Biography

Mertim Gokalp (born 1981) is a Sydney based artist of Turkish origin. His works have been displayed in major art prizes such as the Archibald, the Doug Moran Art, Salon des Refuses, Black Swan Art Prize and the Glencore Art Prize. In 2017, he has become the winner of both the Hunters Hill Art Prize and the Kennedy Art prize. In 2018, he has won the Hunters Hill Art Prize two years in a row.

Mertim has moved to Sydney in 2009, and his strong contribution to the contemporary Australian art scene has recently awarded Mertim with a distinguished talent visa by the Australian Government, allowing him to live and work in Australia.

Mertim holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting.

AWARDS

i. Black Swan Portrait Prize – Finalist | Perth 2018 (winner yet to be announced)
i. Hunters Hill Art Prize – Winner | Hunters Hill 2018
ii. Kennedy Prize Winner |Adelaide 2017
iii. Archibald Salon des Refuses Finalist |Sydney 2017
iv. Hunters Hill Art Prize – Winner | Hunters Hill 2017
v. Sydney Art Studios Art Prize -Winner | Artarmon, 2017
vi. Kennedy Prize Finalist, Unley, South Australia, 2016
vii. Glencore Percival Portrait Painting Prize | Townsville 2016
viii. Doug Moran Portrait Prize Finalist | Sydney 2015
ix. BP Portrait Prize – Semi Finalist | London 2015
x. Manning Art Prize, Naked $ Nude Exhibition Finalist | Taree 2015
xi. Gallipoli Art Prize Finalist | Sydney 2015
xii. Doug Moran Portrait Prize Semi Finalist | Sydney 2014
xiii. Glencore Percival Portrait Prize Finalist |Townsville 2014
xiv. Archibald Prize Finalist | Sydney 2013
xv. Doug Moran Portrait Prize Semi Finalist | Sydney 2013
xvi. Hunters Hill Art Prize People's Choice Award | Sydney 2013
xvii. Doug Moran Portrait Prize Semi Finalist | Sydney 2012
xviii. School of Visual Arts Honourable Mention | New York 2012
xix. Hunters Hill Regional Art Prize Winner | Sydney 2012
xx. Hunters Hill Art Prize Highly Commended Award | Sydney 2012
xxi. The Archibald Real Refuses Prize, Winner | Sydney 2012
xxii. Black Swan Art Prize Finalist | Perth 2011
xxiii. The Archibald Real Refuses Prize Winner | Sydney 2011
xxiv. Hunters Hill Art Prize Highly Commended | Sydney 2011
xxv. Brunswick Street Gallery Works on Paper Finalist | Melbourne 2009
xxvi. Brunswick Street Gallery Small Works Finalist | Melbourne 2009
xxvii. Rex Livingston Art Gallery Mount Eyre Art Prize Finalist | Sydney 2009

SOLO SHOWS

The Descendants Project, Rocks Heritage Museum & Darling Harbour, Sydney 2015
Feathers and Kisses, Art2Muse Gallery, Double Bay, 2014
Borderline, Depot II Gallery Waterloo, 2013
50 Faces of Balmain, Balmain Art Show, 2012
The Buoyancy of Water and Bloody Rats of Sydney, Darlinghurst, 2011

ART FAIRS

The Asia Contemporary Art in Hong Kong 2016
Contemporary Istanbul Art Fair 2014
The Australian Art Show 2013

GROUP EXHIBITION

Black Swan Portrait Prize Exhibition, Perth, 2018
Maitland Regional Art Gallery, Concerning Peace, Maitland, 2018
Hunters Hill Art Exhibition, Sydney, 2018
Archibald Salon des Refuses Show, S. H. Irvin Gallery, Sydney, 2017
Hunters Hill Art Exhibition, Sydney, 2017
Kennedy Prize, Unley, South Australia, 2016
Glencore Percival Portrait Painting Prize, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville 2016
Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, Sydney 2015-2016
Manning Art Prize: Naked & Nude exhibition 2015
Gallipoli Art Prize Exhibition, Sydney 2015
PAA Group Exhibition, Australian Embassy, Washington DC, 2014
PAA Group Exhibition – Australians at Work, Melbourne, 2014
Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, 2013
Hunters Hill Art Exhibition, Sydney, 2013
Celebrating Innovators, Parliament House, Canberra, 2012
Hunters Hill Art Exhibition, Sydney, 2012
Tap Gallery Democratic Archibald Exhibition, Sydney, 2012
Black Swan Portrait Exhibition, Perth, 2011
Transience, Sydney 2011
Palm House Exhibition, Sydney 2011
Hunters Hill Art Exhibition, Hunters Hill, 2011
Real Refuses, The Democratic Archibald Prize Exhibition, Darlinghurst 2011
Start Studio Art Fest, Balmain NSW, 2010
Changeable Art, Kirribilli NSW, 2009
Brunswick Street Gallery, Works on Paper, Melbourne VIC, 2009
Brunswick Street Gallery, Small Works, Melbourne VIC, 2009
Karsi Sanat, Art against War, Frankfurt, 2008
Karsi Sanat, Ortadoguda Isgale Karsi Sanat, Istanbul, 2008

SHOWS CURATED

Multicultural Australia – Project 504 – Sydney 2016
Virtual Connections – No1 Martin Place – Sydney 2016/2017

JUDGING

Hunters Hill Art Prize 2016, Sydney

MEDiA

Beautiful Bizarre Magazine, United States
Poets and Artists, United States
Art/Edit, Australia
Art Almanac, Australia
Sydney Morning Herald, Australia
Daily Telegraph, Australia
The Australian, Australia

Qantas Magazine, Australia
Best 100 Contemporary Artist (book)
ABC Morning Show
ABC News
SBS Turkish News
ABC Radio