# Memphis Projects

## Opening

Thursday 26th of April 6-9pm

#### **Dance Performance:**

Megan Payne and Leah Landauh Exhibition 26th April - 13th May, 2018

Brendan Coghlan
Joseph Flynn
Andrew Clapham
Lucy Roleff
Ryan McGennisken
Nicholas Millen
Maddison Kitching
Matthew Quick
Jessica Tse
Michael Peck

# Hours & Info

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# MAKING MARKS



Lucy Roleff
"Spider Plant" Oil on Paper

"Making Marks" is the debut group exhibition from Memphis Projects, the gallery space for Memphis Gardens, a new creative studio in Abbotsford.

The first act of creating a painting involves making a mark on a surface. The way a work develops depends on a series of these marks; thick, refined, expressive, minute, etc. all associated together to create a composition, a picture, an aura. "Making Marks" comprises artists from differing styles who share in this common action. The exhibition celebrates the uniqueness that each artist brings to the indefatigable collective gesture.

This exhibition will host a variety of paintings from studio residents and associated local artists with a dance performance by Megan Payne and Leah Landau on opening night.



Brendan Coghlan
 Put it On The Line
 Enamel on Glass, wooden shelf
 42 x 59.5 cms
 \$350



Andrew Clapham
 Texture #2
 Screen Print on Archival Paper, framed
 81 x 62 cms
 \$800



5. Lucy Roleff
Spider Plant
Oil on Paper, framed
45 x 32.5 cms
\$800



Joseph Flynn
 Forward Movements
 Acrylic, Aerosol, UV Print Vinyl on Canvas
 137 x 91 cms
 \$1,500



4. Lucy Roleff
Gum Blossoms, Roses and Cardboard
Oil on Paper, framed
32.5 x 45 cms
\$800



Ryan McGennisken
 Stillage #7
 Acrylic, Dirt, Rust and Polyurethane on Raw
 Canvas, oak frame.
 125 x 79 cms
 \$1,100



Nicholas Millen
 Twist & Shout
 Mixed Media on Canvas, artist frame
 113 x 93 cms
 \$950



9. Matthew Quick Land of The Free Oil on Italian Linen 120 x 100 cms P.O.A



11. Michael Peck Untitled Oil on Linen 168 x 168 cms \$14,400



8. Maddison Kitching
 Untitled
 Mixed Media on Plywood
 31 x 55 cms
 \$350



10. Jessica Tse
A Vibrant Afternoon
Acrylic on Canvas
91 x 91 cms
\$500

#### Brendan Coghlan

Brendan Coghlan is a multi-disciplinary artist and designer, covering a range of skills from brand experience through illustration to painted signage. A recent RMIT graduate of a Masters Degree in Communication Design, Coghlan has recently been most been interested in the relationship between traditional design technique and neighbourhood parochialism. Always hand paint.

#### Joseph Flynn

Joseph's work examines the relationship between the traditional methods of art making and the new digital world we all now find ourselves in.

Joseph works with an extensive range of digital and non digital meduims including web developement, 3D printing, painting, drawing, sculpture, installation, image manipulation and 3D animation software. He recently completed a Master of Contemporary Art at the Victorian College of the Arts and has exhibtied extensively throughout Melbourne, Lisbon and Dallas, Texas.

#### **Andrew Clapham**

Andrew Clapham is a print-based artist and designer having completed his Fine Art (Honours) and currently studying a Masters of Communication and Design at RMIT. Within a print-based practice, Clapham explores the role craft has through merging traditional and contemporary print techniques which can be placed within contemporary design. Printed textures is a part of a series of experimental screen prints which explores mechanical processes mimicking organically painted surfaces.

### **Lucy Roleff**

After having worked as a freelance illustrator for a few years, I have returned to my formal art training, exploring still life work and portraiture in oils. I am curious about and touch on themes such as growth, decay and ordinary domestic moments.

#### Ryan McGennisken

Ryan McGennisken's paintings are constructed through an experimental studio process that intends to defy considered composition and gesture. He paints 'alla prima' in the outdoors, in silence, layering with speed, a combination of paint and found non-art materials like rust, motor oil, and dirt. He favours imperfection and seeks unforeseen beauty; adding and deleting marks at every step of the process.

#### Leah Landau and Megan Payne

Leah Landau and Megan Payne are Melbourne based dancers / choreographers. Their performance for the opening is a choreography driven by external suggestions and good advice.

#### Nicholas Millen

Millen's paintings are a visual expressions of internal rhythm becoming form. Lines, dots, strokes, colours & gestures begin intuitively and gradually or quickly combine together to form unexpected subject matter(s).

This process becomes durational and although fresh subjects are unearthed, more layers are painted until an abstract history is formed or until the painting reflects something about the loss of clear subjects in the vortex of time, space and inevitable continuum

#### Maddison Kitching

My practice has primarily been concerned with commercial representations of the Australian landscape and our relationship to place. Through collage, painting and digital media platforms my work aims to interrogate ideas about Australian national identity.

#### Mathew Quick

Matthew always painted but managed to distract himself with a few alternative careers. He's worked as a lecturer, art-director & writer, with his first novel short-listed for the Vogel Literature Award. Featured in BRW as one of Australia's top 50 artists, in the past few years Matthew's won, or been a finalist for, 70 national juried art awards. He's had 14 solo and more than 80 group shows.

# Jessica Tse

Jessica Tse has been practicing art in the past decade, in an abstract, experimental, metaphorical and spiritual way.

She uses painting, sculpture, installation, sound and poetry to express her life and vision.

#### **Michael Peck**

Michael Peck participates in a project of world making, creating spaces so intimate that the viewer cannot help but to feel as if they have stumbled upon a scene not meant for their eyes. There is an uncanny ambiguity as to the intent of his child subjects. The intensity of their concentration is mesmerising but the question lingers: are they innocents engaged in the imaginary games of childhood or survivalists adapting to a world without adult supervision and denied the luxury of play?