

CURRICULUM VITAE

GAEL O'LEARY

BORN: 1948

TE AWAMUTU, NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP 2003

CURRENT POSITION: Owner/Director Bayside Sculpture, Highett, Melbourne

STUDIES

1994-95 Master of Fine Art (Sculpture), Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne University
1987 Diploma of Printmaking, Whitcliffe Art College, Auckland, New Zealand
1981-82 Master of Arts (Hons, Art History), University of Auckland, New Zealand
1977 Diploma of Teaching, New Zealand Department of Education
1976 Diploma of Theology, Chanel Institute of Theology, Auckland, New Zealand
1972-78 Bachelor of Arts, University of Auckland, New Zealand

MAJOR COMMISSIONS

2016/17	<i>Traveller</i> Life-size Sculpture of Ursula Frayne on steamer trunk with Violin and Schoolbooks on polished concrete seat	1350 x 700 x 700 mm	Academy of Mary Immaculate, Fitzroy, Melbourne
2016	<i>Traveller</i> Life-size Sculpture of Ursula Frayne with Steamer trunks (sizes variable)	1350 x 700 x 700 mm	Mercy Heritage Centre, Perth
	<i>Mercy Cross</i> , bronze with gumleaf motif	1500 x 1500 x 150 mm	Mercedes College, Perth
	<i>Good Samaritan</i> Stained Glass Window	2500 x 1500 mm	Mater Hospital, Townsville
	<i>Visitation</i> , Bronze wall Relief	1600 x 800 x 100 mm	
	<i>Mercy Cross</i> , bronze with gumleaf motif	1500 x 1500 x 150 mm	
2015/16	<i>Song of Miriam</i> high relief wall bronze	4500 x 7800 x 150 mm	Our Lady of Sion College, Box Hill, Melbourne, Australia
2013/14	<i>Come Sit Awhile</i> Life-size bronze of New Catherine McAuley sitting on park bench	1350 x 800 x 700 mm	Institute Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua Guinea, Sydney, Australia
	<i>Good Samaritan</i> Bronze bas Relief	1500 x 650 x 100 mm	
	<i>Mercy Cross</i> bronze with gumleaf motif	1500 x 1500 x 150 mm	
	<i>and Bird of Paradise</i> bas-relief	500 x 400 x 30 mm	
2012/13	<i>Historical Bronze Bas-Relief Narrative</i> 16 Panels	600 x 740 x 60 mm each	Grafton Sisters of Mercy, Grafton NSW Australia
	<i>Mercy Cross</i> bronze with gumleaf motif	1500 x 1500 x 150 mm	
	<i>Memorial Wall Bronze Gumleaf motif</i>	400 x 1400 x 80 mm	
	<i>Bronze Water panels</i> (3)	300 x 4200 x 60 mm (1) 300 x 2100 x 60 mm (2)	
2011	<i>Madonna & Child</i> bronze sculpture	1200 x 360 x 320 mm	St Mary's School Mooroopna, Victoria Australia
	<i>Catherine McAuley with Children</i> Six figure bronze	1050 x 1020 x 600 mm	St Brendan's School Shepparton, Victoria, Australia

2008/9	Madeleine Sophie Barat One and a half life- size bronze	2590 x 910 x 525 mm	Baradene College, Remuera, Auckland, NZ
2007	Pataka	280 x 360 x 240 mm	Te Korowai Atawhai Chapel, Auckland, NZ
2006	Peace bronze sculpture	800 x 320 x 200	Emmaus Residential Care, Banyo, Qld, Australia
	Nurture bronze sculpture	800 x 370 x 270 mm	
	Visitation bronze wall relief	800 x 560 c 180 mm	
	Return of the Prodigal bronze wall Relief	800 x 400 x 180 mm	
2006	Archaeopteryx bronze sculpture	400 x 200 x 150 mm	Australian Defence Force, 7 th Division, Petroleum Unit
2006	Nurture bronze sculpture	800 x 370 x 270	St Catherine's Church, Moorabbin, Victoria
2005/6	Centennial Bronze Two wall – reliefs	6000 x 1000 x 200 mm ea.	St Joseph's College, Mildura, Australia
2004	Mentor Life-size bronze sculpture of Catherine McAuley and student	1176 x 880 x 750 mm	Mercy High School, Baltimore, USA
2003	Heart of Mercy Bronze entrance sculpture	1800 x 1500 x 400 mm	Mercy Congregational Centre, Auckland, NZ
	Mary Potter , bronze relief portrait	590 x 420 x 50	Calvary Hospital, Canberra, Australia
2002/3	Family Outdoor bronze sculpture	2000 x 1200 x 700 mm	Mater Hospital, Mackay, Qld, Australia
	10 smaller versions of Family for Nurses Stations	500 x 400 x 150 mm	
	Good Samaritan , Stained Glass window design for Chapel	3000 x 1500 mm	
2002	Risen Christ , bronze Processional Cross	600 x 400 x 50 mm	St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia + 150 smaller versions for hospital rooms
	Eternity , Bronze Eucharistic sculpture	800 dia x 25 mm	Chapel, St Keven's Parish, Hampton Park, Victoria, Australia
2001	Faith , bronze high wall relief	1600 x 1750 x 150 mm	St Peter's Primary School, Bendigo Nth, Victoria
2001	St Agnes , life-size bronze figure	1550 x 400 300 mm	St Agnes Church, Highett, Melbourne, Australia
	Bas-relief roundels x 2	300 mm diameter	Mercy Hospital, Townsville, Qld, Australia
	Bronze Medallions x 100	50 mm diameter	Catholic Health Care Australia, Canberra, Australia
	Calvary , bronze bas Relief	1200 x 600 x 100 mm	Calvary Hospital, Wagga Wagga NSW, Australia
2000/1	Villa Maria Chapel Bronze Sculptures		Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, QLD, Australia
	Risen Christ	3000 x 1700 x 500 mm	
	Holy Family	1200 x 600 x 400 mm	
	Tabernacle	650 x 700 x 600 mm	
	Lectern Relief Panel	1050 x 450 x 60 mm	
	Altar Relief Panel	730 x 320 x 50 mm	
	Presiding Chair Relief Panel	400 x 530 50 mm	
2000	Aroha , Sesqui-centenary bronze	2600 x 1400 x 1200 mm	Sister of Mercy Auckland, New Zealand (Gifted to the City of Auckland)
1999	Bronze Wall Sculpture	5000 x 3000 x 200 mm	Mt Alvernia Hospital, Bendigo, Victoria, Aust
1998	Calvary (Relief)	1200 x 600 x 100 mm	Bethlehem Hospital, Sth Caulfield, Melbourne
Australia			
1996	Centennial Bronze wall sculptures x 2	4000 x 1500 x 120mm	Mt Lilydale College, Melbourne, Australia
1993	Centennial of Women's Suffrage Mural – acrylic on canvas	3600 x 2400	McAuley College, Auckland, New Zealand
1992	Mercy Bronze Multi-levelled bronze wall sculpture	3000 x 1500 x 120mm	Mater Private Hospital, Brisbane, Australia
1990	Catherine McAuley Memorial	1113 x 2240 x 300 mm	Mater Private Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand
1987	Return of the Prodigal	1700 x 1000 x 300 mm	St Mary's Catholic Church, Northcote, NZ
1985	Stations of the Cross Oil on Wood, 3 panels	1500 x 400 mm	Rosary House Chapel, Christchurch, NZ
1982	Community mural	12000 x 5000 mm	Devonport Businessmen's Assoc, Auckland, NZ Acrylic on plaster
1981	Mural	9000 x 3000 mm	Rimmer Incor. Belmont, Auckland, N Z.

AWARDS

2015	Judge	Victorian Sculptors Association Exhibition, International Flower and Garden Show, Melbourne
2011	Fundere Fine Art Sculpture Award	Yarra Sculpture Gallery, Abbotsford, Victoria

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2008	<i>Inscape</i>	Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne, Australia
1989	<i>Whanau</i>	Friendship House Gallery, Manakau, Auckland, New Zealand
1987	<i>No Room At the Inn</i>	Whitcliffe Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
1986	<i>Emmaus</i>	Gallery Pacific, Auckland, New Zealand

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2017	<i>The Makers in Advantage Rd Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture Essence</i>	Altmann Studio & Gallery, Highett, Melbourne Toorak Melbourne, Australia Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne
2016	<i>Resonance Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture</i>	Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne Toorak Melbourne, Australia
2015	<i>Fusion Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture</i>	Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne Toorak Melbourne, Australia
2014	<i>Identity Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture</i>	Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne Toorak Melbourne, Australia
2013	<i>All Creatures Great and Small Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture Translations</i>	Toyota Sculpture Gallery, Port Melbourne, Australia Toorak Melbourne, Australia Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne
2012	<i>Allusions/Illusions Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture</i>	Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne Toorak Melbourne, Australia
2011	<i>Bonanza Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture Shell Lorne Sculpture 2011</i>	Yarra Sculpture Gallery, Abbotsford, Melbourne Toorak Melbourne, Australia Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne Lorne, Victoria, Australia
2010	<i>transFORM Of Snowflakes and Spacetime Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture</i>	Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne Toyota Sculpture Gallery, Port Melbourne, Australia Toorak Melbourne, Australia
2009	<i>Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture reFORM</i>	Toorak Melbourne, Australia Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne
2008	<i>Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture Counterpoint</i>	Toorak Melbourne, Australia Bayside Sculpture Gallery, Highett, Melbourne
2007	<i>Metamorphosis</i>	Gallery Koru, Mercy Sculpture Centre, Highett, Melbourne
2006	<i>Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture Memories</i>	Toorak Melbourne, Australia Gallery Koru, Mercy Sculpture Centre, Highett, Melbourne
2005	<i>Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture</i>	Toorak Melbourne, Australia
2004	<i>Manyung Gallery Exhibition</i>	Manyung Gallery, Mt Eliza, Victoria, Australia
2004	<i>New Beginnings</i>	Gallery Koru, Mercy Sculpture Centre, Highett, Melbourne
2003	<i>Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture InFORM</i>	Toorak Village, Melbourne, Australia <i>Mercy Art and Creativity Centre Gallery Melbourne,</i>
2001	<i>I was a Stranger...</i>	St Francis Pastoral Centre Gallery, Melb. Australia
2000	<i>Anno Domini, Christ through the Centuries Christmas Images by Australia Artists</i>	Provincial Museum of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada St Francis Pastoral Centre Gallery, Melb. Australia
1999	<i>Stop 22's Greatest Hits</i>	Gallery Stop 22, St Kilda, Melbourne, Australia
1998	<i>9 x 9 x 5 Jubilee Exhibition of V.C.A.</i>	George Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
1997	<i>Station Pro Forma Long Distance Long Distance Hugh Ramsey Religious Art Award Exhib. Festival of Christmas</i>	Gallery Stop 22, St Kilda, Melbourne, Australia Bairnsdale Regional Gallery, Victoria, Australia Switchback Gallery, Monash University, Victoria, Australia Ave Maria College, Essendon, Australia. Victoria Meat Market Gallery, Nth Melbourne, Aust.

1996	<i>Contemporary Images of Christmas</i>	St Francis Pastoral Centre Gallery, Melb. Australia
1995	<i>No Vacancy Exhibition</i>	Women's Art Register 1975-1995, Melb. Australia
1994	<i>Post –Graduate Student Exhibition</i>	University of Ballarat, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia
1993	<i>Forty New Zealand Women Artists</i>	Downtown Hilton Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
1990	<i>Easter Exhibition</i>	Downtown Hilton Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
	<i>Lenten Exhibition</i>	Downtown Hilton Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
1985	<i>Ten</i>	Pumphouse Gallery, Takapuna, New Zealand

COLLECTIONS

- City of Auckland, New Zealand
- Carmel College, Milford, Auckland, New Zealand
- Mercy Congregational Centre, Auckland, New Zealand
- St Paul VI College, Western Samoa
- Various private collections in England, America, Australia and New Zealand

PUBLICATIONS

- *The Bible and Art, Perspectives from Oceania*, Ed. Caroline Blyth & Nasili Vaka'uta, Bloomsbury T & T Clark Ltd 2017
- 'Sister Gael O'Leary – A Road Less Travelled', Essay by Dr Robin Woodward
- *Antiques & Art in Victoria*, Melbourne Australia, April-August 2009, p.22
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- *Melbourne Weekly, Bayside, Interview with Diny Slamet*, Melbourne Australia May 4-10, 2005, pp.20-21
- *Bayside Leader*, Melbourne Australia, 19 April 2005, p.17
- *The Age*, Metro, Melbourne, Australia, April 6, p.7 2005
- *The Age*, Local Life, Melbourne Australia. April 6, 2005, p.5
- *The Daily Mercury*, Mackay, QLD, Australia, April 5 2003, pg4
- *The Age Newspaper*, Melbourne, Australia, November 20 2002, The Culture, p.4
- *Bayside Leader Newspaper*, Melbourne, November 17 2002, p.5
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- *The Bay News*, Auckland, NZ, Vol 6, No.4, May 2000
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- *Spiritual Friendship*, Wendy Miller, Eagle Ltd, Guildford, Surrey 1994, Front Cover and pp 28,124,132
- *Finding God in the Fast Lane*, Joyce Huggett, Eagle Publications, Guildford Surrey, England, 1993 pp14,16,17
- *Cross Link*, Wellington, New Zealand July 1993, Vol 6 p.24
- *The Tablet*, Wellington, NZ, May 30 1993 p.6
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- *Accent*, Auckland, NZ, May 1987 pp.33 – 35
- *North Shore Times*, Auckland, NZ, December 17 1985, p.23
- *North Shore Times*, Auckland, NZ, March 14 1985 p.20
- *DioScene*, Auckland, NZ, Vol.5, No 3, December 1985, p.8
- *New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, NZ September 12, 1983, p.12
- *North Shore Times*, Auckland, NZ August 23, 1983, p.4
- *Auckland Star*, Auckland, NZ August 23, 1983, p.6