

## ASHER BILU

- 1936 Born Israel.  
1956 Arrived in Australia.

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1959 **Asher Bilu**, Dalgety Street Gallery, Melbourne.  
1960 **Asher Bilu Paintings**, Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne.  
1962 Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne.  
David Jones Gallery, Sydney.  
Bonython Galleries, Adelaide.  
1963 Rowan Gallery, London.  
1964 Kuntz Kring, Rotterdam.  
1965 South Yarra Gallery, Melbourne.  
1966 Rowan Gallery, London.  
South Yarra Gallery, Melbourne.  
1967 **Sculptron**, Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne  
1968 South Yarra Gallery, Melbourne.  
1969 Clune Gallery, Sydney.  
South Yarra Gallery, Melbourne.  
1970 **Bilu at Holdsworth**, Holdsworth Gallery, Sydney  
Joseph Brown Gallery, Melbourne.  
1971 Bonython Galleries, Adelaide.  
1972 **Drawings**, Joseph Brown Gallery, Melbourne.  
John Guild Gallery, Perth.  
1973 South Yarra Gallery, Melbourne.  
Bonython Galleries, Sydney  
1979 **Infinites**, Realities Gallery, Melbourne.  
1981 Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne.  
1982 Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney.  
**Amaze**, United Artists Gallery, Melbourne.  
1983 **Amaze**, Institute Space, Mt. Gambier, S.A.  
**Arcs & Scrolls**, United Artists Gallery, Melbourne.  
**New Paintings**, Coventry Gallery, Sydney.  
1984 **Amaze**, Coventry Gallery, Sydney  
**Amaze**, New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale, N.S.W.  
1985 United Artists Gallery, Melbourne.  
1988 **Recent Paintings**, Luba Bilu Gallery, Melbourne.  
**Recent Paintings**, Los Angeles Art Fair.  
1990 **Asher Bilu**, Coventry Gallery, Sydney.  
**Recent Paintings**, Luba Bilu Gallery, Melbourne.  
1992 **Escape**, Luba Bilu Gallery, Melbourne.  
1993 **Sculpture (Sanctum)**, Luba Bilu Gallery, Melbourne.  
1996 **Recent Work**, Gould Galleries, Melbourne.  
2000 **Life Forms**, Gould Galleries at Span Galleries, Melbourne.  
2002 **Infinity Towers**, Brighton, Melbourne.  
**Explanandum**, Theatreworks, Melbourne (collaboration with Philip Lethlean)]  
2003 **Mysterium**, McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Langwarrin  
2005 **Eppur Si Muove; Works from the Astronomer Series 2004-5**, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne.  
2006-7 **Heavens**, Jewish Museum of Australia, Melbourne, and touring to Mornington Peninsular Regional Gallery, Latrobe  
Regional Gallery, Benalla Art Gallery.  
2007 **In-Visible**, Wilson Street Gallery, Sydney.  
2012 **SpaceTime**, Macquarie University Art Gallery, Sydney.  
**M-Theory**, Langford120, Melbourne.

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1965 **Blake Prize for Religious Art**, Sydney.
- 1969-70 **Australian Art Today**, touring exhibition to SE Asia, organized by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- 1970 **First Leasing Prize**, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.
- 1975 **Looking Back**, travelling exhibition arranged by National Gallery of Victoria.  
**Artist's Artists – Painting**, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 1979 **McCaughey Prize**, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.
- 1982 **United Artists Group Show**, United Artists Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1983 **Works on Paper**, United Artists Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1984 **The Blake Prize: A Survey**, Monash University Gallery, Melbourne.  
**Abstraction**, Painters Gallery, Sydney.
- 1988 **Images of Religion in Australian Painting 1942-1988**, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.
- 1989 **Re:Creation/Re-creation**, Monash University Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1990 **100 Artists Against Animal Experimentation**, Deutscher Brunswick Street, Melbourne.
- 1990 **SPECIAL... it's been used before**, Luba Bilu Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1991 **Review 1991**, Luba Bilu Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1993 **Chandler Coventry: A Private Collection**, Campbelltown City Art Gallery, NSW.  
**Review 1993**, Luba Bilu Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1994 **Forgotten Treasures**, Museum of Modern Art at Heide, Melbourne.
- 1997 **I Had a Dream - Australian Art in the 1960's**, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.  
**World Without End**, St. Patricks Cathedral, Melbourne.  
**We Are Australian**, Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne.
- 1999 **O Soul O Spirit O Fire**, Queensland University of Technology Art Museum, Brisbane
- 2001 **Abstracting the Collection**, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne.
- 2004 **Abstraction 4**, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne.
- 2005 **Heide – Home and Haven for Art**, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne.  
**After Van Gogh: Australian Artists in homage to Vincent**, Mornington Peninsular Regional Gallery.
- 2007-8 **Earthy reflections of heavenly things**, 3 person exhibition with Leonard Brown & Emily Kame Kngwarreye, The Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne.
- 2008 **Abstract Works from the Latrobe University Art Collection**, Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Melbourne.
- 2011 **Forever Young: 30 Years of the Heide Collection**, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne.  
**Lines of Thinking**, Langford120, Melbourne.
- 2012 **Volume One: MCA Collection**, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

## PRIZES

- 1965 Henry Caselli Richards Memorial Prize, Brisbane.
- 1965 Blake Prize, Sydney.
- 1970 First Leasing Prize, Melbourne.
- 1973 Grant, Visual Arts Board, Australia Council

## COMMISSIONS

- 1982 **Cabala Paintings**, Four paintings, Concert Hall of Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne.
- 2000 **Colour Fall**, sculptural installation, Quay restaurant, Sydney.
- 2003 **Mysterium**, McClelland Gallery, Langwarrin
- 2006 **Heavens**, Jewish Museum of Australia, Melbourne
- 2007 **In-Visible**, Wilson Street Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 **Circular Keys**, sculptural installation, Quay restaurant, Sydney.

## FEATURE FILMS – PRODUCTION DESIGN

- 1982 **Man of Flowers**, Director Paul Cox
- 1983 **My First Wife**, Director Paul Cox
- 1984 **Cactus**, Director Paul Cox
- 2003 **Human Touch**, Director Paul Cox

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra.  
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.  
Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney.  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney.  
Museum of Modern Art at Heide, Melbourne.  
Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory  
Benalla Gallery  
The Centre Gallery, Gold Coast, Queensland.  
Latrobe University, Melbourne  
Jewish Museum of Australia, Melbourne  
Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne.  
National Australia Bank Collection  
A.N.Z. Bank Collection  
B.H.P. Collection  
The Construction and Building Unions Superannuation Fund (C+Bus)

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1980 Bonython, Kym, **Modern Australian Painting 1975/1980**, Rigby Limited.  
1981 **Victoria with Love**, Published by the Government of Victoria.  
1982 Lindsay, Robert, (Ed), **The Seventies: Australian Paintings and Tapestries - from the Collection of the National Bank of Australia**, National Bank of Australasia, Melbourne, Australia.  
1988 Crumlin, Rosemary, **Images of Religion in Australian Painting**, Bay Books.  
1988 **Asher Bilu:Recent Paintings**, The Art Gallery Pty Ltd  
1991 Drury, Neville (Ed) **New Art Five**, Craftsman House.  
1992 Drury, Neville, **Images in Contemporary Australian Painting**, Craftsman House.  
1992 **The Art Collection of the Victorian Arts Centre**, Victorian Arts Centre.  
1995 Heathcote, Christopher, **A Quiet Revolution: The Rise of Australian Art 1946-1968**, The Text Publishing Company, Melbourne, Victoria 1995  
1997 Phipps, Jennifer, **I had a Dream: Australian Art in the 1960's**, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne 1997  
1999 **Twentieth Century Australian Art: A Major Collectors' Exhibition**, Gould Galleries, Melbourne  
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2001 Smith, Bernard, **Australian Painting 1788-2000**, Oxford University Press  
2001 Reid, Barrett & Underhill, Nancy, **Letters of John Reed**, Viking  
2003 Manton, Neil, **Cultural Relations: The Other Side of the Diplomatic Coin**, Homosapien Books, 2003  
2005 **after Van Gogh: Australian artists in homage to Vincent**, Catalogue, Mornington Peninsular Regional Gallery  
2006 **Heavens: Asher Bilu**, Jewish Museum of Australia  
2008 **Abstract Works from the Latrobe University Collection**, Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, 6 June-20July  
2010 **Space Place Space Time/ Asher Bilu Paintings and Installations**, New Street Publishing, Melbourne, Australia  
**Circular Keys/ Asher Bilu**, New Street Publishing, Melbourne, Australia  
2011 Jones, Stephen, **Synthetics/ Aspects of Art & Technology in Australia 1956-1975**, MIT Press  
Crumlin, Rosemary, **The Blake Book/Art, Religion and Spirituality in Australia**, MacMillan Art Publishing, Australia