

Louise Grimshaw

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PROFILE

Currently Props Assistant at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, Louise has been employed as both professional/technical staff and as a sessional lecturer at the Academy since 2001. Louise has also established a freelance career within the West Australian entertainment industry, specialising in prop construction, costume prop construction and scenic painting. Louise commenced part-time studies in 2015 and is currently 2 units away from achieving a Bachelor of Performing Arts/Visual Arts. Most recently in her studies Louise completed units VIS 3550 *Project Research and Development* and VIS 2454 *Artist Books: Materiality of Word and Image.* In 2019 Louise exhibited Silkscreen printed works at Gallery Central in the *Between the Sheets: Artist Books Exhibition* and also in China at the *Guanlan International Print Biennial.* Most recently Louise constructed leather costume props for the West Australian Opera production of *Macbeth.*

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Head Carpenter, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, 2001-2007
- Props Assistant, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, 2008-2010, 2012-2015, 2017-2019
- Acting Props Co-Ordinator, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, 2011 and 2016
- Sessional Lecturer Props, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, 2010-2019
- Sessional Lecturer Soft Props, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, 2010-2012
- Sessional lecturer Costume Props, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, 2012-2019

FREELANCE PROP and SCENERY CONSTRUCTION

- Set Construction and Painting, *Foreign Exchange- TV series*, Plumb Construction and Design, 2004
- Set Construction and Painting, *Rapture of the Deep-Film*, Plumb Construction and Design, 2005
- Set Construction and Painting, Last Train to Freo-Film, Plumb Construction and Design, 2005
- Set Construction and Painting, *Melbourne Commonwealth Games-Event*, Plumb Construction and Design, 2006
- Painting, Mars and Venus-TV series, Plumb Construction and Design, 2006
- Painting, Walking with Dinosaurs- Arena Event, Plumb Construction and Design, 2007
- Prop Construction, Stone Brothers-Film, Stingray Studios, 2008
- Prop Construction, The Pearl Fishers-Opera, Western Australian Opera, 2009
- Prop Construction, Carmen-Opera, Western Australian Opera, 2010
- Painting, Marquee Park Port Headland-Commercial Project, Plumb Construction and Design, 2011



- Prop Construction, *Elektra-Opera*, Western Australia Opera, 2012
- Prop Construction, *Pinocchio-Ballet*, Western Australia Ballet, 2012
- Costume Prop Construction, Rio Carnivale, Salgueiro Samba School, 2013
- Prop Construction, Phantom of the Opera, MS Society, 2014
- Prop Construction, *The Song Was Wrong*, Perth Theatre Company, 2015
- Prop Construction, Caucasian Chalk Circle, Black Swan Theatre Company, 2016
- Costume Prop Construction, Angels in America-Theatre, Black Swan Theatre Company, 2016
- Prop Construction, *The Nutcracker-Ballet*, Western Australian Ballet, 2016
- Wearable Art Workshop, Mandurah Wearable Art, City of Mandurah, 2017
- Wearable Art Workshop, Wire Headdresses and Sculptural Forms, Great Southern Workshops, Cranbrook, 2017
- Prop Construction, Emoji Heads Photo Booth, WA Fringe Festival, Onstage Arts, 2018
- Armour, Assassins, Black Swan Theatre Company, 2018
- Prop Construction, Actaeon, Lost and Found, 2018.
- Wearable Art Workshop, Mandurah Wearable Art, City of Mandurah, 2018
- Prop Maintenance, Swan Lake, Western Australian Ballet, 2019
- Prop Maintenance, Sunset, Strut Dance, 2019
- Prop Construction, Sweeney Todd, West Australian Opera, 2019
- Wearable Art Backpack Workshop, Mandurah Wearable Art, City of Mandurah, 2019
- Prop Construction, Macbeth, West Australian Opera, 2019
- Headdress workshop, *Powertex Australia*, Safety Bay, 2019
- Painting, commercial and private projects, Sabi Art and Design, 2004-2016
- Prop Construction, assorted private projects for film and theatre, Stingray Studios, 2004-2017
- Painting, assorted commercial and private projects, Painted Earth, 2006-2012

EXHIBITIONS

- Sculpture, Express Delivery, Up on Hay Gallery Space, 2015
- Sculpture, Love and Light, private commission, 2015
- Screen printing, *Not For Much Longer*, Australian Print Council, Collins Place Gallery Melbourne, 2017
- Group Exhibition, Arts Hum Graduation Show, Edith Cowan University, 2017.
- Screen printing, *Ethereal Worlds*, 2018 Libris Awards: The Australian Artists' Book Prize, MacKay, 2018.
- Solo Exhibition, *The Library*, Spectrum Project Space, 2018.
- Group Exhibition, Arts Hum Graduation Show, Edith Cowan University, 2018.
- Group Exhibition, *Beginnings*, Spectrum Project Space, 2019.
- Group Exhibition, Guanlan International Print Biennial, China, 2019.
- Group Exhibition, *Between the Sheets: Artist Books Exhibition*, Gallery East in conjunction with Gallery Central, 2019.



EDUCATION

- Advanced Diploma of Construction and Design in Props and Scenery, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, 1997-2000.
- Undergraduate Bachelor of Performing Arts, 2018, Edith Cowan University.

REFERENCES

- Andrew Cross, Props Co-Ordinator, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, a.cross@ecu.edu.au
- Vania Lawson, Artistic Director, Sabi Art and Design, vania4@bigpond.com
- Paul Uhlmann, Print Co-Ordinator, Edith Cowan University, <u>p.uhlmann@ecu.edu.au</u>