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SELECT EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 'Check Points' solo show, City Library Gallery, Melbourne City
- 2023 'Forever!' group show, La Friche Centre d'art, Marseille, France
- 2022 'Out There' solo show, Tinta nos Nervos Gallery, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2022 'Critical Limit' group show, Climarte Gallery, Richmond, Melbourne
- 2022 'Locals' group show, Outre Gallery, Collingwood, Melbourne
- 2021 'Stress Tests' solo show, Backwoods Gallery, Melbourne
- 2021 'Be Meta' installation, Lees Place as part of Flash Forward, Melbourne
- 2020 'Backw11ds' group show, Backwoods Gallery, Melbourne
- 2019 'Bushfire Brandalism' group exhibition, National, Australia
- 2019 'Do Beta' solo exhibition, Backwoods Gallery, Melbourne
- 2018 'Here Nor There' solo show, Krack! Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2018 'Hold on' solo exhibition, Rubicon ARI, Melbourne
- 2017 'Useless Pilgrim' solo show, Le Salmanazar, Toulouse, France
- 2017 'Resistance is Futile' group show, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2016 'Altered States' w/ Nelio, Atelier Garage, Lyon, France
- 2016 'Inner Meeting Point' w/ Patrick Rieve, Richas Digest, Cologne, Germany
- 2015 'Where Do I Belong?' group show Melbourne City Library, Melbourne
- 2014 'Zeen' group show, Curated projects, University of Sydney
- 2013 'Booth of Truth' solo show, Arte Moris Gallery, East Timor
- 2013 'Heat' group show, Backwoods Gallery, Collingwood
- 2012 'Wolves and Brats' solo show, Brunswick Bound, Melbourne
- 2011 'Good Taste' solo show, Nine on Seven Gallery, Melbourne
- 2010 'Seven Evils in One' group show, No Vacancy, Melbourne
- 2010 'Space Invaders' group show, National Gallery of Australia

SELECT COMMISSIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

- 2024 'The Rhythm' murals for Delacombe Town Centre
- 2023 'The Readers' murals, Urban Canvas Festival, St Kilda
- 2023 'Stay Creative' mural for Maribyrnong Council, Middle Footscray
- 2022 'Truth is Essential' mural and print for Yarra City Arts, Richmond
- 2022 'New Growth' mural for Merri-bek Council, Fawkner
- 2021 'Keep Growing' mural for City of Yarra, North Carlton
- 2020 'Brightening Bentleigh' mural for Glen Eira City Council, Bentleigh
- 2020 'Look In' set of installations for My Little Bento, Moonee Ponds
- 2019 'Into Place' mural for Gertrude Street Projection Festival, Fitzroy
- 2019 'Ahora Bien' installation for Hola Mexico Film Festival, Los Angeles
- 2018 'Playtime' Series of murals for Pascoe Vale Girls College, Melbourne
- 2018 'Saya' installation w/ Pangungharo Festival, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2017 'Je Vois' installation for Formula Bula Festival, Paris, France
- 2017 'Workplace Well-being' project installation for 161 Collins st, Melbourne
- 2017 'Local Shades' series of mural installations, Monash Council, Oakleigh
- 2016 'Paradise City' mural, Feature Walls Festival, Sheffield, UK
- 2016 'Walk This Way' mural, Belleville, Globe Alley, Melbourne
- 2016 'Kick Back' installation for Riaa Festival, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2015 'Painting the Port' Series of murals, Multicultural Arts Victoria, Port Melbourne
- 2015 'Growing' private commission, Brunswick, Melbourne
- 2014 'Drawbridge' series of installations with Polyglot, Sumatra, Indonesia
- 2014 'Try It' Series of murals for Melbourne Grammar School
- 2013 'Art as Life' Mural & Installation, Animatismart, Dili, Timor Leste
- 2012 'Look Inside' murals, QV Apartments, Jane Bell Lane, Melbourne
- 2011 'Green Room' murals for Dancehouse Inc. Carlton, Melbourne

SELECT GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2023 Community Arts Grant, Yarra City Council
- 2022 New Project Arts Grant, City of Melbourne
- 2022 Author Travel Fund, Australia Council for the Arts
- 2021 Thrive Community Arts Grant, Merri-bek Council
- 2020 New Project Arts Grant, City of Melbourne
- 2019 Author Travel Fund, Australia Council for the Arts
- 2018 New Works Grant, Down Down Under, Australia Council for the Arts
- 2018 Successful crowd funding campaign, Silent Army Print Concern, various supporters
- 2017 Development grant, Fikaris comic art tour, Australia Council for the Arts
- 2017 Platinum award for Contribution to Comic Arts & Community in Australia, Ledger Awards
- 2016 Development Grant, Fikaris Artist tour, Australia Council for the Arts
- 2016 Smart Arts Grant, Instruction Manual for Lonely Mountains, City of Melbourne
- 2015 Smart Arts Grant, Where Do I Belong?, Signal Arts and City of Melbourne
- 2014 Peoples choice award, Animatism mural, Gertrude street Projection Festival
- 2013 Successful crowd funding campaign, Art as Life Book, Various supporters, National
- 2012 Smart Arts Grant, Everyday life is pretty interesting stuff, City of Melbourne

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY AND PRESS

- 2024 Presentation, New York Comics and Picture-story Symposium
- 2023 Interview feature, The Readings podcast, The Comics Question
- 2023 Feature piece, Desert Island, Thames & Hudson
- 2022 Interview feature, Street Art Collector podcast
- 2021 Interview feature, Graphic Nature podcast, Melbourne
- 2020 Interview feature, Kus! KomiKs website, Latvia, EU
- 2019 Interview feature, Photo Dust online magazine, Australia
- 2018 Interview feature, Bench Talk w/ Tom Gerrard, podcast, Melbourne
- 2017 Interview article, Amadora BD international festival program, Portugal
- 2016 Interview profile, Melbourne Street Art Guide, Thames & Hudson, Australia
- 2015 Interview article, Freelance Artist, Jogja Tribuna Arts & Culture, Indonesia
- 2014 Interview article, Connecting Australia and East Timor via Art, Neos Kosmos, National
- 2014 Interview photo piece 'your street cred is good here' MX newspaper, National
- 2013 Photo profile, Street Art Melbourne, Explore Australia Books, National
- 2013 Fresh talent in a groundbreaking genre, The Australian Newspaper
- 2011 Interview article, Graphic Art Guru, The Age Newspaper, National
- 2011 Drawn Together, Time Out Magazine, National

SELECT RESIDENCIES

- 2023 Archivist, Silent Army Reading Room, Testing Grounds, Melbourne, Australia
- 2022 Artist in Residence, Maquina Total print studio, Barcelona, Spain
- 2022 Artist in residence, Silent Army Reading Room, Milk Gallery, Fitzroy, Australia
- 2021 Visiting Fellow, Institute of Post Colonial Studies, North Melbourne
- 2021 Archivist, Silent Army Reading Room, Study Space, Brunswick, Melbourne
- 2020 Artist in Residence, Kus! Comics Residency at ISSP, Riga, Latvia (postponed)
- 2019 Artist in Residence w/ Melb. Grammar School Yr 11, Metro Tunnel commission
- 2018 Artist in Residence, Krack! Studio printmaking, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2017 Library Research Residency, Bedeteca de Lisboa, Olivais, Portugal
- 2017 Artist in Residence, Polyglot and Yorta Yorta mob collaborations, Shepparton
- 2016 Artist in Residence with Nelio, Atelier Garage printmaking, Lyon, France
- 2016 Artist in Residence with Patrick Rieve, Neues Kunst Forum, Cologne, Germany
- 2015 Artist in Residence, Melbourne City Libraries, North Melbourne
- 2014 Artist in Residence, Survive Garage, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2014 Artist in Residence, Painting department, Melbourne Grammar School
- 2013 Artist in Residence, Animatism and Uni of Melb Art collaborations, Timor Leste
- 2012 Artist in Residence with Nicola Gunn/Sans Hotel, Arts Centre Melbourne
- 2011 Artist in Residence as Silent Army, Inherent Vice, NGV Studio, Melbourne

COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Australia, National Library of Australia, University of Sydney Library; University of Melbourne Library, State Library Victoria, Tinta nos Nervos, Portugal, Yarra City Arts.