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I am working in mediums such as; comic art, zines, print making, murals and street art. My work has been published in countless anthologies and literary journals and I collaborate regularly with many local artist groups and councils. I also teach workshops in these fields since 2009 and am currently a sessional lecturer in street art with Melbourne University.

Select Exhibition History

- 2019 Do Beta, solo exhibition, Backwoods Gallery, Melbourne
- 2018 Hold on, solo exhibition, Rubicon ARI, Melbourne
- 2017 Useless Pilgrim, solo exhibition, Le Salmanazar, Toulouse, France
- 2017 Resistance is Futile, group exhibition, Jogjakarta, Indonesia
- 2016 Altered States, with Nelio, Atelier Garage, Lyon, France
- 2016 Inner Meeting Point, with Patrick Rieve, Richas Digest, Cologne, Germany
- 2015 Refugee Art Project, Melbourne City Library, Melbourne
- 2014 Zeen, group exhibition, Curated projects, Sydney
- 2013 Booth of Truth, solo exhibition, Arte Moris Gallery, East Timor
- 2013 Heat, group exhibition, Backwoods Gallery, Collingwood
- 2012 Wolves and Brats, solo exhibition, Brunswick Bound, Melbourne
- 2011 Good Taste, solo exhibition, Nine on Seven Gallery, Melbourne
- 2010 Seven Evils in One, group exhibition, No Vacancy, Melbourne
- 2010 Space Invaders, group exhibition, National Gallery of Australia
- 2009 Fine Things, group exhibition, Highlander Gallery, Melbourne
- 2009 Constellations, group exhibition, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne

Selected Mural Commissions

- 2019 Hola Mexico Film Festival studio, Los Angeles, USA
- 2018 Series of murals for Pascoe Vale Girls College, Melbourne
- 2017 'Je Vois' mural for Formula Bula Festival, Paris, France
- 2017 'Workplace Well-being Mural project' 161 Collins st, Melbourne
- 2017 'Local Shades' series of murals, Monash Council, Oakleigh
- 2016 'Paradise City' mural, Feature Walls Festival, Sheffield UK
- 2016 'Walk this way' mural, Belleville, Globe Alley, Melbourne
- 2016 'Kick back' mural for Riaa Festival, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2015 Murals, Painting the Port, Multicultural Arts Victoria, Melbourne
- 2015 'Growing' private commission, Brunswick, Melbourne
- 2014 Drawbridge Installations, Polyglot theatre, Sumatra, Indonesia
- 2014 Series of murals for Melbourne Grammar School, Melbourne
- 2013 'Art as Life' Mural & Installation, Animatismart, Dili, Timor Leste
- 2012 'Look Inside' murals, QV Apartments, Jane Bell Lane, Melbourne
- 2011 'Green Room' murals, Dancehouse Inc. Carlton, Melbourne
- 2010 'Exit Through the Giftshop' film launch murals, Hosier Lane, Melbourne

Selected Grants and Awards

- 2018 Literature grant, Down Down Under, Australia Council for the Arts
- 2017 Development grant, Fikaris comic art tour, Australia Council for the Arts
- 2017 Platinum award for Contribution to Comic Arts and Community in Australia, Ledger Awards
- 2016 Development grant, Fikaris artist tour, Australia Council for the Arts
- 2016 Literature 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, Art as Life Book, Various supporters, National
- 2012 Smart Arts Grant, Everyday life is pretty interesting stuff, City of Melbourne

Select Residencies

- 2018 Artist in Residence, Krack! Studio, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2017 Artist in Residence, Bedeteca de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2016 Artist in Residence with Nelio, Atelier Garage, Lyon, France
- 2016 Artist in Residence with Patrick Rieve, Neues Kunst Forum, Cologne, Germany
- 2015 Artist in Residence, Melbourne City Libraries, Melbourne
- 2014 Artist in Residence, Survive Garage, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2014 Artist in Residence, Melbourne Grammar School, Melbourne
- 2013 Artist in Residence with AnimatismArt, Arte Moris, Dili, Timor Leste
- 2012 Artist in Residence with Nicola Gunn/Sans Hotel, Arts Centre Melbourne
- 2011 Artist in Residence with Silent Army, Inherent Vice, NGV Studio, Melbourne

Selected Press

- 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

Collections

National Gallery of Australia, National Library of Australia, University of Sydney Library; University of Melbourne Library, State Library Victoria, Biblioteca dos Olivais, Portugal; National Library of Chile; and many private collections locally and abroad.

I am represented by *Radio as Paper* in France for my comic books and zines.