



Ida Lawrence is a Berlin-based visual artist whose work blends storytelling and painting, often weaving between Indonesia and Australia through her narratives. Known for her large-scale mural at Urban Spree (2020), her recent solo exhibitions include Taubenaberglauben (Raum für drastische Maßnahmen, 2025) Karsten doesn't drink coffee (Retramp Gallery, 2024), Reality Check (Purga Artspace, 2024), and Basa-Basi/Chit-Chat (ArtSG with ISA Art Gallery, 2023). A graduate of the National Art School, Sydney, she has studied at Sydney College of the Arts and Institut Seni Indonesia, Yogyakarta. Lawrence is a recipient of the Marten Bequest and alumna of the BPA// Berlin Program for Artists. She often collaborates, notably with Woven Kolektif, and has exhibited widely across Berlin, Australia, and Indonesia.

IDA LAWRENCE

EDUCATION

- 2014 Bachelor of Visual Arts (1:1), Sculpture/Installation major, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney AU
- 2012 Darmasiswa Scholarship, Traditional Indonesian Dance, Indonesian Arts Institute (ISI), Yogyakarta ID
- 2009 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting major, National Art School, Sydney AU

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2025 Second Prize, Neukölln Art Prize, Berlin DE
- 2024 Bundanon residency, with Woven Kolektif, Illaroo AU
- Marten Bequest Scholarship for Painting, Australia Council, Australia
- 2023 Berlin Program for Artists mentorship, Berlin, DE
- 2020 Neustart Kulture Grant, Kunstfonds, Berlin, DE
- BBK Studio recipient, Berlin, DE
- Best Artist nomination, with Woven Kolektif, Sydney Music, Art & Culture Awards, Australia
- 2013 'NSW Artists' Grant, National Association for the Visual Art, Australia
- OYEA Cross-Artform Project Grant & Mentorship with Alana Schacher, Australia Council/Articulate Project Space, Sydney, Australia
- 2010 First Prize, Wall2Wall Leichhardt Council Mural Competition, with Caitlin Hespe, Sydney, Australia
- Finalist, Churchie National Emerging Art Exhibition, Brisbane, Australia
- Highly Commended, Hunter Hill Art Prize, Sydney, Australia

SOLO & DUO EXHIBITIONS / PROJECTS

- 2025 Taubenaberglauben, Raum für drastische Maßnahmen, Berlin, Germany
- Gespräche mit Monstern, with Eva Pedroza, Galerie Bernau, Germany
- 2024 Karsten doesn't drink coffee, Retramp Gallery, Berlin, DE
- Reality Check, Purga Artspace, Bali, Indonesia
- 2023 Basa-Basi/Chit-Chat, ISA Art Gallery, Art SG, Singapore
- 2022 Fermented Feelings, essay by Bianca Winataputri, Art Jakarta Gardens, ISA Art Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2021 A Bird in The Grass Is Worth A Thousand Hearts, with Caitlin Hespe, curated by Katia Hermann, Retramp Gallery, Berlin, DE
- 2020 I fill My Days in Order Ways, Mural, StillStand initiative, Urban Spree, Berlin, DE
- In Conversation: FX Harsono x Ida Lawrence, curated by Emily Rolfe & Bianca Winataputri, Fairfield City Museum & Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2018 Jangan Lupa Bawa Oleh-Oleh Ya, Redbase Foundation, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2017 Fitri Graham's Melancholia: A Retrospective, with texts by Kate O'Boyle, Kathleen Linn, Monika Proba & Sebastian Henry-Jones, KINGS artist run, Melbourne
- 2016 Neither Spectacularly Successful, Nor a Spectacular Failure, curated by Jane Gillespie, Sebastian Henry-Jones, Harriet Reid & An Sheng, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney, Australia
- Heirlooms: From The Lawrence Family Collection (On Sale Now! Hurry While Stocks Last!), Bearded Tit, Sydney, Australia
- Dancing Fish Flakes And Other Hallucinations, Tenjunyama

- 2015 Art Studio, Sapporo, Japan Quite Subversions: From Lawrence Family Collection, Gaffa Gallery, Sydney, Australia 2013 bloody woop woop/(n)desa, MILS Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2013 Family Findings, Articulate Project Space, Sydney, Australia
- 2012 (n)desa/bloody woop woop: stories from Kliwonan, Barmedman & between, Tembi Rumah Budaya, Yogyakarta & Jakarta, Indonesia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 The Apartments, Art Jakarta Gardens, ISA Art Gallery Booth, Hutan Kota by Plataran
The Paper Menagerie, ISA Art Gallery Indonesia
Where the Sidewalks End, ISA Art Gallery Indonesia
- 2024 WÖRT, WÖRT! curated by Nikolas Claussen, Raum für drastische Maßnahmen, Berlin DE
Everything We Inherit, curated by Jennifer Yang, ISA Art Gallery, Jakarta ID
Talking... And Other Banana Skins, curated by Michelle Houston, Urban Nation: Museum for Urban Contemporary Art, Berlin DE
Art Jakarta, with ISA Art Gallery, Jakarta ID
Currency Exchange, initiated by Zhiyuan Yang, BPA// Raum, Berlin
- 2023 BPA// Exhibition 2023–Amid the Alien Corn, curated by Sofie Krogh Christensen & Sophia Yvette Scherer, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin DE
Home and Away, curated by Dr Luise Guest & Jennifer Yang, 16albermarle, Sydney AU
Art Jakarta, ISA Art Gallery, Jakarta ID
The Woo Woo, sweet pea at Lawson Flats, Perth AU
Art Moments, ISA Art Gallery, Jakarta ID
FLIGHT, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Sydney AU
Sua Kuasa Matra, ISA Art Gallery, Jakarta ID
- 2022 Titik Kumpul, Art Jakarta, ISA Art Gallery, Jakarta ID
Spoiler Alert, BPA// Raum, Berlin
- 2020 Buah Tangan, Art Jakarta, ISA Art Gallery, Jakarta ID
INTER(SUBJECT)IVITY, ISA Art Gallery, Jakarta
The Essayist, curated by Jasmin Stephens, The Cross Art Projects, Sydney AU
Brisbane & Elsewhere Art UnTriennial, curated by Bridie Gillman, Alexander Kucharski & Chloe Waters, Outer Space, Brisbane AU
Ecologies of Being, curated by Tanushri Saha & Naomi Segal, Kudos Gallery, Sydney AU
4A A4, Centre for Contemporary Asian Art, Sydney AU
- 2018 ASYIK, Indonesian Arts & Culture Festival exhibition, Addison Road, Sydney AU
- 2017 Home Alone: Solitary Pleasures, curated by Dr Georgina Downey, Floating Goose, Adelaide
Headgear 6, MILS gallery @ Lilac City, Sydney AU
- 2016 REC ROOM, curated by Hana Hoogedeure, Interlude Gallery, Sydney AU
- 2015 Cool Combo, curated by Adriano Rosselli, Nishi Gallery, Canberra AU
Headgear 5, MILS gallery, Sydney AU
- 2014 Degree Show, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney AU
Air, 107projects, Sydney AU
Headgear 3, MILS Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2013 BLEND, Articulate Project Space, Sydney, Australia
15th Asian Art Biennale, National Academy of Fine and Performing Arts, Dhaka, BD
- 2012 Srikandi #2: Menolak Malu!, Taman Budaya, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2011 Mainkan Rasa, Studio Rosid, Bandung, Indonesia
Collision/Tubrukan, T-art Space, Ubud, Indonesia
Jogja Art Share, Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2010 Churchie National Emerging Art Exhibition, Queensland College of the Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
Hunters Hill Art Prize, Hunters Hill Town Hall, Sydney, Australia
Degree Show, National Art School, Sydney, Australia
- 2009 In.Grid, Library Stairwell Gallery, National Art School, Sydney, Australia
Mils Will Open., MILS Gallery, National Art School, Sydney, Australia
SWAY, Library Stairwell Gallery, National Art School, Sydney, Australia
On An Island, Sydney harbour Trust & National Art School, Cockatoo Island, Sydney, Australia
Buzz, Global Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Indonesian Art Festival, Bondi Pavilion, Sydney, Australia
- 2008 Heroin'e, East Sydney Doctors, Sydney, Australia

SELECTED COLLABORATIONS

- 2024 2024 Collective Reflections, with Woven Kolektif, in Common Beauty II, curated by Savitri Sastrawan
Nonfrasa Gallery, Ubud, Indonesia
- 2023 Collective Reflections, with Woven Kolektif, in Remembering 25 Years of reformation, curated by Savitri Sastrawan & Dwiki Nugroho Mukti, Cemeti Institute for Art & Society, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Laila and the Poet: da la la ti-ra ta, a film by Jasmina Metwaly, MaerzMusik Festival for Time Issues, Berlin, DE
- 2021 CASCADE, with Woven Kolektif, curated by Leyla Stevens, Outer Space, Brisbane, Australia
Bara: embers, with Woven Kolektif, Bankstown Arts Centre, Sydney, Australia
- 2020 looking here looking north, with Woven Kolektif, Casula Powerhouse Art Centre, Australia
- 2019 The South of Shadows: Interactive Journey, with Bianca Gannon, Artplay, Melbourne, Australia
- 2017 Woven, with Woven Kolektif, Verge Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2013 Dig 2113, with Adriano Rosselli, MILS Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Goodnight Uncle John, with Eko Bambang Wisnu, Sculpture by the sea, Boni Sydney, Australia
Nge-kost, with Eko Bambang Wisnu, SLOT, Sydney, Australia

COMMISSIONS

- 2024 Festival artwork, Ubud Writers and Readers Festival, Ubud, Indonesia
Album art, Likulli Fadain Eqaeh, Khaled Kurbah, Muhawalat/Research Records, Berlin, DE (Forthcoming)
Album art, Itha Hawa, Khaled Kurbah, Muhawalat/Research Records, Berlin, DE (forthcoming)
- 2022 Painting, The St. Regis Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2020 Education kit, 4A Kids, 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art, Sydney, Australia
- 2019 Album art, parasite, Rhys Mottley, Splitrec, Sydney, Australia
- 2018 Album art, Strings, Bonniesongs, Arts as Catharsis Records, Sydney, Australia
- 2013 Mural, Glebe Chamber of Commerce, Sydney, Australia
- 2014 Mural Leichhardt Council, Sydney, Australia

SELECTED ROLES

- 2018 Scores for bodies and/in time, video by Alexander Spence, in Score Club | Club Score, first draft, Sydney, Australia
- 2013 5 a.m., in Family Findings, Articulate Project Space, Sydney, Australia
On Cleanliness, On, in BLEND, Articulate Project Space, Sydney, Australia
- 2012 BULE, Crack Theatre Festival, This Is Not Art Festival, Newcastle, Australia
BULE, with Darlane Litaay, Bizarre On Stage, Auditorium Teater, ISI Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2011 In Another Sense (Permisi), In the Arts Island Festival, Bali and East Java, Indonesia
In Another Sense (Permisi), Jogja International Street Performance, Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Potongan-Potongan, World Dance Day: 24 jam Menari, Indonesia Arts Institute, Surakarta, Indonesia
Sanggul Kribo, by Darlane Litaay, Indonesian Art Institute, Surakarta, Indonesia
- 2008 Performer with Suara Indonesia Dance, Sydney, Australia (2008–2010, 2013–2014)

TEACHING/WORKSHOP/CREATIVE SUPPORT

ArtPlay, Melbourne, Australia
ASYIK Indonesian Festival, Leichhardt TownHall, Sydney, Australia
ASYIK Indonesian Festival, Casula Powerhouse Art Centre, Sydney, Australia
Australian Design Centre, Sydney, Australia
Casula Powerhouse Art Centre, Sydney, Australia
Erskineville Public School, Sydney, Australia
Exodus Foundation, Sydney, Australia
Fairfield City Museum & Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Glebe Public School holiday program, Sydney, Australia
Leichhardt Council, Sydney, Australia

ARTIST TALKS/INTERVIEWS/SHARING

ABC News 24, Sydney AU
Articulate Project Space, Sydney AU
Art Wank podcast, Sydney AU
Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Sydney AU
FBi Radio, Sydney AU
FELTspace, Adelaide AU
Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Sydney AU
KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin DE
MILS gallery, Sydney AU
National Art School, Art Forum series, Sydney AU
Redbase Foundation, Yogyakarta ID
This Is Not Art Festival, Newcastle AU
Verge Gallery, Sydney AU

COLLECTIONS

Casa Luna, Ubud, Indonesia
Hotel Hotel, Canberra, Australia
Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia
The St. Regis, Jakarta, Indonesia
Tembi Rumah Budaya, Jakarta, Indonesia
Visa Lawyears Australia, Sydney, Australia