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Irena Kennedy was born in Wellington and gained a Bachelor of Fine Art at the Dunedin School of Art, where she was awarded the David Con Hutton Memorial Scholarship. Irena completed her Masters of Fine Art at Monash University, Melbourne.

Irena exhibits regularly across New Zealand – most recently including, Sculpture On Shore 2012, the Portage Ceramic Awards 2013, the Waitakari Sculpture Awards 2013 (winning 2nd prize) and in January 2013, undertook a successful residency at the Anteroom Gallery in Dunedin

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#### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS AND AWARDS

- 2018 nkb Gallery Group show Auckland, New Zealand
- 2017 nkb Gallery Group show Auckland, New Zealand
- 2016 Potocki Paterson Gallery – Wellington, New Zealand/ Aotearoa
- 2016 Solo show the Powder room – Wellington, New Zealand/ Aotearoa
- 2015 Soma Gallery- Melbourne, Australia
- 2015 Water colour station- Hua Hin, Thailand
- 2015 nkb Gallery, Mt Eden Auckland, New Zealand
- 2015 Casbah Gallery – Hamilton , New Zealand



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2015 Splore Art Festival – Auckland, New Zealand

2015 Little Tingu Gallery – Melbourne, Australia

2014 Sculpture on Shore – Auckland, New Zealand

2014 nkb Gallery, Pop up Space, Auckland, New Zealand

2014 Substation Art Awards – Melbourne, Australia

2014 nkb Gallery, Mt Eden Auckland, New Zealand

2014 Neighbourhood show Corbans art centre, Auckland

2013 Portage Ceramic Awards, Auckland New Zealand

2013 Waitakari Sculpture and painting awards, Auckland New Zealand

2013 First Thursday, Auckland, New Zealand

2013 Artist in Residence – The Anteroom, Dunedin, New Zealand

2012 Sculpture on Shore – Auckland, New Zealand

#### **ARTIST RESIDENCIES**

April 2016 Traidos Artist residency – One month, Mai Rim, Thailand

Aug 2015 Hua-Hin Art Studio- Four weeks, Hua Hin, Thailand

Jan 2013 Artist in Residence – The Anteroom, Dunedin, New Zealand