ZORICA PURLIJA BIO

Born in Montenegro 1964,immigrated to Australia with family in 1973,settling in Newcastle, NSW. Began a Bachelor of Architecture Degree in Newcastle in 1983-1985.Withdrew to pursue career in Graphic Design. 1989 Completed an Associate Diploma in Visual Arts at the Nepean College of Advanced Education with Major in Design and Photography, teachers Robyn Stacey and Dennis Del Favarro.
1987-June 1991 worked in various Design Agencies, including freelance illustration and Photography. July 1991 travelled through Europe, exploring life and absorbing Art, living and working in London for 18 months. September 1992 returned to Australia settling in Sydney. July 1993 gave birth to first child and devoted life to full time mothering.
1999 to present began pursuing career as an Artist.
2006 Represented by Sara Roney Gallery. Ph: 02 9361 0061 www.sararoneygallery.com.au

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2010:
____March: SARA RONEY GALLERY. Sydney. ***Awakenings.***
2008:
May: Sale/Lease 3 SPACES 3 PHOTOGRAPHERS. Sydney. ***Emergent.***

GROUP EXHIBITIONS/ FINALIST:

2010 :
Canberra. National Photographic Portrait Prize 2010 finalist .***Lisa.***
QUT Art Museum. National Photograhic Portrait Prize 2009 finalist .***Julian.***
Gladstone Regional Gallery.TNPPP 2009 finalist. ***Julian.***

2009:
Wesley Mission Photography Competition- Our Community. Winner ***Food for Thought.***
Mosman Festival Photography Competition and Exhibition.Finalist ***Backyard Fight*** , and ***Touch***.
Perth Centre for Photography. Iris Award 2009. ***Lisa.***
Tweed River Art Gallery.Olive Cotton Photographic Prize. ***Sandy Edwards.***
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery. TNPPP 2009 finalist. ***Julian.***
Redland Art Gallery.TNPPP 2009 finalist.***Julian.***
Noosa Regional Gallery.TNPPP 2009 finalist. ***Julian.***
Photo Expo Sara Roney Gallery Sydney. ***The Skater, Angels*** and ***Fervour***.
Images of the Cross.Sydney. ***Sonia , and Loving Hands 1 &2.***
Shortlisted for the HeadOn Alternative Portrait Prize. ***Yumi Joyful.***
KodakSalon .CCP Victoria. ***Spun***.
RedArt Exhibition And Sale.Woollahra. ***Abyss.Separate.Connect.Light.***
Yumi Love and Marionette's Tune..
National Photographic Portrait Prize.National Portrait Gallery, Canberra, ***Julian.***

2008:
Mosman Festival Photo.Comp.And Exhibition. ***"Dreamscapes",***
The Iris Award 2008 Perth."***Yumi With Hair On Fire***".
The Gertrude Association Digital Media Street Festival. Projected Media.
"***Stills and a Glimpse of Sydney.***
Newtown Community Annual Art Exhibition."***Freedom***".
Head on Alternate Portrait Prize. Shortlisted"***Yumi with Hair on Fire" .***
National Photographic Portrait Prize. finalist."***Yumi with Hair on Fire"***.

2007:
Group Show Tapestry Café. "***Fidelity"-***Part of' ***'Shedding Skin'*** Series.
High tea Fundraiser,Group Show. First Draft Gallery.Surry Hills.
Olive Cotton Award. '***Evida'.***
Head On Alternative Portrait Prize. '***Theadora and Martha'*** Shortlisted.
Adultshop.com Erotic Art Prize. '***Sexus***'.

2006:
Olive Cotton Award. '***Jess with Twins' .***
Head On Exhibition .Sydney. '***Yumi and Baba'***.

AWARDS:
2009 Honorable Mention-IPA AWARDS Fine Art Portrait category.***Julian.***
Winner : Our Community. Wesley Mission Photographic Competition Open Section.***Food for Thought***.
Winner: Healing Mindscapes Art Comp.Hunter New England Health Service
Abyss.Separate.Connect.Light.
Highly Commended in the Category of Art. Sony ACMP Projections 09.***Dreams and Nebula.***
2008 Honourable Mention.Px3 Prix De La Photographie.Paris.Image "***Sexus.***'
2007 Director's Choice (Susi Muddiman, Tweed River Art Gallery) Acquisition "***Evida***"
The Olive Cotton Photographic Award for Portraiture, 20
1989 Tomasetti Paper : Class Involvement Award for outstanding Results in Photography.

COLLECTIONS:

Tweed River Art Gallery.
Private Sales

PUBLICATIONS:

2009 Issue#40 Photo Review Australia . First Runner-up Photo challenge # 36. "***Backyard Fight***".
2009 Issue#39 Photo Review Australia. Winner Photo challenge #35. ***Self Portrait***.
2008 Issue#37 Photo Review Australia. Runner up In Photo Challenge #33 Diptych: "***Eros in Nature."***
2008 Issue#36 Photo Review Australia. Won subscribers call for image review profile in upcoming photo Review magazine, with image "***Yumi with Fire Hair***".
2007 December: 'Portrait 26'-Summer 2007 Edition of Magazine.
Published by The National Portrait Gallery, Canberra. ***Yumi with Fire Hair.*** Reference: Pages, 6,8.

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Testimonial:
Zorica specializes in portraiture. Her themes revolve around emotions, truth and the human predicament.

She has often photographed her daughter Yumi, with great beauty and sensitivity. She also has created

some delicate and sensual female nudes.

Sandy Edwards, Curator , Photographer and Arthere Director