

# NIAGARA

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## STAR GOSSAGE

Star Gossage (b. 1973) is of Ngati Manuhiri/Wai, Ngati Ruanui, French, English and Portuguese descent. She gained a Diploma of Fine Arts from Otago Polytechnic School of Art in 1995 and, alongside painting, her practice includes theatre, film-making, poetry and sculpture.

Star produces hauntingly beautiful figurative works connected to the land, often using elements of the earth: clay, soil, lime and tar mixed with pigments. While drawing inspiration largely from her Maori heritage, she also draws influence from Australian painters Sidney Nolan, Albert Tucker and Arthur Boyd. Star was the recent recipient of the prestigious 2014 New Zealand Arts Foundation New Generation Award.

Star has exhibited extensively throughout New Zealand, both in highly successful solo exhibitions, as well as group exhibitions, most recently as part of the important 'Five Maori Painters' at Auckland Art Gallery. Her works are held in public collections including Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand and the University of Auckland Collection.

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *He Tangata The People*, Waikato Museum, Hamilton, New Zealand
- 2020 *He Tangata The People*, Portrait Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand  
*Noho Mai, Ki Te Ahau / Sit With Me*, Page Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2019 Auckland Art Fair, presented by Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2018 *Float through the sky*, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2017 *Piki Te Ora*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne  
*I Saw You In My Garden*, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand  
Whakatane Museum, Whakatane, New Zealand
- 2016 *Mana Moana*, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland
- 2015 *Pah*, Pah Homestead, Auckland
- 2014 *Kingfisher Blue/Kikorangi Kotare*, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland
- 2013 *Marae*, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland  
*Star Gossage*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington
- 2012 *Au, Au, Au*, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland  
*Calling You Home - Karanga Mai Ki Te Kainga Paulnache*, Gisborne New Zealand
- 2011 *Between Earth & Sky*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington
- 2010 *Minyerri*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington
- 2009 *Ao / Light*, Paulnache, Gisborne New Zealand  
*Mauri Moe*, Auckland Art Fair / Paulnache Gallery, New Zealand
- 2008 *New Works*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington  
*New Paintings*, Paulnache, Gisborne New Zealand
- 2007 *AE AM*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington
- 2006 *New Works*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington
- 2005 *New Paintings*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington
- 2004 *New Paintings*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington
- 2003 *Star Gossage - Paintings*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington
- 2002 *Grey*, Oedipus Rex Gallery, Auckland
- 2001 *Ora*, Oedipus Rex Gallery, Auckland

- 1999 *Kotahi Ra*, Old Saw Mill, Leigh New Zealand  
1996 *Nga Pungawaihanga*, Milford Galleries, Dunedin New Zealand

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Sydney Contemporary*, Niagara Galleries, Carriageworks, Sydney  
2016 *Hikohiko: Aroha Gossage & Star Gossage*, Papakura Art Gallery, New Zealand  
2015 *Blue Chip XVII: The Collectors' Exhibition*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne  
2014 *Three Colours White*, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland  
2013 *Maori Painters*, Auckland Art Gallery Toi O Tamaki, Auckland  
*Call of Taranaki: Reo Karanga O Taranaki, Puke Ariki*, New Plymouth New Zealand  
*Three Colours Blue*, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland  
2011 *Oceania*, City Gallery, Wellington  
2009 *Landscape*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington  
2005 *Te Hei Tiki*, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland  
2004 *YMCA (Young Maori Contemporary Artists)*, Sarjeant Gallery, Whanganui New Zealand  
*He Rere Ki - Taking Flight*, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington  
2000 *Moemoea*, Portland Gallery, Whangarei New Zealand  
1996 *Star Gossage / Alistair Galbraith*, Butchers Gallery, Port Chalmers New Zealand  
*Cultural Safety*, The Dowse, Lower Hutt / Dunedin Public Art Gallery New Zealand

### AWARDS

- 2014 New Zealand Arts Foundation New Generation Award  
Singapore Signature Art Prize, Singapore Art Museum (nominee)

### RESIDENCIES

- 2016 Mana Moana Residency, Honolulu, Hawaii

### COLLECTIONS

Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki  
Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand  
New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade  
University of Auckland  
James Wallace Arts Trust

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