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Jackie Ryan

b. 1972 | Lives and works in Brisbane, QLD
Jackie Ryan is currently the Artistic Director of the Brisbane Writers Festival.

Education & Fellowships

2016 PhD in History and Political Science from The University of Queensland
2019 Queensland Writers Fellow (supported by State Library of Queensland)

Solo Exhibitions

2025 Writers on the Wall (2025) & Writers on the Wall 2 (2026), Brisbane Powerhouse, QLD
2024 Fever Dream, Onespace Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
2016 Jackie Ryan, Brisbane Powerhouse, feature artist
2011 Shooting Gallery
2010 Burger Force: The Exhibition, Redland Art Gallery

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026 Brisbane Portrait Prize 2026, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD [finalist]
2026 Smashup: Comics x Art, Rockhampton Museum of Art
2019 Trace 2019: Biennial Exhibition & Art Auction
2018 Onespace Afterimage exhibitions, Onespace Gallery
2017 Onespace Afterimage exhibitions, Onespace Gallery

Publishing

2010–20 Designing and directing the Aurealis Award-winning graphic novel *Burger Force*, which has twice shortlisted for a Ledger Award for Excellence in Australian Comics and Graphic Novels, and that has endorsements from Eddie Campbell, Audrey Niffenegger and Barbara Feldon

Public Artworks

2015 Vibrant Laneways Art Program, Outdoor Gallery, Brisbane City Council
2014 Vibrant Laneways Art Program, Outdoor Gallery, Brisbane City Council

Awards & Prizes

2018 Winner: Queensland Premier's Award for a Work of State Significance, Queensland Literary Awards—*We'll Show the World: Expo 88* (UQP)
2018 Winner: University of Southern Queensland History Book Award, Queensland Literary Awards—*We'll Show the World: Expo 88* (UQP)
2018 Shortlisted: *The Courier-Mail* People's Choice Queensland Book of the Year Award, Queensland Literary Awards—*We'll Show the World: Expo 88* (UQP)
2017 Finalist: Ledger Awards for Excellence in Australian Comic Art and Publishing—*Burger Force*
2014 Finalist: Ledger Awards for Excellence in Australian Comic Art and Publishing—*Burger Force*
2013 Winner: Aurealis Award, Best Illustrated Work or Graphic Novel—*Burger Force*
2007 Finalist: Australian Independent Music Video Awards— 'One Man Band', music video for Iron On
2003 Finalist: Queensland New Filmmakers Awards— 'Unisex', music video for b(if)tek
2003 Winner: Best Short Film, Kill Your TV— 'The Activist'
2000 Highly Commended: Queensland New Filmmakers Awards— 'Who's Your Daddy?', music video for Full Fathom Five

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Commissions

2018 Devising and creating cover and internal artwork for Kent MacCarter's poetry collection *California Sweet* (Five Islands Press, 2018)
2017 Queensland Theatre and Belloo Creative (*Motherland*)—completed a photographic commission
2014 Museum of Brisbane's 'Light Fantastic' exhibition on World Expo 88—devised didactic text
2012 Creating the original logo for the Queensland Literary Awards (2012–13)
2012 Designing a limited-edition poster for Stan Lee's Comikaze Expo (Los Angeles)

Papers, Speaking Engagements, Seminars & Fora

2019 The University of Queensland Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences—graduation ceremony guest speaker
2019 Royal Historical Society of Queensland—lecture
2019 The Brisbane Club—guest speaker
2019 The University of Queensland's School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry—symposium
2019 Pine Rivers Heritage Museum—heritage talk
2018 Brisbane City Council Libraries—author talk
2011 Pecha Kucha—artist presentation

Author, Producer, Designer—Achievements

2018 Authoring the non-fiction history book *We'll Show the World: Expo 88* (UQP), which won two Queensland Literary Awards and was shortlisted for a third
2018 Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary*– Woodford Folk Festival
2017 Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary—Brisbane Writers Festival
2016 Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary—Brisbane Powerhouse
2015 Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary—Woodford Folk Festival
2015 Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary—Queensland Poetry Festival
2014 Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary—Woodford Folk Festival
2014 Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary—Brisbane Fringe Festival
2000– Producing, writing and directing award-winning independent short films and music videos

Burger Force and Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary websites archived by the National Library of Australia as sites of cultural significance.

Researching and writing articles for the peer-reviewed *History Australia* journal (Volume 10.1), *Griffith Review* (issue 69, forthcoming) and *Queensland History Journal* (Volume 26.15)

[*founding (2014) and producing artwork for the comedy writing and performance collective which features numerous established writers and performers from Australia and overseas]

Collections

Queensland Children's Hospital
Private Collections