

John Gillies

Born Beaudesert on Yugambah land, Australia 1960

Lives and works in Sydney on Wangal land

Selected solo exhibitions, solo performances & solo screenings

- 2023 *John Gillies*, Scala Galleries, Sydney
- 2021 *Urodziny Stasia: 136. rocznica urodzin S. I. Witkiewicza*, Słupsk Cultural Centre
- 2020 [*Gra w i z Witkacym*](#), Tatra Museum, Zakopane
John Gillies: proposal for a performance space, Articulate Project Space, Sydney
- 2018 People's Cultural Palace, Sydney (with the Loop Orchestra)
- 2017 *John Gillies*, Articulate Project Space, Sydney
- 2016 *John Gillies*, Sydney Non-Objective, Sydney
- 2011 *John Gillies: Parramatta Road Project*, Articulate Project Space, Sydney
- 2008 *Conversation* (with Clare Grant), Performance Space, Sydney
- 2006 *John Gillies: Videowork*, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
- 2005 *John Gillies: Video Work*, Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (Aus)
- 2004 *John Gillies Video Works 1982-2001*, Performance Space, Sydney
- 1998 *John Gillies: Armada*, FIM!, Museu de Arte Moderna da Bahia, Salvador
Mary Stuart, Performance Space, Sydney
- 1997 *The Nineties*, Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney
John Gillies, Fundacio Itaú, Belo Horizonte
Mary Stuart, Sidetrack Theatre, Sydney
- 1994 *John Gillies: Armada*, Queensland College of Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 1987 *John Gillies: Video*, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
John Gillies: Vision, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
- 1986 *John Gillies: She Says the Grooves Speak*, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
John Gillies, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
- 1984 *John Gillies*, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
- 1983 *John Gillies*, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
John Gillies, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
Jon Rose: Music /John Gillies: Films, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
- 1981 *John Gillies: Liveworks*, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Live Art May, Art/Empire/Industry, Sydney

Selected group exhibitions & screenings

- 2024 *Blake Prize*, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney
- 2023 [*Channels & Spells*](#), Carriageworks, Sydney
Witkacy i inspiracje, Katowice History Museum, Katowice
- 2022 *per doc*, Articulate Project Space, Sydney
- 2020 *In Kepler's Garden*, Ars Electronica, Linz
- 2019 *Brisbane International Film Festival*, QAGOMA, Brisbane
Sydney Film Festival, Sydney
Place and Image, Articulate Project Space, Sydney
- 2018 [*Immortality*](#), Murray Art Museum Albury
In Motion Festival, AIRspace Projects, Sydney
- 2017 *Wir geben Ihrer Zukunft ein Zuhause*, Werkleitz Festival, Halle (Saale)

- Emu Island: Modernism in Place*, Penrith Regional Gallery & Lewers Bequest, Penrith
Mining Pyrite, Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney
Red, Green, Blue: A History of Australian Video Art, Griffith University Art Gallery, Brisbane
Podwodny Wrocław, Wrocław
Polish International Film Awards, Warsaw
Bucharest Film Awards, Bucharest (runner-up best featurette)
- 2015 *Stanisław Ignacy Witkiewicz: konteksty filozoficzne, teatralne i filmowe*
 Grotowski Institute, Wrocław
Witkacy Pod Strzezechy, Słupsk
Sydney Six, Newcastle Art Gallery, Australia
- 2014 *Perspektiva 2*, Gramophone, Plovdiv
Striking Contrasts, Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery, Gymea; Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, Bathurst; Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton; Burrinja Cultural Centre, Victoria; Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery; New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale, Australia
In Motion Festival, AIRspace Projects, Sydney
- 2013 *Monitoring*, Kasseler Kunstverein, Museum Fridericianum, Kassel
Perenials, Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Toowoomba
Sydney Underground Film Festival, The Factory, Sydney
- 2012 [*Return to Sender*](#), University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
The Armory Exhibition 2012, Armory Gallery, Olympic Park, Sydney
Five Bells, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
Time Machine: Festival of Experimental Time Based Art, Serial Space, Sydney
- 2011 *Ten Years of Contemporary Art: The James C Sourris AM Collection*, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane
Buffer Zone, Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney
Inheritance, MILS Gallery, Sydney
 28. Kasseler Dokumentarfilm und Videofest, Kassel
Salon, Eastern Block, Sydney
Sydney Underground Film Festival, The Factory, Sydney
- 2010 *VideoVoid*, Australian Experimental Art Foundation, Adelaide; Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne; Qld University of Technology, Brisbane
Video: Art from the Archives, Monash University Faculty Gallery, Melbourne (with Sadie Benning, Bruce Nauman, Woody Vasulka, et al)
Queensland Art: Art from Queensland, Pestorius Art Projects, Brisbane
Sydney Underground Film Festival, The Factory, Sydney (Audience Award)
- 2009 *Figuring Landscapes*, Tate Modern, London (and 15 venues in the UK, Ireland and Australia)
Figures in a Landscape, ACC Galerie, Weimar
Mutant Logic, Central St Martins and the International Centre for Fine Art Research, London
Sydney Underground Film Festival, The Factory, Sydney
- 2008 *Video Logic*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

- Honey I Rearranged the Image..!*, Video Art Lounge, Art Basel Miami Beach,
Botanical Gardens, Miami (with Rosemary Trockel, Yael Bartana, Harun Farocki, Omar Fast, Deimantas Narkevicius et al)
- Performing Video*, Brut, Künstlerhaus Wien, Vienna
- Shifting Ground*, Film Studies Centre, University of Chicago & Bangkok
Experimental Film Festival
Instituto de Artes, Unicamp, Campinas
- 2007 *Workin' Down Under*, Wood Street Galleries, Pittsburgh
Face Value: video portraiture from the pacific, New Zealand Portrait Gallery Te Pukenga
Whakaata, Wellington
16th Videobrasil Festival of Electronic Art, SESC Paulista, São Paulo
5 x 5, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
Artist Makes Video, Griffith University Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 2006 *2006 Contemporary Commonwealth*, National Gallery of Victoria & Australian Centre
for the Moving Image, Melbourne
Face Value: video portraiture from the pacific, Brisbane Museum, Brisbane
Breathing Space Australia Tramway, Glasgow & Greenroom, Manchester
In Between Time, Arnolfini, Bristol
- 2003 *Afterlife*, Sarah Cottier Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 *Vídeo em Debate: Produção, Pesquisa, Circuitos*, Museu Victor Meirelles,
Florianópolis
- 2000 *Spectroscope*, Performance Space, Biennale of Sydney, Sydney
International Short Film Awards, Melbourne International Film Festival
Sick & Dizzy: floating adrift in a sea of Media, Microwave Video Festival, Hong Kong &
Asia Pacific Triennial, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
Sydney Film Festival
- 1999 *Exit: Art and Cinema at the End of the Century*, Chisenhale Gallery, London
The Liquid Medium, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
Contemporary Southern Hemisphere Videoart, Ayloul Festival, Beirut
Carte Blanche, Videoformes Festival, Clairmont-Ferrand 1996
Reference Points IV, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
RE COLLECTION, Brisbane City Gallery, Brisbane *Australian*
Retrospective, Experimenta, Melbourne Berlin Video
Festival, Berlin
- 1995 *Sound in Space*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
Erlibnis Australien, Neuer Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin
1er Festival Internacional de Video y Artes Electrónicas, Buenos Airesq Museo
Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain
- 1994 *An Eccentric Orbit: Video Art in Australia*, Museum of Modern Art, New York
also Scene Nationale Les Plateaux, Angouleme, France Espace Lyonnais d'art Contemporain, Lyon, France Dalhousie Art
Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; Cornell Cinema, Ithaca, New York; Identities: Art from Australia, Taipei Museum;
Ludwig Forum for International Art, Aachen, Germany (1995); University of North Texas, Denton, USA (1995); Cyberria,
Museo das Bellas Artes, Bilbao, Spain (1995); Canary Island International Video Festival, Las Palmas, Spain (1996);
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra (1999); Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne (1999); Salamanca
Arts Centre, Hobart (1999) Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney (1999)

- Image Cannibals*, Substation, Singapore
 Montpellier Arcana Gallery, Montpellier
 Göteborg Festival, Göteborg
 Galerie du collège Marcel Duchamp, Chateauroux Muestra
 de Video de Pamplona, Pamplona
 Impakt Festival voor Experimentele Kunst, Utrecht New
 York Video Festival, New York (Special Award)
- 1993 World Wide Video Festival, Den Haag
 Retina '93 Festival, Svigtvar
Strangers in Paradise, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1992 *Strangers in Paradise*, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul
Festival Internacional Videobrasil, São Paulo (First Prize)
Experimenta, Victorian Centre for Photography, Melbourne Alliance
 Française de Belo Horizonte, Belo Horizonte Television & Video
 Festival, Spiral Hall, Tokyo
 DAI Nippon, Tokyo Muumedia
 Festival, Helsinki
- 1991 *Australian Perspecta 1991*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Video in Australia: Electric Images, Video Positive, Tate Gallery, Liverpool
 London Film Festival, National Film Theatre, London
 Video Medien Operative, Berlin
 Australian International Video Festival (Special Award)
 Third Eye Centre, Glasgow
 Kasseler Dokumentar Film und Videofest, Kassel
- 1990 *Satellite Cultures*, New Museum, New York
Sound Basis Video Art Festival, Wrocław
 Procréart, Paris
 E.P.E, Paris
 Australian International Video Festival, Sydney
- 1989 *Videokunst in Australien-Auf dem Weg zu Teletopologien*, Ars Electronica, Linz
Australian Perspecta 1989 Performance Space, Sydney
 Audio Visueel Experimenteel, Arnhem
Australian Perspecta, Performance Space, Sydney
- 1988 *Recent Acquisitions*, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
Experimenta, Melbourne Aarhus
Video Festival, Aarhus
 First Draft, Sydney
Sounds in the House, Arthaus, Sydney
 Experimenta, Australian Centre for Contemporary
 Art, Melbourne
Writers in Recital, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1987 *Video: Documenting a Decade of Difference*, Performance Space, Sydney
 Melbourne International Film Festival, Melbourne
- 1986 *Recent Australian Video Installation*, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art,
 Melbourne (with Philip Brophy, David Chesworth, Leigh Hobba, Jill Scott, Randelli)

- The Gunnery, Sydney
 French-Chilean Video Festival, Santiago 1983
Continuum '83, Video Gallery Scan, Tokyo
 1982 *TV NU VU*, State Film Centre, Melbourne
 1981 *ANZART*, Auckland
TVTABOU, Paddington Town Hall, Sydney
 1980 Watters Gallery, Sydney
 1979 *Queensland Art Gallery Sculpture Prize*, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane

Public Collections

- Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
 Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Melbourne
 Fukuyama Museum of Art, Hiroshima
 Griffith University Art Collection, Brisbane
 National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
 Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
 Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane
 Videobrasil Collection, São Paulo

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 2019 Tyler Patterson, [Review, Witkacy & Malinowski: a cinematic séance in 23 scenes](#), Running Dog
 2017 Stella Rosa MacDonald, [Witkacy in the Mirror](#), Articulate, Sydney 2016
 Keith Gallasch, [Love, materialism & metaphysics](#), Realltime 136
 2013 Andrea Linnenkohl, 'John Gillies: Granite', in *30. Kasseler Dokfest*, Catalogue, Kassel
 2012 Adam Geczy, 'Digging Deep: *Excavation*, The Armory Exhibition 2012', *Art Monthly*, 254 October 2012.
 Andrew Frost, 'John Gillies', <http://scanlines.net/person/john-gillies>
 2011 Peter McKay, 'Tracking function: Considering the past decade in new media' in *Ten Years of Contemporary Art, The James C Sourris AM Collection*, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane.
 2008 Therese Davis, 'A Road Movie by John Gillies', in *Video Logic*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney.
 Rachel O'Reilly, 'Divide (2006), John Gillies'
<http://videoground.wordpress.com/2008/09/07/divide/>
 Gail Priest, 'Sounding Sight, Space and Bodies: A Survey of Mixed Media Explorations' in *Experimental Music: Audio Explorations in Australia* (Gail Priest ed.) UNSW Press, Sydney p201.
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<http://www.realttimearts.net/feature/Inbetween Time 2006/8395>
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- Edward Scheer, 'Live Art/Media Art: John Gillies, Performance and the Techno- Live' in in *John Gillies: Video Works 1982 – 2001*, exhibition catalogue, Performance Space, Sydney, pp 5-9.
- Jane R Goodall, 'John Gillies', *The Insider* Vol 1, pp 109
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- Charles Green, *Peripheral Vision: Contemporary Australian Art 1970 - 1994*, Craftsman House, Melbourne, pp.104-106
- 1994 Nicholas Zurbrugg, 'John Gillies', *Electronic Arts in Australia: Continuum: The Australian Journal of Media & Culture*, vol. 8 no. 1, pp. 200- 215
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- Nicholas Zurbrugg, 'John Gillies and the Craft of Video', *John Gillies: Armada*, exhibition catalogue, Queensland College of Art, Brisbane pp. 5-8
- 1992 Vicki Riley, 'Elevations of Trauma: Techno/Dumb/Show: John Gillies and the Sydney Front', *Cantrills Filmnotes*, no. 65/66, pp. 33-37
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