

BAU-XI GALLERY LTD.

GEORGE BYRNE

b. 1976

George Byrne is an internationally-recognized photographer based in Los Angeles. Byrne creates large-scale photographs that depict architectural surfaces and landscapes as painterly abstractions. Borrowing from the clean, vivid clarity of modernist painting, he also references the New Topographics photography movement via a subject matter firmly entrenched in the urban every day.

Byrne started photographing Los Angeles with a medium format camera in 2010. Byrne's close-crop photos, often taken from the middle of the street, show careful attention to the geometric fragments of his urban surroundings revealed in the subtle line and unexpected shadow which cut across pastel walled surfaces, and divide soft sky from gritty stucco, plastic and concrete. Byrne's work encapsulates not only the spirit of his adopted city's unique and diverse cityscape, but an aesthetic sensibility that has come to be ubiquitous with our globalized visual culture influenced by equal parts art history and Instagram.

George Byrne was born in Sydney, Australia in 1976 and graduated from Sydney College of the Arts in 2001. He has exhibited internationally in Italy, India, Australia, Los Angeles and New York. In 2010, Byrne relocated to Los Angeles, California where he continues to live and work today.

EDUCATION

1996 – 98 Bachelor of Arts, Sydney University
1998 – 01 Bachelor of Visual Arts, Sydney College of the Arts

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 INNERVISIONS - Olsen Gallery, Sydney
2021 Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto
2019 POST TRUTH – Olsen Gallery, Sydney
2019 'Feature,' Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto
2018 BLOCK COLOUR– Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
2018 NEW ORDER – Olsen Gruin Gallery, NYC
2017 COLOR FIELD – Olsen Gallery, Sydney
BUSH STUDIES – Halcyon House residency, Sydney
2016 SOHO HOUSE – Artist In Residence, Los Angeles
LOCAL DIVISION – Olsen Gallery, Sydney
2015 URBAN STUDIES -- Contact Photo Lab, Los Angeles
2014 INSTANT (Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane)

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GROUP SHOWS

2022 'Architectural Elements,' Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto
2021 'Method IV,' Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto

COLLECTIONS

C.A.A. Permanent Collection
N.S.W. State Parliament Permanent collection
SOHO House Permanent Collection

GRANTS / AWARDS

2022 Winner, International Minimalist Photography Awards
2017 Winner, HEAD ON NSW landscape prize
2016 Finalist, FOCUS Photo LA
2015 Finalist, Head On Photo awards
2014 Finalist, Head On Photo awards
2012 Finalist, Head On Photo awards
2010 Finalist, Head On Photo awards
2002 Winner, Lavazza traveling scholarship Sydney
2001 Winner, The Australian Young Photographer of the Year Award

PUBLICATIONS

British Journal of Photography
Icon (UK)
Paper Sea
Aesthetica
LA Canvas
Monster Children
Focus Magazine
Assemble Papers
Vogue (USA/AUS)
The MANIFESTO
NO Magazine

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