

Brett Graham

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Education

- 2003 Doctor of Fine Arts (DocFA), University of Auckland, New Zealand
- 1990 Master of Fine Arts (MFA), University of Hawai'i, United States
- 1988 Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), University of Auckland, New Zealand

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 Tai Moana Tai Tangata, City Gallery Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2020 Tai Moana Tai Tangata, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
- 2018 Monument, Two Rooms Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2017 Properties of Peace and Evil, Parlour Projects, Hastings, New Zealand
Unsettle, Bartley and Company Art, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2016 Brett Graham, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia
- 2015 Unsettle, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia
- 2014 Recalibrate, Two Rooms Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Plot 150, Bartley and Company, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2013 Vision Mixer, Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2012 Tangaroa Piri Whare, Two Rooms Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Shield of Antarctica, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia
- 2009 Āniwaniwa, Ten Days on the Island, Tasmania, Australia
Searching For Tangaroa, Bartley and Company Art, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2008 Campaign Rooms, Two Rooms Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Āniwaniwa, Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton, New Zealand
(collaboration with Rachael Rakena)
Āniwaniwa, City Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand (collaboration with Rachael Rakena)
- 2007 UFOB, Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts, Auckland, New Zealand (collaboration with Rachael Rakena)
Āniwaniwa, Te Manawa Gallery, Palmerston North, New Zealand (collaboration with Rachael Rakena)
- 2005 Kohinga Rua, Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton, New Zealand
- 2004 Kāinga Tahī Kāinga Rua, Doctoral Exhibition, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2003 Canoes of Oceania, Bartley Nees Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
Kāinga Tahī Kāinga Rua, Adam Art Gallery, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2002 Moengaroa, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, New Zealand
Podes Antipodes, Art Felchlin Gallery Zurich, Switzerland
- 2000 New Work Studio, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1998 Place Tū Stand, Vavasour Godkin Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1996 Bravo Bikini, New Work Studio, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1995 Te Kōwhao o Te Ngira, Artis Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1994 1492-1642, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
- 1993 Installation, Fay Richwhite Foyer, Auckland, New Zealand

- 1492-1642 toured to three centres:
 Sarjeant Gallery, Whanganui, New Zealand
 Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton, New Zealand
 Gisborne Museum and Arts Centre, Gisborne, New Zealand
 Te Puāwaitanga – The Flowering, Artis Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1992 1492-1642, Te Taumata Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
 1991 Te Ara a Papatūānuku, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i, United States

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 Toi Tū Toi Ora: Contemporary Māori Art, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2018 Wai, Brett Graham, Peter Trevalyan, Kate Woods and Bruce Foster, Bartley and Company Art, Wellington, New Zealand
 Water Project, Ashburton Art Gallery, Ashburton, New Zealand
- 2017 Honolulu Biennial: Middle of Now/Here, Honolulu, Hawai'i, United States
 Transformative Landscapes: Contemporary Space, Time and Connection, MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Canada
 Sculpture on the Gulf, Waiheke Island, New Zealand
- 2016 Sappers and Shrapnel: Contemporary Art and the Art of the Trenches, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia
 Art16 London, London, United Kingdom
 First World War Centenary Commemorative Print Portfolio Project, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia
- 2015 Now15, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia
 Wanted, First Nations University, Regina, Canada
- 2014 Looping and Binding, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawai'i, United States
 A Message from the West, Te Uru Contemporary Art Gallery, Titirangi, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2013 Summer of Sculpture, Auckland, New Zealand
 Sakahàn: International Indigenous Art, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada
 Kaihono Āhua: Vision Mixer, Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū, Nelson, New Zealand
 Towards The Morning Sun, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney, Australia
- 2012 Multiply, Hastings City Art Gallery, Hastings, New Zealand
 Partner Dance, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2011 Ngā Hau E Wha, Ngā Tai E Toru, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia
 Introducing... Our Artists, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia
- 2010 The Beauty of Distance: Songs of Survival in Precarious Age, 17th Biennale of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
- 2008 The Maui Dynasty, Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2007 Āniwaniwa, 52nd International Art Exhibition La Biennale Di Venezia, Venice, Italy
 (collaboration with Rachael Rakena)
 Auckland Art Fair, Auckland, New Zealand
 Restless, Moving Image Centre, Auckland, New Zealand
 Telecom Prospect 2007: New Art New Zealand, City Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

- 2006 The Arrival, Two Rooms Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
 Healing Our Spirit Worldwide, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
 History Lessons, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand
 Zones of Contact, Biennale of Sydney, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, Australia (collaboration with Rachael Rakena)
 Manawa - Pacific Heartbeat, Spirit Wrestler Gallery, Vancouver, Canada
- 2005 St Matthews Sculpture Exhibition, Auckland, New Zealand
 Kaipara Art Exhibition, Kaipara, New Zealand
- 2004 Sculpture Exhibition, Peter Webb Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2003 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Australia
- 2001 Parihaka, The Art of Passive Resistance, City Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
 Telecom Prospect 2001: New Zealand Art, City Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
 Pūrangiaho, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1999 50 Contemporary Māori Sculptors, Dowse Art Gallery, Lower Hutt, New Zealand
- 1998 Te Ara O Tainui, Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton, New Zealand
- 1997 Fred and Brett Graham Exhibition, Manawatū Art Gallery, Palmerston North, New Zealand
 Asia-Pacific Contemporary Triennial, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
 He Puaawaitanga Whakaaro - Recent Māori Sculpture, Govett Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
- 1996 Sculpture 96, Artis Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1995 Te Kārohirohi Taonga, Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton, New Zealand
 Korurangi - New Māori Art, Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand
 Western Springs Stone Carving Symposium, Auckland, New Zealand
 Tainui, Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton, New Zealand
 Te Ātinga, Rotorua Sculpture Symposium, Apumoana Marae, Rotorua, New Zealand
- 1994 Art Now, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand
 Ten Years On, Fisher Gallery, Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand
 The Gift Line, New Work Studio, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1993 Pacific Show, Auckland Society of Arts, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1992 Pacific Group Show, Auckland Society of Arts, Auckland, New Zealand
 Awesome, Te Taumata Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1991 Māori Contemporary Art Show, Wellington, New Zealand
 Te Ātinga, Kapiolani Community College, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawai'i, United States
- 1990 Graduate Art Exhibition, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawai'i, United States
 Origins, Kapiolani Community College, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawai'i, United States
 Bad Art, Community Arts Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i, United States
- 1989 47th International Winter Snow Festival, Japan
 Graduate Art Exhibition, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawai'i, United States
- 1988 Te Ara Hou, Gallery 5, Auckland, New Zealand
 Stone Symposium, Western Springs, Auckland, New Zealand
 Elam Sculpture Show, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- 1987 Elam Sculpture Show, Artspace, Auckland, New Zealand
 Māori Art Today, Gallery 5, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1986 Elam Sculpture Show, Star Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

Selected Awards and Grants

- 2021 The Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi Laureate Award
2019 Govett-Brewster Art Gallery's Creative New Zealand Artist in Residence
2016 International Artists in Residence (iAIR) program, University of Lethbridge, Canada
2014 Creative New Zealand (CNZ) New York Residency at International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP)
2005 National Māori Academic Award, New Zealand
1997 James Wallace Award (second place), New Zealand
1992 Te Waka Toi grant for 1492–1642 installation Te Taumata Gallery, New Zealand
1991 Hawai'i Craftsman Annual Show, Hawai'i, United States
Atsuo Okamoto Workshop, East-West Fieldwork Award, Japan
1989 East-West Center Degree Scholarship, Honolulu, Hawai'i, United States
Tainui Scholarship, Waikato, New Zealand
John Weeks Trust Art Competition, University of Auckland, New Zealand
1987 Elam Art Scholarship, University of Auckland, New Zealand
Winiata Memorial Prize, New Zealand

Public Collections and Commissions

- MTG, Hawke's Bay, Napier, New Zealand, Riki, Riki (inverted), Rura, Rura (inverted), 2017
Horotiu Pā, Hamilton, Te Rongopai and Puna Roimata, 2015
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia, 30 15 S 131 58 E, 40 00 S 147 91 E, 25 21 S 131 03 E, 2015
Victoria University of Wellington, Rāwhiti, 2014
University West Oahu, Hawai'i, United States, Target Island Series, 2014
Honolulu Museum of Art, Hawai'i, United States, Snitch, 2014
MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Canada, Pioneer, 2014
Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton, New Zealand, Plot 150, 2013
Ernst & Young, Simon Moore Memorial Sculpture, Te Au Marino, 2012
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia, Shield of Antarctica, 2012
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia, Mīhaia, 2010
Hurstmere Green Sculptures, Takapuna, Auckland, New Zealand, Mataoho Wall, 2012
Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, Te Hōkioi, 2008
Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand, Land Lust Lost, 2008
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada, Āniwaniwa, 2007
Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland, New Zealand, Whaowhia, 2007
Te Manawa Art Gallery, Palmerston North, New Zealand, Foreshore Defender, 2005
Department of Courts, North Shore District Court, Auckland, New Zealand, Escape, 2002
Sarjeant Gallery, Whanganui, New Zealand, Kotahitanga, 2000
Tainui Endowed College Forecourt, Hopuhopu, New Zealand, 2000
New Zealand Parliament Grounds, Wellington Sculpture Trust, Henry Lang Fund, Wellington, New Zealand, Kaiwhakatere, 1999
Adam Art Gallery, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, Kōwhatu Kārohirohi, 1999
King's College, Auckland, New Zealand, Ko Hamutana, 1998
King's College, Auckland, New Zealand, Ko Rāhui Puāwai, 1998

Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, New Zealand, Tū Pasifika, 1998
Government House, Wellington, New Zealand, Tū West, 1998
Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand, Te Korokoro o Te Parata, 1998
Fletcher Challenge Trust, Auckland, New Zealand, Te Piriti Puāwai, 1997
Gibbs Collection, Auckland, New Zealand, Ko Ngāruawāhia Toku Tūrangawaewae, 1997
Kornferry International, Wellington, New Zealand, Ground Zero Bikini, 1996
Auckland Institute of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand, Manu Tāwhiowhio, 1996
Centre Culturel Jean-Marie Tjibaou, Noumea, New Caledonia, Lapita Installation, 1998
Centre Culturel Jean-Marie Tjibaou, Noumea, New Caledonia, Kahukura, 1995
East Tāmaki Campus, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand, Te Moeamoea O Te Tauria, 1995
Waikato Law School, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand, Te Matariki, 1994
National Bank of New Zealand, Huntly, New Zealand, Te Puāwaitanga O Tainui, 1993
Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, New Zealand, Te Pū, 1993
Auckland Regional Authority, New Zealand, The Mythology, 1989
Maidment Theatre, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand, Nine Muses, 1989
Apple Computer Company, Auckland, New Zealand, New Dawn Eclipse, 1989
Telecom, Auckland, New Zealand, Waikato Awa, 1988
Library of University of Auckland, New Zealand, Tainui Begat, 1888
James Wallace Art Trust, Auckland, New Zealand
NZ Post Corporate Office, Wellington, New Zealand