# **ROWENA COMRIE**

Nationality British, Born Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

Education 1978-82, Reading University, BA (Hons) Fine Art, 2:1 Studio: Gallowgate Studios East Campbell St G1 5HZ

## SELECTED CAREER DETAILS

### 2025 Director, The Art Department, Paisley

2022-4 Co-Chair, Art Paisley Ltd 'Big Art Show', The Art Dept. Paisley.

- 2022. Iron Heart & Public Health Mural at former M Cockburn Foundry Building, Falkirk
- 2020/1 President & Membership Secretary (2018-2021) of Paisley Art Institute.
- 2020 Curatorial tours and Workshop 'Utopia What's Yours?'
- 2019 Curator: SSA touring show 'Utopia What's Yours?' Gracefield and Kirkcudbright Galleries
- 2018 Lodestone Residency at Bowling Canal Basin, Scotland
- 2017/24 Mentor for THRIVE Reading University Career Mentoring Service
- 2017 Mural Design for Stalled Spaces, Glasgow City Council 'Sheriff Lobey Dosser @ Bill's Tool Store'
- 2016 Elected to Council for Society of Scottish Artists. Elected Satellite Associate from 2019
- 2016 Received the Paisley 2021 Bid Team Award at PAI Open Exhibition for 'Indigo Nimbus'
- 2015 Received Jamieson Award from Paisley Art Institute, for 'Space Portal'
- 2011-14 President of Scottish Artists Union, and Treasurer from 2014 2017
- 2013 Interview by Jan Patience in the Herald ART supplement, 17 Aug 2013.
- 2013 Radio Interview on WFIU Indiana Public Media.
- 2013 Residency and Solo Exhibition in Bloomington, Indiana USA.
- 2013 Tutor for Master Classes at House for an Art Lover, Glasgow.
- 2012 Professional Development Funding Award from Creative Scotland.
- 2011 Hope Scott Trust Award.
- 2010 Short listed for Aspect Prize, and relocated to Glasgow from Aberdeen.
- 2009 BBC TV Jonathon Meades: Off Kilter Titles Art Work.
- 2009,10 Aberdeenshire Council, *Aliens on the Beach*, workshops facilitator.
- 2009 V&A Museum London & Action for Children, Art Matters workshops tutor.
- 2009,10 Guest Lecturer ATLAC, University of Aberdeen, Faculty of Education.
- 2006 RSA Edinburgh Artist talk on 'Boys Toys a Sublime Solution' in Scottish Collectives Show.
- 2000,05 AVAAS Awards from Scottish Arts Council
- 2002 Sir John Soane's Museum, London. Gave illustrated lecture on Rake's Progress paintings and prints project.
- 2000-05 Life Drawing Tutor at Peacock Visual Arts, Aberdeen.
- 1998-99 Art Tutor, Centre for Continuing Education, University of Aberdeen.
- 1997-17 Studio Tenants Representative, for W.A.S.P.S. (Artists Studios).

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024. ICA Assembly Hall, Inverness (August-October)
- 2023. Detail Gallery Edinburgh, THE LAKE OF IMAGES:SURFACE TENSION
- 2022. iota Unlimited Studios, Glasgow. RADICALITIONISTS
- 2019. Ivy Tech John Waldron, Bloomington, IN, USA NEW VIEWS OF THE OLD WORLD
- 2019 Back Door Gallery, Dalmuir, BY THE WATER
- 2019 Link Gallery, Dean Clough, Halifax, RESONANT
- 2018 iota Unlimited Studios, Glasgow, AN EYEFUL OF VINCENT
- 2018 Kunsthuis Gallery, Yorkshire.
- 2015 Women's Art Collection, New Hall Cambridge, THE LIBERTY OF THE INDIVIDUAL BEYOND SPACE & TIME.
- 2011-16 Rendezvous Gallery, Aberdeen, CLOSE HAUL, SKY DIVING FROM THE CLOUDS EDGE, & PAINTED SPACE
- 2013 House for an Art Lover, Glasgow, TINY DIAMONDS IN THE COSMIC SANDS
- 2013 Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Centre, Bloomington Indiana, USA
- 2011 Hughson Gallery, Glasgow, SPRING LINE.
- 2011 The Arches Glasgow, TERRAPLANES.
- 2010 Meffan Museum, Forfar, SUBLIME ELEVATRIONS.
- 1999 Gracefield Arts Centre, Dumfries A MILLION FIRSTS, A TRILLION SECONDS
- 1999 Aberdeen Maritime Museum, LIFE'S A FUN BEACH.
- 1996 Demarco European Foundation, Edinburgh, JOURNEY at New Scottish Art.
- 1996 Aberdeen City Art Gallery, AESTHETIC A DEFIANCE

### ROWENA COMRIE SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

#### 2025. PROCESS PROCESS PROCESS Aberdeen City Art Gallery

- 2024. LIFT OTHERS UP Kudirka, Glasgow
- 2023. SSA @ Caledonian Club, London
- 2023. Kirkcudbright Galleries WASPS X KIRKCUDBRIGHT
- 2022. Group 13 at the Maclaurin Galleries, Ayr
- 2021 STOP. START! (Two Person Show) South Block Gallery, Glasgow
- 2021-2 Royal Scottish Academy Annual Exhibition
- 2020-4 ABSTRACTION Annan Gallery, Glasgow
- 2020-4 Gallery Heinzel Aberdeen
- 2019 *TIDE* John Muir Open Dunbar Townhouse Gallery.
- 2018 Scottish Portrait Awards, Scottish Art Club, Edinburgh and Glasgow.
- 2018 EDGE WORKS Joint show with Duncan Comrie at Gallowgate Studios.
- 2015 EMPIRE, SSA Members at Wall Projects 11 @ The Old Rope Works, Montrose.
- 2014 Editions Gallery, Indianapolis USA.
- 2014 TOWARDS ABSTRACTION, Stables Gallery, Orleans House Gallery, Twickenham, London.
- 2011 Fleming Collection, London Aspect Finalists.
- 2009 TRUST @ Drum Castle with National Trust Scotland.
- 2009 IRIS international Artists Books, Place Identity Memory, Gracefield, Dumfries.
- 2006 *SCOTTISH COLLECTIVES* at Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh.
- 2005 NO PREY NO PAY, PIRATES! (2 person show) at Duff House, National Galleries of Scotland.
- 2005 PAINTING IS A CONTRADICTION MAYBE. Patriothall Gallery, Edinburgh.
- 2004 Open Print, Royal West of England Academy, Bristol.
- 2003 IMAGINATIONS CHAMBER Scottish Word & Image Group, Grays School of Art.
- 2000 *TODAY IS ENOUGH*, MOMA Powys Wales. The Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries, London. AVAAS award winners at Peacock Visual Arts, Aberdeen.
- 2000-2 Print Open, Dundee Contemporary Arts and University of Abertay.
- 1999 TERRE DE CREATION, Espace Municipal Pierre Laporte, Clermont Ferrand, France.
- 1997 BRUSH, WOOD AND TAFFETA: Exploring the North, Marischal Museum, Aberdeen.
- 1996 New Acquisitions, Aberdeen City Art Gallery and Museum.
- 1993 Morrison Portrait Awards, R.S.A Edinburgh.

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Aberdeen City Art Gallery & Museum, Women's Art Collection, University of Cambridge. Iona Abbey Trust Ltd, Grampian Hospitals Art Trust, Art in Healthcare, Edinburgh, University of Aberdeen. Deloitte & Touche, J.D.Wetherspoon plc. Logica plc., Cabot plc. The Iris Archive, Faroe Petroleum, Aspect Capital, Walter Scott Global Investment Management, 100 Flowers Collection, New South Glasgow Hospitals. Edinburgh and Lothians Health Foundation. Aberdein Considine Legal Services