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### **SELECT EXHIBITIONS**

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  
2010 Exit Through the Gift Shop, group show, Hosier Lane, Melbourne  
2009 Constellations, group show, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne

### **SELECT RESIDENCIES**

2023 Artist in Residence, Silent Army Reading Room, Testing Grounds, Melbourne  
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 Comic Artist in Residence, Kus! Comics Residency at ISSP, Riga, Latvia  
2019 Artist in Residence w/ Melb. Grammar School Yr 11, Metro Tunnel, Anzac station  
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 Cartoonist in Residence, Inherent Vice, NGV Studio, Melbourne

### **SELECT COLLECTIONS**

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

## **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**

- 2023 Feature piece, Desert Island, Thames & Hudson USA (upcoming)
- 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 COMMISSIONS AND INSTALLATIONS**

- 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/ Panguharo 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