

# THE COMMERCIAL

## AGATHA GOTHE-SNAPE

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### EDUCATION

2011	Master of Visual Arts (Painting), Sydney College of the Arts, The University of Sydney, Sydney
2007	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Painting), Sydney College of the Arts, The University of Sydney, Sydney
1998-2003	Bachelor of Arts (Honours, Performance Studies), The University of Sydney, Sydney

### ORGANISATIONS/COLLECTIVES

2009	Founding member Future Local Association Group (FLAG), Sydney Founding committee member The Cosmic Battle for Your Heart, Sydney (Directors: Mitch Cairns, Kelly Doley, Brian Fuata and Agatha Gothe-Snape)
2008	Artistic Director By George: Downtown (for Firstdraft Gallery), City of Sydney Laneways Project, Sydney
2007-2009	Board of Directors Firstdraft Gallery, Sydney
2003-2008	Owner/Manager Pigeon Ground Records and Clothing, Sydney

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016	<i>Volatile Medium</i> , The Commercial Gallery, Sydney
2015	<i>Rhetorical Chorus (LW)</i> , Performa 15 commission, curated by RoseLee Goldberg, New York Society for Ethical Culture, New York (forthcoming)
2014	<i>Free Speaking</i> , Studio 12, Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne
2013	<i>Taking Form: Agatha Gothe-Snape, Sriwhana Spong</i> , curated by Anneke Jaspers, Level Two Contemporary Project Space, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney <i>Workout: 7 days of experimental performance</i> , curated by Anna Davis, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney <i>IT HOLDS UP</i> , in collaboration with Mike Hewson, temporary artwork commissioned by Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority for scaffold structure covering the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney <i>Late Sculpture</i> , The Commercial Gallery, Sydney <i>You and everything that is not you</i> , The Physics Room, Christchurch <i>This, this, this and everything else</i> , a Drawing Wall project, curated by Elise Routledge, Shepparton Art Museum, Shepparton
2012	<i>A Planet With Two Suns</i> , Society - Kunstvlaai Festival of Independents, curated by Susan Gibb, Sint Nicholaas Lyceum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2011	<i>Four Parts</i> , KALIMANRAWLINS, Melbourne
2009	<i>Every Artist Remembered</i> , Firstdraft Gallery, Sydney
2008	<i>Relax Your Mind</i> , MOP Projects, Sydney
2006	<i>Ahead of Time 1992-2006</i> , Scott Donovan Projects, Sydney

### PERFORMANCES (SOLO and as WRONG SOLO with BRIAN FUATA)

2012	<i>INexactly THIS</i> - Kunstvlaai: Festival of Independents as part of the presentation by Society (Susan Gibb), Amsterdam <i>Opening and Closing Ceremony</i> (collaborating artist), Jane McKernan (solo), Performance Space, Sydney <i>Four Dancers</i> (Wrong Solo with David Capra, Agatha Gothe-Snape, Shane
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	Haseman, Ruark Lewis and Sarah Rodigari), Frasers Studios, Sydney <i>Solo</i> (Wrong Solo), FraserStudios Residency, Sydney <i>Reverse Lecture/Lecture Reverse</i> (Wrong Solo), MCA ArtBar, curated by Jess Olivieri, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
2011	<i>The Turning Choir</i> (Wrong Solo with Shane Haseman), as part of 20 20, curated by Robert Lake, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney <i>The Dance of Despair</i> (Wrong Solo with invited guests and audience members), Peloton Performance Program, Peloton, Sydney
2010	<i>Nighttimes: Ladies and Gentleman We are Floating in Space</i> (Wrong Solo), Performance Space, Sydney
2008-2010	<i>WRONG SOLO</i> (collaboration with Brian Fuata), Campbelltown Arts Centre Interdisciplinary Dance Residency, curated by Lisa Havilah and Emma Saunders, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney
2009	<i>Opening and Closing Ceremony</i> (collaborating artist), by Jane McKernan (development) <i>Folk Dancing</i> (collaborating artist/set design), Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney
2008	<i>No Success Like Failure</i> (Designer), The Fondue Set, The Studio, Sydney
2007	<i>Evening Magic Two</i> (Designer), The Fondue Set, Carriageworks, Sydney <i>Work, Rest and Play</i> (collaboration with Brian Fuata and Pete Volich), Runway Launch <i>Brian and Agatha say goodbye</i> , in <i>Night Time #1</i> , Performance Space, Sydney
2006	<i>Ho-ho-ho</i> , in <i>The Christmas Specials</i> , MOP, Sydney <i>Hillsong</i> , in <i>The Tonight Show</i> , The Rehearsal Room, Sydney <i>I'm not crazy, you're the one that's crazy and Boo, Yay</i> (collaborations with Shane Haseman) in <i>Tomorrow Again</i> , curated by Scott Donovan, Artspace, Sydney

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2016	<i>Tarrawarra Biennial 2016: Endless Circulation</i> , Tarrawarra Museum of Art, Tarrawarra <i>Onion</i> , curated by Jessie Bullivant and Mitchell Cumming, Knulp, Sydney <i>20<sup>th</sup> Biennale of Sydney: The Future is already here – it's just not evenly distributed</i> , curated by Stephanie Rosenthal, various locations, Sydney <i>The Commercial</i> , Auckland Art Fair, Auckland
2015	<i>21<sup>st</sup> Century Heide: The Collection Since 2000</i> , Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne Künstlerhaus, Bremen, Germany <i>Object Lessons</i> , curated by Gemma Weston, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, The University of Western Australia, Perth <i>Creative Suite</i> , curated by Andrea Bell, Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts, Auckland; City Gallery, Wellington and Horsham Regional Art Gallery, Melbourne <i>TPOLR – Cairns, Gothe-Shape, Milledge, Pulie and Teague</i> , The Commercial Gallery, Sydney <i>Art Month Sydney 2015</i> , launch party, National Art School, Sydney <i>NOW now</i> festival, curated by Ivan Cheng, The Red Rattler, 55 Sydenham Rd, and SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney
2014	<i>Framed Movements</i> , Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne <i>Art as a Verb</i> , Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne <i>Octopus 14: Nothing beside Remains</i> , curated by Tara McDowell, Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne <i>2014 NSW Visual Arts Fellowship</i> , Artspace, Sydney <i>8<sup>th</sup> Berlin Biennale</i> , curated by Juan A. Gaitán, Berlin <i>One Thing Follows Another...</i> , Jane McKernan and Gail Priest, Performance Space, Sydney <i>Tearaway The Crater of Motor Power</i> , Brook Stamp's commission for Phillip Keir Choreographic Award, Dance House, Melbourne <i>The Commercial</i> , Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Centre, Melbourne <i>OUI we</i> , The Commercial Gallery, Sydney
2013	<i>Melbourne Now</i> , National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

	<p><i>30 Ways with Time and Space</i>, YOU'RE HISTORY festival, Performance Space, Sydney</p> <p><i>Reinventing the Wheel: The Readymade Century</i>, Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne</p> <p><i>Fauvette Loureiro Memorial Artists' Travel Scholarship Prize</i>, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney</p>
2012	<p><i>Navel Gazing</i>, curated by Brooke Babbington Utopian Slumps Project Space, Melbourne</p> <p><i>No Reasonable Offer Refused</i>, curated by Liang Luscombe and Patrice Sharkey, West Space, Melbourne</p> <p><i>Contemporary Australia: Women</i>, curated by Julie Ewington, Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane</p> <p><i>Octagon</i>, curated by Adam Cruikshank, Platform, Melbourne</p> <p><i>Churchie Awards</i>, Queensland College of Arts, Brisbane</p> <p><i>No Reasonable Offer Refused</i>, curated by Patrice Sharkey and Liang Luscombe, West Space, Melbourne</p> <p><i>ONE/THREE – Agatha Gothe-Snape, Andrew Liversidge, Archie Moore, Robert Pulie</i>, curated by Amanda Rowell, (inaugural exhibition) The Commercial Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>We Need You, You Need Us</i>, curated by Georgie Meagre, Tin Sheds Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>The Drawing Room</i>, curated by Sally Breen, Breenspace, Sydney</p> <p><i>Contemporary Art Archive</i>, curated by Glenn Barkley, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney</p>
2011	<p><i>Art #2</i>, Australian Centre of Contemporary Art Regional Tour, Melbourne</p> <p><i>Power to the People: Contemporary Conceptualism and the Object in Art</i>, curated by Hannah Matthews, Australian Centre of Contemporary Art, Melbourne</p> <p><i>Rules of Play</i>, curated by Kathryn Gray, Tin Sheds Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>Eastern Seaboard/Cosmic Battle for Your Heart</i>, Artspace, Sydney</p> <p><i>Group Show – Christian Capurro and Debra Phillips</i>, Breenspace, Sydney</p> <p><i>Social Sculpture</i>, curated by Charlotte Day, Anna Schwartz Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>New Work Old Tricks</i>, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney</p> <p><i>It's a Guitar Shaped World</i>, curated by Reg Lynch, Tamworth Regional Gallery, Sydney</p>
2010	<p><i>Helen Lempriere Travelling Artist Scholarship Finalist Exhibition</i>, Artspace, Sydney</p> <p><i>Rules of Play</i>, curated by Kathryn Gray, Bell St Project Space, Vienna</p> <p><i>I'm Ok, You're Ok</i>, curated by Alice Lang, Level ARI, Brisbane</p> <p><i>NEW010</i>, Australian Centre of Contemporary Art, Melbourne</p> <p><i>Primavera 2010</i>, curated by Katie Dyer, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney</p> <p><i>TIME AND SPACE</i>, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>Draught</i>, Tin Sheds Gallery, Sydney</p>
2009	<p><i>What I Think About When I Think About Dancing</i>, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney</p> <p><i>Once more unto the breech (Dear Friends)</i>, Firstdraft Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>Colleagues and Peers (Hokey Pokey)</i>, The Cosmic Battle for Your Heart, Artspace, Sydney</p> <p><i>Groupshow</i>, Breenspace, Sydney</p>
2008	<p><i>The Fragile Absolute</i>, Delmar Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>Performing for the Camera</i>, Firstdraft Gallery, Sydney</p> <p><i>OBLIVION PAVILION – Marley Dawson, Agatha Gothe-Snape, Mathew Hopkins, Emily Hunt, Tim Schultz, Raquel Welch</i>, curated by Amanda Rowell, Gertrude Contemporary Art Space, Melbourne and Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney</p>
2007	<p><i>I, Me, Mine</i>, curated by Koji Ryui, Horus and Deloris Contemporary Art Space, Sydney</p> <p><i>Volta</i>, Residency at Performance Space, Sydney</p> <p><i>Postcards from the Edge</i>, curated by Rachel Scott, Backloft Gallery, Dublin</p> <p><i>Raise High the Roof-beams</i>, (Firstdraft Directors Show), Bus Gallery, Melbourne</p>

- 2006 Graduate Show, Sydney College of the Arts, The University of Sydney, Sydney  
*The Christmas Specials*, curated by Christopher Hanrahan and Peter Volich, MOP Projects, Sydney

#### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2016 Aodhan Madden, 'RESTRAINED INTIMACY HOT COURAGE SEQUENCE', exh. text for *Agatha Gothe-Snape – Volatile Medium*, The Commercial Gallery, Sydney  
 Brooke Boland, 'Why smart cities should invest in the arts', *ArtsHub*, 28 June 2016  
 Tai Mitsuji, 'Sydney Biennale 2016: Agatha Gothe-Snape turns to the streets for artistic inspiration', *Sydney Morning Herald*, 3 June 2016  
 '2016 Biennale of Sydney Legacy Artwork', *Art Almanac*, 11 May 2016  
 Nicholas Forrest, 'Agatha Gothe-Snape to Create 2016 Sydney Biennale Legacy Artwork', *Blouin Art Info*, 10 May 2016  
 Sophie Tedmanson, 'Artistic director of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sydney Biennale on the importance of female artists', *Vogue*, 18 March 2016  
 Kim Brockett, 'Ten questions for Agatha Gothe-Snape', *Vault*, Issue 13, February, 2016, pp. 60-62
- 2015 Paul David Young, 'Performa 15: Rewarding Musical Turns, and Unused Real Estate', *Hyperallergic*, November 29, 2015  
 Rachel Fuller, 'A conversation with Agatha Gothe-Snape', *Ocula*, 19 October, 2015
- 2015 Reuben Keehan, '100 Contemporary Artists of Our Time', *Bijutsu Techno*, Tokyo, vol. 67, No. 1019
- 2014 Robert Nelson, 'Gertrude Contemporary and KingsARI: Death and punchlines come into focus', *The Age, Entertainment*, November 25
- 2013 Charlotte Day, 'Reinventing the Wheel: The Readymade Century' exh. cat. Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne, 85-88  
 George Egerton-Warburton, 'Agatha Gothe-Snape: The Commercial, Sydney, Australia', *Frieze Magazine*, September  
 Anneke Jaspers, 'Taking Form: Agatha Gothe-Snape, Sriwhana Spong', exh.cat. Level 2 Projects, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney  
 Agatha Gothe-Snape, 'IT HOLDS UP', text to accompany temporary work on Museum of Contemporary Art Australia facade  
 Shane Haseman, 'Late Sculpture', exh. text, The Commercial Gallery, Sydney  
 Susan Gibb, 'Agatha Gothe-Snape', Artist Profile, May 2013 Issue #23, 52-55  
 Michael Fitzgerald, 'Open gallery: Agatha Gothe-Snape', *The Sydney Morning Herald*, May 3  
 Carrie Miller, 'Late Sculpture', *the art life*, 26 April, 2013, <http://theartlife.com.au/2013/late-sculpture/>  
 Amelia Wallin, 'In Pursuit of Philanthropy', *un Magazine*, Issue #6.2
- 2012 Marian Tubbs, 'Money and other events before the form', in Jai McKenzie (ed.), *Runway – Site*, Issue 22, pp. 64-67  
 Mathew Greaves, 'Agatha Gothe-Snape's Four Parts', *un Magazine*, Issue #6.1  
 Nicholas Chambers, 'Aesthetics in Motion', Contemporary Australia: Women, exh. cat. Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, pp. 72-75  
 Altair Roelants, 'The Spectacle of Deconstruction' review of Christian Capurro, Agatha Gothe-Snape and Debora Phillips at Breenspace, *Art Monthly Australia*, April 2012, p.15  
 Glenn Barkley, 'Undiscovered', *Australian Art Collector*, Issue #60, April-March
- 2011 Zoe de Luca, 'I'm Ok, You're Ok: Sanja Pahoki, Kate James, Agatha Gothe-Snape' (review), *Eyeline*, Issue #73  
 Jesse Adams Stein, 'Social Sculpture at Anna Schwartz' (review), *Runway*, Issue #19 (life)  
 Anja Isabel Schneider, 'Social Sculpture' (review), *Kaleidoscope Magazine*

- (online)  
 Rachel Kent, 'Social Sculpture' (review), *Art Asia Pacific Magazine*  
 2010 Alice Lang, *I'm Ok, You're Ok*, exh. cat. Level, Brisbane  
 Katie Dyer, *Primavera 2010*, exh. cat. Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney  
 Juliana Engberg, *NEW010*, exh. cat. Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne  
 2009 Elizabeth Stanton, "Agatha Gothe-Snape, I Trusted You", *Runway*, Issue #15  
 2008 Adam Jasper, 'Oblivion Pavilion' (review), *Timeout*, May  
 Charlotte Day, 'Oblivion Pavilion' (review), *Art and Australia*, Spring  
 Josephine Skinner, 'Oblivion Pavilion' (review), *Runway*, Issue #11  
 Amanda Rowell, 'Oblivion Pavilion', in Emily Hunt and Raquel Welch, *OP*, exh. cat./artist publication, Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces, Melbourne and Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney  
 Agatha Gothe-Snape, 'Romance' (pageworks), 'Go Now Parts 1, 2 and 3', *Runway*, Issue #11, Winter  
 2007 Adam Jasper, 'A loving punch-up', *RealTime*, Issue #78, April-May  
 Robert Wellington, 'Emerging Art', *Australian Art Market Report*, Issue #23, Autumn, p.44  
 Gail Priest, 'Volta' (review), *RealTime*, Issue #80, September-October  
 Emily Hunt and Raquel Welch, 'Agatha Gothe-Snape', *DUKE – Trois*, Sydney, pp. 72-73

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2014 2014 NSW Visual Arts Fellowship (finalist), Artspace, Sydney  
 2012 Churchie Emerging Art Prize (highly commended), Queensland College of Arts, Brisbane  
 2011 Janet Homes à Court Artists' Grant, National Association for the Arts Ltd  
 New South Wales Government's 2011 Women and Arts Fellowship  
 2009 Australia Council Emerging Artist New Work Grant  
 Qantas, Spirit of Youth Awards, Visual Arts (shortlist)  
 2008 The University of Sydney Post Graduate Award, Sydney  
 2005 Joan de Costa Memorial Award, Sydney College of The Arts, The University of Sydney, Sydney

#### STUDIOS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2013-2015 Gertrude Contemporary Studio Resident  
 2010 Frasers Studio, Inaugural 6 Month Merging Artist Residency, Sydney

#### COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney  
 Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney  
 Cruthers Collection of Women's Art, University of Western Australia  
 Griffith University Art Collection, Brisbane  
 Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne  
 Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne  
 Museum of Contemporary Art Australia  
 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
 University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane  
 University of Technology, Sydney

#### COMMISSIONS

- 2016/2017 *Here, an Echo*, Legacy Artword Commission for the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennale of Sydney, Wemyss Lane, Sydney [forthcoming]  
 2015 *The Scheme was a Blueprint for Future Development Programs*, Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne  
 2014 *Digital Excursion: The Feelings Were Harder To Dislodge Than I Initially Imagined*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney  
 2012 Artist page for The Commercial Gallery Sydney advertisement, *Vault*

	<i>Magazine</i> , Issue #1, August 2012 Unmagazine Cover, <i>Unmagazine</i> , Issue #5.1 Poster, Noel McKenna exhibition, Niagra Galleries
2011	
2010	Cover art, <i>Primavera</i> exh. cat. Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney Cover art, <i>You Are Here, Performance Space Program</i> , Performance Space, Sydney
2009	Cover Art, <i>Performance Space 2010 Program</i> , Performance Space, Sydney Art direction and event design, <i>Program Launch</i> , Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney
2007	Cover art and design, <i>Runway</i> , Issue #15 Cover art, Holly Throsby, <i>One of you for Me</i> , Single Cover art, Holly Throsby, <i>Under the Town</i> , Album <i>Interview with Koji Ryui</i> , Invisible Inc. Podcast <i>Undiscovered Territory</i> , Leichhardt Council, Sydney <i>Pop Mural</i> , Pigeon Ground Public, Camperdown, Sydney