arthere.
HeadOn Festival **Forever**.
Open Semi Finalist, Doug Moran Photographic Portrait Prize. **The Thinker and The Muse**.
Mosman Art Gallery: National Portrait Prize 2010 Travelling Exhibit. **Lisa**.

2010 National Photographic Portrait Prize National Portrait Gallery Canberra, finalist **Lisa**.
Getty Images: Grab- Australian Life Captured. Finalist Sydney. **The Thinker and The Muse**.
Shortlisted for Shoot The Chef! Professional Photographic Competition,Sydney. **Lilliputien**.
Iris Award 2010 Portrait Photography Exhibition.The Perth Centre for Photography.
Finalist **Ben Mellefont**.
Compassion Australia Blue Easel Exhibition.Sydney International Cultural Centre.
Yumi with Fire Hair , Bound.
Moriah College, Sydney.Artbeat'10 Art Competition.**The Skater**.
Tap Gallery Nudes.**Underwater Nude**.
Viscopy's Contemporary Art Space Chippendale. Double Exposure 10 Contemporary Photo artists.
Fervor, Yumi Love Dark.
Short listed for the Head On Portrait Prize. Slideshow ACP Sydney.**The Thinker and The Muse**.
National Photographic Portrait Prize National Portrait Gallery Canberra, finalist **Lisa**.
QUT Art Museum. National Photographic Portrait Prize 2009 finalist **Julian**.
Gladstone Regional Gallery.TNPPP 2009 finalist. **Julian**.

2009 National Photographic Portrait Prize.National Portrait Gallery, Canberra, **Julian**.
Wesley Mission Photography Competition- Our Community. Winner **Food for Thought**.
Mosman Festival Photography Competition and Exhibition. Finalist **Backyard Fight** , and **Touch**.
Perth Centre for Photography. Iris Award 2009. **Lisa**.
Tweed River Art Gallery.Olive Cotton Photographic Prize. **Sandy Edwards**.
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery. TNPPP 2009 finalist. **Julian**.
Redland Art Gallery.TNPPP 2009 finalist. **Julian**.
Noosa Regional Gallery.TNPPP 2009 finalist. **Julian**.
Photo Expo Sara Roney Gallery Sydney. **The Skater, Angels and Fervour**.
Images of the Cross.Sydney. **Sonia , and Loving Hands 1 &2**.
Short listed for the Head On Portrait Prize. **Yumi Joyful**.
KodakSalon .CCP Victoria. **Spun**.
RedArt Exhibition And Sale. Woollahra. **Abyss.Separate.Connect.Light** ,
Yumi Love , Marionette's Tune..

2008 National Photographic Portrait Prize. finalist."**Yumi with Hair on Fire**".
Mosman Festival Photo.Comp.And Exhibition. "**Dreamscapes**",
The Iris Award 2008 Perth."**Yumi With Hair On Fire**".
The Gertrude Association Digital Media Street Festival. Projected Media.
"**Stills and a Glimpse of Sydney**.
Newtown Community Annual Art Exhibition."**Freedom**".
Head on Alternate Portrait Prize. Shortlisted"**Yumi with Hair on Fire**".
National Photographic Portrait Prize. finalist."**Yumi with Hair on Fire**".

2007 Olive Cotton Award. '**Evida**'.
Group Show Tapestry Café. "**Fidelity**"-Part of '**Shedding Skin**' Series.
High tea Fundraiser.Group Show. First Draft Gallery.Surry Hills.
Head On Alternative Portrait Prize. '**Theadora and Martha**' Shortlisted.
Adultshop.com Erotic Art Prize. '**Sexus**'.

2006 Olive Cotton Award. '**Jess with Twins**'.
Head On Exhibition.Sydney. '**Yumi and Baba**'.

1989 Graduate Show.Nepean College of Advanced Education.NSW.

AWARDS:

- 2012 agIdeas 2012 International Design Week. Melbourne. Showcasing *Yumi Rainbow* book, published by Blurp.
- 2011 Getty Images Grab Competition Finalist. Sydney.
3RD Place Greenway Arts Prize.Greenway Festival.Leichardt.**Forever**
ACP Winner Call for Entry in Blurp make a Book Comp.
Thanks Dad Photo Competition: Highly Commended in Open Section.
Photography Masters Cup: International Colour Awards.Portrait Nominee **Lisa**.
Winner of The Urban and Country Landscape Contest.The Worldwide Photography Gala Awards.Evida.
<http://blog.paulcooklin.com/2010/10/22/its-not-art-its-work-edward-olive-books-para-actores-y-modelos-madrid-marcos-digital-2/>
- 2010 Getty Images Finalist .Grab-Australian Life Captured .**The Thinker and The Muse**.
Silver Award : International Aperture Awards 2010 –People and Portrait Category. **Lisa**.
http://www.internationalapertureawards.com/Top50_10.php?CatId=20&Category=People%20%20Portrait&Award=Open
Nominee 4th Annual Photography Masters Cup. International Color Awards. **Lisa**. [http://](http://www.thecolorawards.com/presentation1/nominations.php?x=p&cid=82)
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Honorable Mention- Faces.Women In Photography International.**Lisa**. <http://tinyurl.com/28ue85r>
Winner : Thanks Dad -National Photography Competition. **The Thinker and the Muse**.
- 2009 Honorable Mention-IPA AWARDS Fine Art Portrait category.**Julian**.
Winner : Our Community. Wesley Mission Photographic Competition Open Section.**Food for Thought**.
http://www.lifelinesydney.org/Get_Involved/Events/archive/Photo_Comp/2009_competition.asp
Winner: Healing Mindscapes Art Competition. Hunter New England Health Service
Abyss.Separate.Connect.Light.
Highly Commended in the Category of Art. Sony ACMP Projections 09. **Dreams and Nebula**.
- 2008 Honourable Mention.Px3 Prix De La Photographie.Paris.Image “**Sexus**.”
<http://px3.fr/winners/2008/HonorableMentions.php>
- 2007 Director's Choice (Susi Muddiman, Tweed River Art Gallery) Acquisition “**Evida**”
The Olive Cotton Photographic Award for Portraiture, 20
<http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/ArtGallery/ArtGalleryOliveCotton2007Winners.aspx>
- 1989 Tomasetti Paper : Class Involvement Award for outstanding Results in Photography.

COLLECTIONS:

Tweed River Art Gallery.
Private Sales
Sara Roney Gallery.

PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITES:

- 2012 Australian Photography and Gallery Compendium.
Photo Review Australia.Jun-August.Winner Summer Postcard Challenge.pg8
- 2011 Australian Photography and Gallery Compendium.p123
Photo Review Australia Issue#48.Front Cover and Inspiration Profile Spread.
Josephine Urlick & Win Schubert Photography Award 2011 Catalogue.
Worldwide Photography Gala Awards. <http://www.thegalaawards.net/announcements/urban-a-country-landscape>
Emerging Photographer Photofeed. http://emerging.pdnevents.com/gallery/weekly_gallery.shtml
ACP Photofile Preview. <http://www.acp.org.au/previews/362>
Australian Photography and Gallery Compendium.Published by Mary Meyer Gallery.
Radio Interview SBS Serbian Program. www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/serbian
Photography Masters Cup: International Colour Awards.Portrait Nominee **Lisa**.
<http://www.thecolorawards.com/gallery/index.php?g=n>
The Photo Paper Issue #3, “Best of Nominees”, Photography Masters Cup.
- 2010 Getty Images Grab Competition <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WE46r4Xssao&feature=youtu.be>
Issue#41 Photo Review Australia.Pan for Success. *Yumi Joyful*. <http://www.photoreview.com.au/competitions/photochallenge/pr43-photo-challenge-pan-for-success.aspx>
May Blackfriars off Broadway Double Exposure Catalogue. http://issuu.com/viscopy/docs/double_exposure
April feature Artist **Awakenings** Series. www.arthere.com.au/whatson/?p=132 -
April 'Portrait 35' - Autumn 2010. National Portrait Gallery Magazine. pg 9
<http://www.portrait.gov.au/exhibit/nppp3/photos.php?startat=0&numperpage=100>
March Head On Photography Festival. **Awakenings**.
March National Portrait Gallery Newsletter- Gallery Talk feature portrait **Lisa**.
<http://www.news.com.au/pictures/gallery-e6frflv9-1225829649589?page=9>
March-Artwhatson.com.au website, feature Galleries Artist , series **Awakening** .
Issue#43 Photo Review Australia. Honourable Mention Photo challenge #39
“And the Kangaroo jumped over the Moon”
- 2009 www.portrait.gov.au/site/NPPP2009.php
<https://www.portrait.gov.au/exhibit/nppp2/photos.php?startat=24>
Issue#40 Photo Review Australia . First Runner-up Photo challenge # 36. **“Backyard Fight”** <http://www.photoreview.com.au/competitions/photochallenge/photo-challenge-36-in-a-mono-mood.aspx>.
Issue#39 Photo Review Australia. Winner Photo challenge #35. **Self Portrait**.
Issue#37 Photo Review Australia. Runner up In Photo Challenge #33 Diptych: **“Eros in Nature.”**
- 2008 Issue#36 Photo Review Australia. <http://www.photoreview.com.au/features/profiles/gallery-profile-zorica-purlija.aspx>
Sale Or Lease.**Arthere** Curated Exhibition. http://www.arthere.com.au/past.php?exhib_id=11
- 2007 December: 'Portrait 26'-Summer 2007 Edition of Magazine.
Published by The National Portrait Gallery, Canberra.*Yumi with Fire Hair*. Reference: Pages, 6,8.
<http://www.portrait.gov.au/exhibit/NPPP/photos.php?startat=72>
The Tweed Link. <http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/LinkWeb/pdfs/link%20529.pdf>