

Geoff Todd, AM

Born Melbourne, Australia, 1950

In 1984, after teaching in Victoria, Geoff Todd traveled across Australia to Maningrida in Arnhem Land where he worked with Aboriginal artists for more than two years. While the experience stimulated a new direction in his painting, it also sparked a desire to experience and observe other cultures beyond Australia. He continued to move around the tropical top end to Batchelor, where he lectured in Art at the College and later Darwin at Charles Darwin University where he lectured in Sculpture and Drawing.

During this period in the Top End he made regular journeys to Indonesia which became an inspirational place to work, finding the Indonesian's were committed to life, religion, festival and art, which suited an artist who has always used the human form as an integral role in his work. He ventured further to work and exhibit in Europe and continues to travel overseas regularly, pursuing opportunities to paint and exhibit with time, space & renewed inspiration.

His genres include portraiture, sculpture, painting and drawing. His concern for human rights issues is evident in much of his work including a campaign against the death sentence for the infamous Bali nine and other extreme injustices brought upon Indigenous Australians. Throughout his career he has worked with authors, poets & publishers and collaborated with fashion designers.

Selected Public Collections:

Alice Springs Art Foundation, Alice Springs, Northern Territory.
Australian Embassy & Official Residence, Jakarta, Indonesia.
Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Ballarat, Victoria.
Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre, Bundoora, Victoria.
Central Institute of Technology (CIT), Perth, Western Australia.
Centre For the Artist Book, Paddington, Queensland.
City of Blacktown, New South Wales.
City of Darebin Art Collection, Victoria.
Darwin Supreme Court, Northern Territory.
Darwin City Council, Northern Territory
LaTrobe Valley Arts Centre, Morwell, Victoria.
Mornington Peninsula Arts Centre (MPAC), Mornington, Victoria.
National Gallery of Australia (NGA), Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.
National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), Melbourne, Victoria (Michell Endowment).
National Library of Australia (NLA) Printed Australiana Collection, Canberra, ACT
New England Museum of Art, Armidale, New South Wales.
Northern Territory Museum of Arts & Sciences, Darwin, Northern Territory
Parliament House, Darwin, Northern Territory.
Shepparton Art Gallery, Shepparton. Vic.
State Library of Victoria, Melbourne
University of Arizona (Library Special Collections), Tucson, USA.
University of California (Bancroft Library) at Berkeley, USA.
Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), Melbourne, Victoria.
Westminster Council, London, UK.

2019 Geoff was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day Honours List (General Division), 'for significant service to the visual arts as an artist and sculptor'.