

# PARRAMATTA ARTISTS' STUDIOS

## ABOUT

The energetic home for creative production in the centre of Western Sydney, Parramatta Artists' Studios (PAS) has supported hundreds of artists since opening in 2006. PAS provides a supportive studio environment for artists to develop their practices, whilst also connecting them with a community of peers and arts professionals.

In 2019, PAS expanded to open an additional studio facility in Rydalmere containing six warehouse-style studios. This new space focuses on engaging artists beyond an emerging career stage and re-engages with former PAS studio artists to contribute to career sustainability.

From our studios in Parramatta and Rydalmere, artists make, connect and find inspiration in this fast-growing location. Through PAS' creative programs, our artists engage with Parramatta and the wider community, contributing significantly to its vibrant culture.

# STUDIO ARTISTS

## 2020 PARRAMATTA STUDIO ARTISTS

Akil Ahamat  
Tully Arnot  
Cindy Yuen-Zhe Chen  
Lillian Colgan  
Dacchi Dang  
Kalanjay Dhir  
Sabella D'Souza  
Kirtika Kain  
Gillian Kayrooz  
Shivanjani Lal  
Sarah Rodigari  
Sofiyah Ruqayah  
Yana Taylor  
Justine Youssef

## 2020 RYDALMERE STUDIO ARTISTS

Liam Benson  
Emma Fielden  
Mehwish Iqbal  
Ramesh Mario Nithiyendran  
Tom Polo  
Yasmin Smith

# PROGRAM

## STUDIO PROGRAM

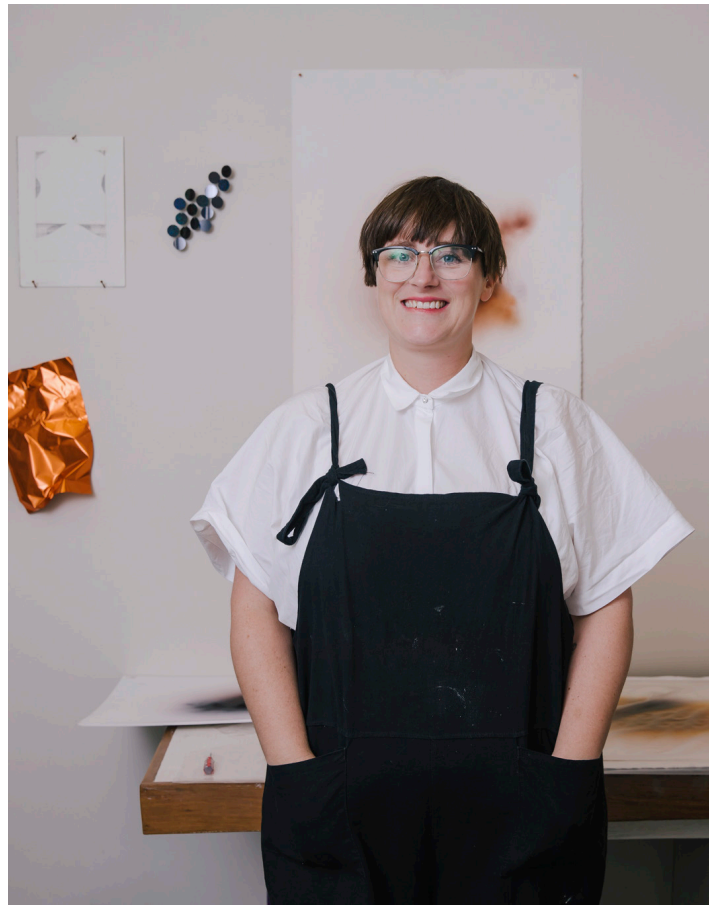
The studio program of Parramatta Artists' Studios (PAS) offers studios to artists from Parramatta, Western Sydney and Greater Sydney.

The program supports artists from diverse practices and across career stages, and cultivates a supportive environment for artists to progress their careers by providing:

- professional studio spaces in the Parramatta CBD
- professional development programs including curatorial visits
- a community and network of artists and arts workers
- opportunities to connect with artistic and local communities through public programs
- subsidised rent to support sustainable artist careers

Applications for PAS studios in Parramatta open once a year for 6-month and 1-year studio residencies.

Sign up to our mailing list via the Council website or follow us on social media to receive updates on future application rounds. The PAS Rydalmere studios are not currently open for applications.



Above: Emily Parsons-Lord in her studio, 2018. Photo by Jacquie Manning  
Left: Tom Blake in his studio, 2019. Photo by Andrew Vincent



## MOVERS AND MAKERS

An open day for practising artists, Movers and Makers offers artists the opportunity to connect with and hear from artist peers and industry professionals through a variety of panel discussions and networking opportunities.

The Movers and Makers program includes One Plus One, where artists and curators meet for professional blind dates, and Art Spruik, a must-see presentation of upcoming opportunities for artists. Previous invited industry professionals include: Dr Oliver Watts (Artbank), Jenny Cheeseman (Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre), Ellie Buttrose (QAGOMA), and Amy Barrett-Lennard (PICA).

## WEAVE PARRAMATTA

WEAVE Parramatta connects diverse people through contemporary, experimental and cultural practices in weaving, textile and fibre art. Participants are invited to learn and share techniques in a welcoming and open environment through a series of monthly workshops facilitated by contemporary artists. WEAVE Parramatta artists, makers and participants share a passion for culture, tradition and community.

Subscribe to the [WEAVE Parramatta e-newsletter](#).



## FINISHING SCHOOL

Finishing School is a collective of women writers, based at PAS, with strong connections to Western Sydney. The collective provides long-term mentoring and professional development to emerging women writers who are all working towards completing an entire fiction or non-fiction manuscript. Finishing School presents events at PAS, with previous events including Sahra Salon and Eat, Talk, Dance (part of Sydney Writers' Festival).

Find out more on the [Finishing School website](#).

Above: Movers and Makers, 2019. Photo by Andrew Vincent  
 Left: The Long Table: Weaving Stories, 2019, a collaboration between WEAVE Parramatta and Finishing School, part of Sydney Design Festival and Art Month Sydney. Photo by Jacquie Manning



## FUTURE ARTISTS CLUB

Future Artists Club is a day of making and exploration for children and families. Through creative workshops and drop in activities facilitated by PAS artists, children aged 5-12 gain tangible creative skills, discovering their inner artist. Children can also engage with large-scale artwork installations by PAS artists, providing a unique way to engage with contemporary art.

## WORKSHOPS

Our workshop program includes regular school holiday workshops for children aged 5-12 years and public workshops delivered at community events and festivals in and around Parramatta. These workshops are artist-led, by PAS artists or alumni, and offer a unique opportunity for participants to gain skills and engage with art-making.

Subscribe to the [School Holiday e-newsletter](#).

## EXHIBITIONS

PAS is committed to building exhibition partnerships to promote the work of PAS artists and introduce new audiences to artistic production in Parramatta. In 2018 PAS partnered with Mosman Art Gallery for New Sacred, an exhibition featuring existing and commissioned works by current and past PAS artists. Whilst 2019 is the fifth year of an ongoing partnership between PAS and Artspace to showcase work by PAS artists in the Ideas Platform at Artspace.

Above: Future Artists Club, 2018. Photo by Andrew Vincent

Below: Kalanjay Dhir's exhibition ARUNA, 2019. Photo by Andrew Vincent



## ABOUT PARRAMATTA

The City of Parramatta is recognised as the CBD of Western Sydney and is currently undergoing an exciting transformational period of significant growth and change.

PAS is part of a broad network of artistic communities and cultural organisations based in the City including FORM Dance Projects, Riverside Theatres, Information and Cultural Exchange, Parramatta Art Society, Parramatta Clay and Arts and the National Theatre of Parramatta.

The City's access to public transport and its proximity to main roads makes travel to PAS convenient. Parramatta is a short 30-minute train ride from the Sydney CBD and the popular Parramatta River ferry service operates daily from Darling Harbour and Circular Quay.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Parramatta Artists' Studios is located on levels 1 and 2 at 68 Macquarie Street, Parramatta. Enter via a ramp and automatic glass doors on the ground level and take the lift to levels 1 or 2.

There is an accessible toilet on the ground level, which requires a staff pass. The doors are not power assisted. Please speak to staff for assistance.

Carers are welcome. Assistance animals are welcome and drinking water is available.

Our premises are heated and air-conditioned. There is mixture of flicker free LED lights and fluorescent lighting in the studios and the building.

If you have any questions about access, please call Parramatta Artists' Studios on 02 9806 5230.

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Above: Exterior of Parramatta Artists' Studios featuring work by Tom Polo, *Only like this for now*, 2018, commissioned by Parramatta Artists' Studios. Photo by Jacquie Manning.

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## ALUMNI 2007-2019

Marian Abboud  
Khadim Ali  
Tarik Ahlip  
Kay Armstrong  
Tully Arnot  
Cigdem Aydemir  
Justin Balmain  
Kate Beckingham  
Joel Beerden  
Zanny Begg  
Liam Benson  
Tom Blake  
Harriet Body  
Jessica Bradford  
Linda Brescia  
Penelope Cain  
David Capra  
Ana Carter  
Felicity Castagna  
Ella Condon  
Tricia Cooney  
Tim Dale  
Dacchi Dang  
Emma Davidson  
Rosie Deacon  
Lada Dedic  
Kalanjay Dhir  
Zhi Qiang Ding  
Khoa Do  
Chris Dolman  
Gonzalo Echeverria  
Emma Fielden  
Tania Fox

Heath Franco  
Hayley Megan French  
Kath Fries  
Rebecca Gallo  
Caroline Garcia  
Hossein Ghaemi  
Arnaldo Giordano  
David Haines  
Vicki Van Hout  
Leahlani Johnson  
Chrissie Ianssen  
Maria Ionico  
Mehwish Iqbal  
Kerrie Kenton  
Mason Kimber  
Colin Kinchela  
Owen Leong  
Carla Liesch  
Erna Lilje  
Del Lumanta  
James Nguyen  
Abbas Makrab  
Anthony Marcis  
Annie McKinnon  
Anna McMahon  
Federico Mendoza  
Kim Milne  
Nadia Odlum  
Catherine O'Donnell  
Naomi Oliver  
Kay Orchison  
Elena Papanikolakis  
Emily Parsons-Lord

Juliette Pastorok  
Richard Petkovic  
Tom Polo  
Patricia Prociv  
Sarah Rodigari  
Lisa Sammut  
Marikit Santiago  
Marilyn Schneider  
Huseyin Sami  
Keg de Souza  
John Spiteri  
Giselle Stanborough  
Abdullah M. I. Syed  
Salote Tawale  
Shireen Taweel  
Hannah Toohey  
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