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ONCE a maths teacher, now a celebrated artist, Merewether's Helene Leane is set to take on New York.

The artist is one of 16 Australian and New Zealand artists – including two from the Hunter Region – selected to take part in Out from Down Under & Beyond: Fine Art from Australia and New Zealand at Chelsea's Agora Gallery.

"I was always interested in art but thought I had to get a 'proper' job so I never really pursued my art until I moved back to Newcastle," Leane said.

"I was elated to get included in the show, having an exhibition in New York is one of my best achievements."

Leane's work includes multilayered monotypes inspired by landscapes including coastal, inland and even flooded environments, which she produces in her studio behind her Merewether house.

Pokolbin artist Rebecca Rath, whose works include large-scale charcoal and pastel drawings, has also been selected to take part in the exhibition.

The exhibition runs at Chelsea's Agora Gallery from May 12 to June 1.

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