

# Sara McPherson

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## Employment History

- 2006 - Present** - Freelance Art, Design, Community Art and Public Art  
- Freelance Scenic Art and Design  
- Visual Arts Tutor, Mooroolbark Community Centre
- 1998 - 2004 - Senior Scenic Artist and Scenic Production Manager, Scenic Studios
- 1996 - 1997 - Freelance Mural Artist / Scenic Artist
- 1995 - Art Director @ Whybin and Partners - Melbourne
- 1990 - 1995 - Scenic Artist @ Scenic Studios – Kensington
- 1989 - 1990 - Freelance Scenic Art and Theatre design

## Scenic Art

**Scenic Production Manager and Senior Scenic Artist** for National and International Theatre and Ballet productions.

Responsibilities include liaison with designers & sub-contractors, interpretation of designs, research and development of materials and techniques, planning and costing, co-ordinating teams and staff time management.

## Theatrical Productions

### Current Projects – 2015

- Octonauts Live! Operation Reef Shield (*Life Like Touring*).

### Completed Theatre Projects 2014

- 2014:** Hansel and Gretel (*Victorian Opera*); The King and I (*John Frost*); Les Miserables (*Cameron MacKintosh*); The Lion King (Australia) (*Disney*); Grease The Musical (*John Frost*); Don Quixote (*Singapore Ballet*); La Boheme
- 2013: The Lion King (Australia) (*Disney*); Legally Blonde (*Panter/Frost*); Grease The Musical (*John Frost*); Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (*Tim Lawson*); Hot Shoe Shuffle (*Atkins/Perry*)
- 2012: Dora the Explorer; An Officer and a Gentleman
- 2011: A Chorus Line; Annie; Nutcracker on Ice (The Imperial Ice Stars)
- 2010: Halcyon (Australian Ballet); Sleeping Beauty (Singapore Dance Company)
- Previous: Wicked; Cinderella on Ice; The Lion King (2003) – Disney; We Will Rock You; The Producers; Saturday Night Fever; Mamma Mia - Australian & Touring versions; Major Project for the Victorian State Government “The Melbourne Town Hall Curtain”; Sleeping Beauty on Ice; Wizard of Oz; Cats; Cats Run Away to the Circus; Cabaret; Phantom of the Opera; Fox Studios - The Simpsons; The King & I; Various Australian Ballet Productions; Various Hong Kong Ballet Productions.

## Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art, RMIT, 1989

Graduate of the “Vista Program” 2005, a SYR community leadership project.



## Public, Private and Community Art

### Completed Projects – 2014

- **King Kids ELC & Kindergarten mural**  
Mural designed to enhance the foyer of this ELC & Kindergarten.

### Previous Projects

- **Healesville Sanctuary Nocturnal House**  
Design and painting of nine enclosure habitats in the revamped Nocturnal House
  - **St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne**  
Reinstatement of original chancel paintwork
  - **Mount Scopus Memorial College**  
Painting of chess board on stage floor.
  - **Starry Sky** - Australian Centre for Democracy, Ballarat. Design and creation
  - **"Practice makes Perfect" Community Sampler project** - Yarra Ranges Museum. Design and creation
  - **"Christmas Tree" Project.** Concept creation and Community art workshop facilitation - Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
  - **Gulf Station mural** - Design and creation. Yarra Glen
  - **The Labyrinth project, Healesville.** Concept development, workshop facilitation, design, creation and installation supervision of a series of 10 panels mosaic panels – Healesville
  - **Titanic – The Artefacts: Melbourne Museum**  
Paintwork and Scenic Art on the recreated bow of the Titanic for the entrance to this exhibition
  - **Bathe and Launder**  
Painted finishes for the new interior fit-out of this Bathroom and Laundry Showroom in Richmond
  - **Swinburne Lilydale Community Childcare Centre**  
Workshop facilitation, design and creation of a large-scale exterior mural
  - **Yarra Square Play Space climbing feature**  
Collaborative community workshop facilitation and design of a children's climbing play feature in Warburton for the Shire of Yarra Ranges
  - **Artist in Residence: Vermont Secondary College**  
Collaborative design and creation of 2 murals
  - **Yarra Valley Grand Hotel re-fit**
    - Interior design and decoration in collaboration with the client.
    - Design and creation of a large scale interior mural and "Taco Hut" façade.
  - **"Metamorphosis" Creative Tiling Exterior Mural**  
Community workshop facilitation, design, planning, project management and collaborative creation of a major "creative tiling" (mosaic) project, Olinda Creek Plaza Redevelopment, Main Street, Lilydale (for the Shire of Yarra Ranges)
  - **"One Trailer Project"**  
Creation of a commissioned Oil Painting, involving concept development, and liaison with graphic designer, print technicians and tradespeople to create a purpose-built display van completely covered with a digital reproduction of my painting. (for the Shire of Yarra Ranges)
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