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Born Kirikiriroa Hamilton, Aotearoa New Zealand, 1995
Bachelor of Media Arts, Waikato Institute of Technology, 2016
Te Hono ki Toi (Poutiri-ā-rangi) Bachelor of Creative Practice (Hons),
Toihoukura School of Māori Visual Arts, EIT Tairāwhiti Campus, 2021

Solo Exhibitions

2026

The Poultry Yard, Robert Heald Gallery, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington

Frog World, Te Tuhi, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

2025

Bootleg (w/ Tamsen Hopkinson), The Physics Room, Ōtautahi Christchurch

RopePlay (a series of acts), from 2022 at multiple sites across Aotearoa including Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington, Heretaunga Hastings, Ōtepōti Dunedin, Ōtautahi Christchurch, and Kirikiriroa Hamilton; Köln, Germany, and Busan, South Korea

2024

cab-sous vide, The Dowse Art Museum, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington

Inside my papahou: puoro Tuatini. Her site, Désirée - ā whakamātao owaha, Busan Biennale 2024, South Korea

Glittering Images, Grace Aotearoa, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

2022

R. Boudoir, RM Gallery, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

Group Exhibitions

2026

CRIT: Art learning since 1987, Artspace Aotearoa, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

The Golden Triangle: 3 Artists, Franklin Arts Centre, Pukekohe

These are Addressed to You, Enjoy Contemporary Art Space, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington

Home Studio, Objectspace at Sir Miles Warren Gallery, Ōtautahi Christchurch

Things We Don't Talk About, The Dowse Art Museum, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington

2025

Tūtahi Lite, Grace Aotearoa, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

A loose grip, DEMO, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

843 to the 855, Te Whare Taonga o Waikato Museum & Gallery

The Human Tongue Is Our Daily Furnace, Aotearoa Art Fair, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

What thrives on these soils, Te Whare Toi o Heretaunga Hastings Art Gallery

2023

Spring Time is Heart-break: Contemporary Art in Aotearoa, Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū

Old/Niu, Drawing showcase (w/ Mapura Studios Drawing Group), ALL GOODS, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

Cloth, Masterworks Gallery, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

2022

Ata Koia! Te Tuhi, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

Te Pō, Papatūnga, Parnell Project Space, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

2021

Occupied Territories (je suis occupe), RM Gallery, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

E muri ahiahi, Masterworks Gallery, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

2017

Urban Mauri, Skinroom, Kirikiriroa Hamilton; Taneatua Gallery, Tāneatua; 108 Williamson Avenue, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

BYOB, Ramp Gallery, Kirikiriroa Hamilton

2016

Public Domain Art Fair, DEMO, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

CREEP!!!, Skinroom, Kirikiriroa Hamilton

Katharsis, Calder & Lawson Gallery, Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato | University of Waikato

2015

KIORE (The Gutter Voice), Tāneatua Gallery, Tāneatua

Friends of Friends of Friends, Casbah Gallery, Kirikiriroa Hamilton

Discography/Performances

Frog World, 12-channel binaural sound (35m59s), Te Tuhi, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, 2026

From the horizon thereafter Score, Co-composer w/ Jackie Jenkins, contemporary dance performance, Sydney Dance Company, Carriageworks, Gadigal Country Sydney, 2025

Inside my papahou... I think it was teko? Whiore reme, taku hinu (enfleurage for my maceration pony; lipid test #1, #2 & 3.), 8-channel sound (12m14s), Te Whare Toi o Heretaunga, Hastings Art Gallery, 2025

Inside my papahou: puoro Tuatini. Her site, Désirée - ā whakamātao owha, Busan Biennale 2024, South Korea

Tūpiki, 12 track album (40m) w/ Riki Pirihi, digital & vinyl release, Audio Foundation Records, 2024

Ache in Time, stereo sound installation (51m35s), Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū, Ōtautahi Christchurch, 2023

Rope Play score (12m,42s), LTK4 Centrecourt Festival, Martin-Luther-Platz, Köln, Germany, 2023; *Play_station*, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington, 2022

Inside my Papahou: ngā āhuatanga o te kuku o te tangata e te kēhua, stereo sound installation (10m35s), Te Tuhi, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, 2022

Pūoro play, (Inside my papahou, symphony no.II) (51m36s), Blue Oyster Project Space, Ōtepōti Dunedin, 2022

Lamentation of Ruataupare (10m56s), Papatūnga, Parnell Project space, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, 2021

LTK4, Centrecourt Festival, locations in Köln, Essen, Hilden & Iserlohn, Germany, 2023

Lines of Flight Festival, Port Chalmers Town Hall, Ōtepōti Dunedin, 2023

Outlier Festival, Hollywood Theatre, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, 2023

Now hear This! Festival, New Athenaeum Theatre, Ōtepōti Dunedin, 2022

Outlier Festival, Auckland Unitarian church, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, 2022

Awards/Residencies

2025

Creative New Zealand Fellowship

Gasworks Artist Residency, London

2022

Waikato Society of Arts, New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Award (Finalist)

Waikato Society of Arts, New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Award (Peoples Choice Award)

Public Collections

Tāmaki Paenga Hira Auckland War Memorial Museum

The Dowse Art Museum, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington

Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University

Bibliography

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Amery, Mark, 'Whatever happened to the bootleg? Visual and sound artist Abigail Aroha Jensen', culture 101, RNZ website, 10 August, 2025

'Artist in Residence: Abigail Aroha Jensen,' Studio interview, Gasworks London, 2025

'Auaha: Creativity in the Neighbourhood' Documentary, Screened at BNZ Theatre, Kirikiriroa Hamilton, 2026

Clifford, Jess, 'These Are Addressed To You,' Essay, Enjoy Contemporary Art Space, June 2026

Dornauf, Peter, 'Black', EyeContact website, 24 July, 2016

Hardaker, Nayte, 'Tuhinga ki Aroha,' commissioned by play_station for *RopePlay(II)*, 2022

Hoxha, Ardit, 'cab-sous vide,' *The Art Paper*, Issue 07, *MYTH*, pp. 30-31, 17 September, 2025

Lai, Grace, 'Why Auckland Museum acquired a bench from Karangahape Road,' Tāmaki Paenga Hira Auckland War Memorial Museum website, 2021

Overbye, Sinead, 'Ordinary objects elevated to become treasure box of taonga,' *The Post TE UPOKO O TE IKA*, 29 March, 2025

Pirihi, Riki & Van Schaardenburg, Tash, 'Tūpiki' Interview, Release Tour, Under The Radar website, 27 March, 2025

Porter, Gwynneth, 'Reality has an Ephemeral Quality,' *ArtNow*, 27 March, 2024

Te Awekōtuku, Ngāhuia, Graham, Brett & Turuwhenua, Kura, 'Te Tuhi' (*Frog World*), Tukua Podcast, RNZ website, 27 April, 2026

The Happy Kids Archive, Publication, 2023

'The Physics Room: Contemporary Art Kōrero,' Episode 11, Abigail Aroha Jensen & Jane Wallace, 18 July, 2025

They covered the house in stories: Te Tuhi 50 Years of Exhibiting Contemporary Art, Publication, August 2026

Tweedie, Maggie, 'Tūpiki' review, The Sampler, RNZ website, 4 May, 2025

Wilson, Leafa, 'Adaptation: Abigail Aroha Jensen,' *The Poultry Yard* Preview, *Art News Aotearoa*, Winter issue, 2026