

COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT: A BODY OF WORK

To accompany the exhibition LION by Jayne Simpson in Gallery 3, Grundy Art Gallery presents Collection Spotlight: A Body of Work. This exhibition is part of Grundy's ongoing Collection Spotlight series which sees works from The Grundy Art Gallery Collection presented in temporary displays throughout the year. Collection Spotlight: A Body of Work, is also part of Grundy's Collection Engagement activity which sees contemporary artists invited to select works from the collection in response to their own work.

Previous Collection Engagement activity has explored Grundy's Collection from an LGBTQ+ perspective and through the lens of Disability as a lived experience.

Including depictions of motherhood, the naked body, references to women at study, at work and at play, Collection Spotlight: A Body of Work, connects to Simpson's own lived experience as mother, daughter and teacher.

The landscapes, and water scenes however, have, in part, been selected to speak to wider themes being explored by Grundy throughout 2026.

As described elsewhere, not only is 2026 Grundy's 115th birthday year, but it is also 150 years since Blackpool was incorporated as a

Borough and 100 years since The 1926 Blackpool Jubilee which celebrated Blackpool's incorporation.

The term 'incorporation' has a rich history, originating from Latin, it means 'to form into a body' (corpus meaning 'body'). In addition to recognising the milestone moments described above, the Grundy will, throughout 2026, also be exploring notions of the 'body'; from its physical and natural form (bodies of water, bodies of land, human bodies), to community in action and collective endeavour; (bodies of people, public bodies).

ARTIST TALK:

Jayne Simpson + Print Launch
Saturday 21 February 2pm–3.30pm



Join Grundy's Curator, for an in conversation with artist Jayne Simpson and be one of the first to buy a signed limited-edition Artist print.

Find out more about the work of the artist, Grundy Art Gallery's 2026 birthday year and explore in more depth, the works being presented in LION and in Collection Spotlight: A Body of Work.

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Further details are available at the Front Desk.