

# KAREN WOODBURY GALLERY

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## SIMON OBARZANEK

Born Israel, 1968  
Lives and works in Melbourne, Australia

### Education

1989 Completed a Bachelor of Photography at RMIT, Melbourne

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

2010 *Untitled Movement*, Turner Galleries, Perth  
2008 *Simon Obarzanek*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne  
2008 *Simon Obarzanek, 80 Faces*, at the Institute of Modern Art @ TCB  
2007 *10pm – 1am*, Karen Woodbury Gallery, Melbourne  
2007 *Innovators*, Linden - Centre for Contemporary Arts, Melbourne  
2006 *80 faces*, Karen Woodbury Gallery, Melbourne  
2006 *80/137 Faces*, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne  
2005 *Portraits*, Max Bernstein Gallery, Melbourne  
2002 *Simon Obarzanek 96-02*, Max Bernstein Gallery, Melbourne

### Selected Group Exhibitions

2009 *Josephine Ulrick & Win Schubert Photography Award*, Gold Coast City Art Gallery  
2008/2009 *Order and disorder: Archives and photography*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
2008 *Melbourne Art Fair 2008*, Karen Woodbury Gallery at the Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
2007 *William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize 2007*, Monash Gallery of Art, Victoria  
2007 *City of Hobart Art Prize 07*, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart  
2007 *Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photographic Prize 2007*, Gold Coast City Gallery, Queensland  
2006 *Light Sensitive*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
2006 *City of Perth Photo Media Award*, Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, Perth  
2006 *The Inaugural William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize*, Monash Gallery of Art, Victoria  
2005 *Figures of Question*, Ord Minnett, Melbourne  
2005 *Schweppes Photographic Portrait Prize 2005*, National Portrait Gallery, London  
2003 *Commonwealth Place Contemporary Australian Portraits*, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra  
1999 *A Room with a View*, Mike Weiss Gallery, New York

### Prizes/residencies

2010 *Turner Galleries Artist in Residence Program*, Perth  
2009 *New Work Grant*, Visual Arts/Craft Board of the Australia Council  
2008 *Second Melbourne Airport Innovators Award* at Linden Centre for Contemporary Arts, St Kilda (Winner)  
2006 *Conrad Jupiters Art Prize*, Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast (Acquisitive)  
2005 *The Citigroup Private Bank Australian Photographic Portrait Prize 2005*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney (High Commendation)

### Collections

Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Gold Coast  
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
National Portrait Gallery, Canberra  
Powerhouse Museum, Sydney  
Horsham Regional Gallery, Victoria

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2008 Zagala, S; 'Disfiguring Hubris', Simon Obarzanek, Monash Gallery of Art exhibition catalogue, pp.2-3  
2008 'The face beneath portraiture', Profile, MGA Newsletter, #31 Winter, pp.6-9  
2007 'Simon Obarzanek', *Flash Art*, At the Galleries: Melbourne, Jan/Feb, p.63  
2007 Conran, Lesley, 'Night Life', *Artist Profile*, Summer Edition, p.46  
2007 Nelson, R; 'Frieze frame: grim portrait of nightlife women', *The Age*, Metro, 15 Aug, p.18  
2007 Colless, E; 'Simon Obarzanek: 10pm – 1am', *Australian Art Collector*, Previews, Jul-Sep, p.278  
2007 King, N; 'Simon Obarzanek', At the Galleries: Melbourne, *Flash Art*, Jan – Feb, p.63  
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- 2005 Crawford, A; 'Figures of Question: Simon Obarzanek, Damiano Bertoli, Justine Khamara', *The Age*, 14 November
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- 2002 Storer, R & Palmer, D (eds.); 'Big: Australia', *Big Magazine*, Issue 44, New York, Nov, pp.68-75
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