Gordon Walters

Born 1919, Wellington; died 1995, Christchurch, New Zealand

SELECTED SOLO EXHBITIONS

2026
Rose Nolan and Gordon Walters, 1301SW, Sydney, AU

2025
Peter Adsett & Gordon Walters (with Peter Adsett), STARKWHITE, Auckland, NZ

2024
Gordon Walters, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
History, STARKWHITE, Auckland, NZ

2023
Len Lye, Gordon Walters (with Len Lye), 1301SW, Melbourne, AU
Miller meets Walters (with Gerold Miller), STARKWHITE, Auckland, NZ

2018
Gordon Walters: New Vision, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ

2017
Gordon Walters: New Vision, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, NZ

2016
Gordon Walters: Koru, Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato, Hamilton; Eastern Southland Gallery, Gore, NZ

2015
Gouaches and a Painting from the 1950s, Starkwhite, Auckland, NZ

2014
Gordon Walters, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckalnd, NZ
Gordon Walters: Koru, Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford, NZ

2013
Gordon Walters, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, NZ

2011
Works from the Estate, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

2004
Walters en Abyme, Gus Fisher Gallery, University of Auckland, Auckland, NZ
Gordon Walters: Prints + Design, Adam Art Gallery Te Pātaka Toi, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington; Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ

2001
Paintings, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1999
Geometric Works from the Estate, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1998
Koru: From Collage to Painting, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1997
Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Small Paintings & Collages from the Estate, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1995
Gordon Walters, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Gordon Walters, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ

1994
6 Recent Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Parallel Lines: Gordon Walters in Context, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1993
Gordon Walters, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1992
6 Recent Works, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1991
Gordon Walters, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1990
Recent Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Gordon Walters, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1989
Gordon Walters, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Works on Paper, Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney, AU

1988
Recent Works, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1987
Gordon Walters, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1986

6 Recent Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Works on Paper, Artis Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1985
New Paintings and Works on Paper, Artis Gallery, Auckland NZ

1984
Artis Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Petar/James Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Gordon Walters, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin; Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, NZ

1983
Gordon Walters, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland; National Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1981
Image in Focus: Karakia by Gordon Walters, National Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ
7 Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1980
Recent Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
1978
Festival Exhibition, Peter Webb Galleries, Auckland, NZ
Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1976
Recent Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1974
Gouache Studies on Paper 1953–1959: Exhibition of Paintings, Petar/James Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Gouaches 1951–59, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1972
Auckland Festival Exhibition of Paintings by Gordon Walters, New Vision Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Small Works on Paper 1964–70, University Library, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, NZ
New Vision Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1969
Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1968
New Paintings and Drawings, New Vision Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1966
Paintings 1965, New Vision Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1949
Wellington Public Library, Wellington, NZ

1947
French Maid Coffee House, Wellington, NZ

1944
French Maid Coffee House, Wellington, NZ

1941
French Maid Coffee House, Wellington, NZ

SELECTED GROUP EXHBITIONS

2024
25th Anniversary Show | We've Seen It All Before, STARKWHITE, Auckland, NZ
Lime and limpid green, a second scene (Part Two), 1301SW, Sydney, AU
Lyrics and Lines, Te Atamira, Queenstown, NZ

2023
Art of Rainbow Pride, Old Government House, Auckland, NZ

2022
Group exhibition, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

2017
New Zealand Light, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Summer Exhibition, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

2016
Eyetrackers: Between Art and Neuroscience, Museum of Transport and Technology, Auckland, NZ
Te Ao Hou | Modern Maori Art, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, NZ
Eyetrackers: Between Art and Neuroscience, Gus Fisher Gallery, University of Auckland, Auckland, NZ
Julian Dashper & Friends, City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi, Wellington, NZ

2013
Modernist Motifs, Jonathan Grant Gallery & ARTIS Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Master Works, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

2012
Congratulations from the World: Exhibition for the World Art Treasures, China Art Museum, Shanghai, CN

2011

Painting, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Walters and Killeen, John Leech Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Modern Paints Aotearoa, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ
Oceania: Imagining the Pacific, City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi, Wellington, NZ
Toi Aotearoa, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ

2010
Pieces of Eight, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, NZ

2009
Collage, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

2008
From the Heroic Period: Several Exceptionally Good Paintings, Drawings and Photographs, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
New Vision: the New Vision Gallery 1965–76, Gus Fisher Gallery, University of Auckland, NZ

2007
Summer Show, John Leech Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Paint It Black, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

2006
Te Huringa/Turning Points: Pakeha Colonisation and Maori Empowerment, Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua, Whanganui, NZ
Hei Konei Mai: We'll Meet Again, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ
The 5th Asia-Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, AU

2005
Illusion Object Illusion, Mark Hutchins Gallery, Wellington
Chosen, Milford Galleries Auckland, Auckland, NZ
Free New Zealand Art, Artspace, Auckland, NZ
Selected Classics, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Luncheon Under the Ash Tree: The Ian & Elespie Prior Collection, Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History, Masterton, NZ
Julian Dashper & Gordon Walters, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
The Koru Club, Pataka Porirua Museum of Arts and Cultures, Porirua, NZ

2004
Enduring Nature: Hoki Atu Hoki Mai, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ
Toi Te Papa Art of the Nation, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, NZ

2003
Several Exceptionally Good Paintings, Photographs and Watercolours, Part V, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
New Zealand Modern: Paintings and Sculpture from the Collection, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ
Vuletic and His Circle, Gus Fisher Gallery, University of Auckland, Auckland, NZ
Chosen: A Selected Exhibition of Major Investment Profile Work by Significant New Zealand Artists, Milford Galleries Auckland, Auckland, NZ

2002
151 Cuba Street: Exhibition No. 2, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
151 Cuba Street: Exhibition No. 3, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Painting, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Several Exceptionally Good Paintings and Works on Paper, Part V, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Big Bang Theory: Recent Chartwell Acquisitions, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ
Past Presents: Looking into the Art Collection, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, NZ
Representation and Reaction: Modernism and the New Zealand Landscape Tradition 1956–1977, Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua, Whanganui, NZ

2001
Home and Away: Recent Acquisitions from the Chartwell Collection, City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi, Wellington, NZ
It Will Be Okay, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Several Exceptionally Good Paintings and Works on Paper, Part III, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Made in New Zealand, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, NZ
Sightlines: Looking into the Art Collection, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, NZ

2000
John Leech Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Several Exceptionally Good Paintings and Works on Paper, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
A Group Show, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Gordon Walters/Milan Mrkusich: Works from the 1950s, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Parihaka: The Art of Passive Resistance, City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi, Wellington, NZ

1999
Dream Collectors: One Hundred Years of Art in New Zealand, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin; Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, NZ

Several Exceptionally Good Paintings and Works on Paper from the Collection of MT Woollaston, Deceased; a Private Collector, Auckland; and an Anonymous Collector, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Home and Away: Contemporary Australian and New Zealand Art from the Chartwell Collection, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ
Twenty Key Works from the Paris Family Collection, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
Borrowing and Belonging, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
Hard Edge, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, AU
Manufacturing Meaning: The Victoria University of Wellington Art Collection in Context, Adam Art Gallery Te Pātaka Toi, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, NZ
The Collected Works, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

1998
Dream Collectors: One Hundred Years of Art in New Zealand, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington; Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ
What We Do Here, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Borrowing and Belonging, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
From the BNZ Art Collection, City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi, Wellington, NZ

1997
Moving Geometries, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
McCahon to Robinson, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Dead Sun, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, AU
Hattaway, Schoon, Walters: Madness and Modernism, Lopdell House Gallery, Waitakere Centre for the Arts, Auckland, NZ

1996
Stephen Bambury, Olivier Mosset, Gordon Walters, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
ECNZ Live!, City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi, Wellington, NZ
Winter Exhibition, Fogarty Hojsgaard Entwistle (FHE) Galleries, Auckland, NZ
Several Exceptionally Good Paintings and Works on Paper, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1995
Stop Making Sense, City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi Wellington, NZ
A Very Peculiar Practice: Aspects of Recent New Zealand Painting, City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi, Wellington, NZ
Taking Stock, Jonathan Smart Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Shiny Things, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1994
We're Still Here: A Celebration of Achievement, Milford Galleries, Dunedin, NZ
Town and Gown: Victoria University Art Collection, City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi, Wellington, NZ

1993
An Exhibition for OEM, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Paperworks, Jonathan Jensen Gallery, Christchurch,NZ
The Right Stuff, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1992
Whatu Aho Rua, Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide; Canberra School of Art Gallery, Canberra; Ivan Dougherty Gallery, University of New South Wales, Sydney, AU
Perspectives, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, NZ
Walters Gimblett Bambury, Jonathan Jensen Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Headlands: Thinking Through New Zealand Art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, AU
Multiples: Prints from the Collection, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Hidden Treasures, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ
The Newstalk 1ZB 1950s Show, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Hit Parade: Contemporary Art from the Paris Family Collection, Wellington City Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1991
Jonathan Jensen Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Signatures of Place: Paintings & Place-Names, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
Christmas Exhibition, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, NZ

1990
Two Centuries of New Zealand Landscape Art, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ
11 Works, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Now See Hear!: Art, Language and Translation, Wellington City Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1989
Small New Zealand Paintings, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

14th Anniversary Show, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Aspects of New Zealand Art, Part III: Paintings and Works on Paper of the 1950s and 1960s, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Gordon Walters, Neil Dawson Jenny WatsonM John Dixon, Boyd Webb, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1988
Early Works, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Geometric Abstraction, Hocken Library, University of Otago, Dunedin, NZ
Group Show, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Culture/Response: Two Views: Works from the Permanent Collection Featuring Maori and Polynesian Subjects and Motifs, Sarjeant Gallery, Wanganui, NZ

1987
Uia te Ahua (The Borrower of Images), Auckland Society of Arts, Auckland, NZ
Group Exhibition, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
"Better Than Collecting Dust": The Jim and Mary Barr Collection, Manawatu Art Gallery, Palmerston North; Sarjeant Art Gallery, Whanganui, NZ
Acquisitions Reviewed: A Selection of Works Acquired 1979–1987, National Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1986
Paintings on Paper, Artis Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Content/Context: A Survey of Recent New Zealand Art (part one), National Art Gallery (Shed 11), Wellington, NZ
Christmas Exhibition, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, NZ

1985
Three Decades of New Zealand Art, 1940–1970, National Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Works on Paper, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Konnichiwa New Zealand, Nippon Club Gallery, New York, US
Chartwell Collection Viewing 1985, Centre Gallery, Hamilton Arts Centre, Hamilton, NZ
Works by MT Woollaston, Gordon Walters, Laurence Aberhart and Derek Cowie, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1984
Artis Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Petar/James Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Contemporary New Zealand Prints, JP

1983
The Grid: Lattice and Network (second exhibition in series Aspects of New Zealand Art), Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ
The Prospect Collection of Contemporary New Zealand Painting, Centre Gallery for Contemporary Art, Hamilton
Elam 1950–1983: An Auckland University Centenary Exhibition, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1982
New Zealand Drawing 1982, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, NZ

1981
Gordon H. Brown's Collection, Manawatu Art Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ
New Zealand Painting 1940–60: Conformity and Dissension, Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council of New Zealand, NZ
Works on Paper, Photographs and Sculpture, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1980
Director's Choice, Outreach Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Drawing the Line, Dowse Art Gallery, Lower Hutt, NZ
An Exhibition of Original Paintings from Fletcher House, Auckland Society of Arts Galleries, Auckland, NZ
Work for a New Decade: Six Painters, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Directions in New Zealand Printmaking, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Prints, Sculpture, Photographs and Works on Paper, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1979
Drawing '79, Canterbury Society of Arts Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Making an Impression: Prints and Printing, Dowse Art Gallery, Lower Hutt, NZ
New Work from the South, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Prints, Photographs and Works on Paper, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1978
The Govett-Brewster's Great Show of Its Purchases Over Ten Turbulent Years, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
Little Works, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Prints, Works on Paper and Photographs, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1977
New Zealand Prints 1977, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Formal Abstraction: Abstract Painting in New Zealand, National Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ

Recent New Zealand Prints, Peter Webb Galleries, Auckland, NZ
Artists from the South: Recent Work, Brooke/Gifford Gallery, Christchurch, NZ
Private View, Dowse Art Gallery, Lower Hutt, NZ
Group Exhibition, Petar/James Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Works on Paper, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1976
150 x 150, Peter Webb Galleries, Auckland
Screens, Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland, NZ
Second Chance: Driver Henderson Papas Mrkusich Trusttum Walters, New Vision Gallery, Auckland, NZ
New Zealand Drawing 1976, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Works on Paper, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1975
2 Generations of New Zealand Abstraction, Petar/James Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Watercolours, Drawings and Prints, Peter McLeavey Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1974
The Kim Wright Collection of Contemporary New Zealand Art, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
Small Paintings, Petar/James Gallery, Auckland, June
New Zealand Printmakers, Auckland Society of Arts, Auckland, NZ
Zonta Print Exhibition, Antipodes Gallery, Wellington, NZ
New Zealand on Paper, Peter McLeavery Gallery, Wellington, NZ

1973
Drawings Invitational, Manawatu Art Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ
Zonta Print Exhibition: Thirteen Artists, Rothmans Cultural Foundation, Wellington, NZ

1972
Drawings Group Exhibition, Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland, NZ
Contemporary New Zealand Painting: A Selection of Recent Acquisitions, National Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ
First Exhibition, Petar/James Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Small Works on Paper, Petar/James Gallery, Auckland, NZ
An Exhibition of Work by Members of the New Zealand Society of Sculptors & Painters (Inc) to Celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the Founding of the Society, Osborne Galleries, Auckland, NZ

1971
Wellington '71: Exhibition of Sculpture, Paintings and Prints by Wellington Artists, New Vision Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Centenary Collection: Contemporary New Zealand Painting 1971, Manawatu Art Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ
Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, NZ

1970
New Vision Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Arts of Mankind, Expo '70, Osaka, JP
Kim Wright Collection, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
New Zealand Art of the Sixties: A Royal Visit Exhibition, Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council, NZ

1968
Benson & Hedges Art Award 1968, Barry Lett Galleries, Auckland, NZ
Ten Years of New Zealand Painting in Auckland, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ
Five N.Z. Artists, Bonython Art Gallery, Sydney, AU

1967
Manawatu Prize for Contemporary Art 1967, Palmerston North Art Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ

1966
Abstract Paintings by Forty New Zealand Artists, Wellington Art Club/New Zealand Display Centre, Wellington, NZ
New Zealand Painting 1966, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, NZ

1941
New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts, Wellington, NZ

1939
New Zealand Centennial Exhibition, Wellington, NZ

COLLECTIONS

Adam Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, AU
Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, NZ
Chartwell Collection, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, NZ
Christchurch Art Gallery, NZ
Dunedin Public Art Gallery, NZ
Govett Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
M+, Hong Kong, HK
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, AU
National Gallery of Victoria, AU
Te Papa Tongarewa The Museum of New Zealand, Wellington, NZ
The University of Auckland, NZ