

# JENNA WALDREN

Jenna Waldren, b 1999, London, graduated from the BA (Hons) Painting programme at the University of Edinburgh (2021) with a First-Class Honours. She is now based in North London at the Proposition Studios, where she continues to develop her professional practice.

Waldren regularly exhibits in both London and Edinburgh. Notable exhibitions include the Chelsea Art Society 75th Annual Exhibition, her second solo exhibition titled *The Art of Living* at Cass Art Islington and the *Society of Scottish Artists 130th Exhibition* at the Royal Scottish Academy. She is also represented by WING Art Gallery in Wadhurst, East Sussex.

In November 2024 Waldren will appear on episode 5 of Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year.



Jenna Waldren, *After Dinner by Lamplight*, Oil on Wooden Panel, 61 x 76 cm, 2023

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

**2023**

*The Art of Living*, Cass Art Islington, London

**2022**

*The Hen Collective Presents: Jenna Waldren*, Babka Cafe, Edinburgh

## AWARDS

**2024**

Winner of the BTA Rising Star Award

**2023**

*Longlisted* for Scottish Portrait Awards

**2018**

Winner of the London First Prize, Arts Depot Open, London

## EDUCATION

**2023**

Intensive Drawing Course, Royal Drawing School

**2017 - 2021**

*First Class*, BA (Hons) Painting, The University of Edinburgh / Edinburgh

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**2024**

*In the Making*, Wasps Patrioathall, Edinburgh  
*Chelsea Art Society 75th Annual Exhibition*, Chelsea, London

*All in Good Time, 92 Degrees, Hanover Street*, Edinburgh

*Drawing Open*, No Format Gallery, London

*This is Earthly Stuff*, AMP Gallery, London

**2023**

*Painting Open*, Second Floor Studios & Arts, No Format Gallery, London

*Group Portrait*, Whitespace Gallery, Edinburgh

*The Feelings Mutual*, Sett Studios, Edinburgh

**2022**

*SSA 130 Years*, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh

*GUT*, Whitespace Gallery, Edinburgh

*Differing Parallels*, Insight School of Art, London

*Closing Exhibition by We are Sweet Art*, The Bypass Gallery, London

*Book Project*, Tebbs Gallery, Virtual Exhibition

*Tenderfoot*, St Margret's House, Edinburgh

*The grass is always greener on the Sa-Lawn*, Embassy Gallery, Edinburgh

*Border Art Fair*, SSA, Jedburgh

*The Hen Collective Retrospective*, Blunt Knife Gallery, Edinburgh

*RE-KNEW'ED*, Dundas Street Gallery, Edinburgh

## FEATURES

**2024**

*Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year, Episode 5*

**2023**

*None of yer Business* Podcast - <https://open.spotify.com/episode/59vkL9E16VP0xtnHpUtsot?si=49fb386ec86a4f29>

*Issue 2*, Triptych Magazine - <https://triptychmag.files.wordpress.com/2023/01/triptych-issue-2-january-2023-7.pdf>

**2022**

*Local Supporting Local* Podcast - <https://open.spotify.com/episode/7Bm5PbdGL2ZaBWTJws9I8U?si=adfb718b2570412c>

*Interview for Solo Exhibition*, The Hen Collective - <https://youtu.be/Hz27BpTJz18>

*Artist of the Week*, The Edi Mag - <https://www.theedimagazine.com/post/artist-of-the-week-jenna-waldren>

**2021**

30 x 30, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh  
*Degree Show*, Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh

*Graduate Showcase*, Virtual Exhibition

*Collective Creation*, GUM Magazine, Virtual Exhibition

*Printmaking Volume 1*, Rafiki Gallery, Virtual Exhibition

*Carbon Copies*, Virtual Exhibition

**2020**

*The Rattlecap: Pop up Exhibition*, Wee Red Bar, Edinburgh

*New Becoming Normal*, Portobello

*Speaking to Absent Voices- Art and the Playfair Library*, University of Edinburgh's Centre for Research Collections (CRC), Virtual Exhibition

**2019**

*Filling Voids*, Sculptor Court, Edinburgh

*Bookmarks*, The Fire Station, Edinburgh

*E.01*, Whitespace Gallery, Edinburgh

*She\_Exhibition*, Virtual Exhibition

**2018**

*Arts Depot Open*, Arts Depot, London

*Untitled DOKument*, DOK Artist Space, Edinburgh

**2021**

*Interview with Cass Art Blog* - <https://www.cassart.co.uk/blog/jenna-waldren-discusses-lockdown-and-returning-to-university.htm>

*Art and Playfair Library Project*, Elizabeth Lawrence and Jane Hyslop - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JUaxZHp8FQ>

**2018**

*Article* about Arts Depot Open 2018 - <https://www.times-series.co.uk/news/16411003.artsdepot-open-four-artists-honoured-exhibition/>

*Newsletter* about Arts Depot Open 2018 - <https://www.insight-art.co.uk/news/more-success-at-the-artsdepot-open/>