

LEAH M MARIANI

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Artist statement

I'm a Melbourne artist making art about people, identity and relationships. I have a real interest in people and what makes them tick. I draw on my experience as a woman and a mother, and resultantly most of my work is about childhood and womanhood. I am a passionate advocate of women's issues and gender equality. I also write about art, fashion and feminism on my blog.

I have an interest in pattern and include it in nearly all my work through collaged fabric and paper. I have an extensive collection of fabrics and decorative paper. My attraction to pattern comes from my love of order, but more importantly I like the flat, decorative element it adds. I predominately work in oils but also dabble in paper collage and handmade printing.

In 2012 I held my first solo show and have been averaging one every two years. I've been shortlisted for a number of prestigious awards, including the Marie Ellis Drawing Price, Lethbridge 10,000, Hornsby Art Prize, Agendo and the Metro Art Prize. My artwork is held in private collections worldwide and is also part of the Albert Park College public collection and the Image Mundi project.

Currently I am studying a Graduate Certificate of Visual Art at VCA which has led me to expand my practice into digital media, including photography and film.

Education

2019	Graduate Certificate of Visual Arts, VCA, Melbourne
2016	Diploma Visual Arts, Box Hill Institute, Melbourne
2013	Certificate IV Visual Arts, CAE, Melbourne

Solo Exhibitions

2020	'Womanhood & Childhood', Women's Centre, Royal Women's Hospital, Parkville
2018	'I am', Tacit Gallery, Collingwood
2018	'Curiouser & Curiouser', Steps Gallery, Carlton
2016	'I Like Pretty Things', City Library, Melbourne
2015	'Cut from the Same Cloth', Richmond Town Hall
2014	'Cut from the Same Cloth', Red Gallery, Fitzroy & Gaffa Gallery, Sydney
2012	'Present Yourself', 69 Smith Street Gallery, Fitzroy

Selected Group Exhibitions

2020	'Unearthed', Art to Art, North Balwyn, Victoria
2019	'Women in Art', FAC, Frankston, Victoria
2019	'Spoken Words', Blackcat Gallery, Collingwood, Victoria
2019	'Not Your Usual Canvas', Old Auction House Gallery, Kyenton, Victoria
2019	'Artaviso 1.0 Event', No Vacancy Gallery QV, Melbourne
2019	'Femina Extravaganza', Blackcat Gallery, Collingwood, Victoria
2018	'Lethbridge 10000 Small-Scale Art Award', Lethbridge Gallery, Queensland
2018	'Contemporary Art Award', online, Australia
2017	'Movement', 69 Smith Street Group Show, Yarra Sculpture Gallery, Abbotsford
2017	'Respect', OBI Prize, Maleny Community Centre, Queensland
2016	Hornsby Art Prize, Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, New South Wales
2016	'Icons Uncovered', No Vacancy Gallery QV, Melbourne
2016	'Joined & Jumbled', Beth Hulme Gallery, North Fitzroy
2016	'She', Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong, Victoria
2015	'Gippsland Print Award', Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, Victoria
2015	'Flanagan Art Prize', Ballarat, Victoria
2015	'T-anything', Firestation Print Studio, Armadale, Victoria
2015	'Girlhood', Union Club Hotel, Fitzroy, Victoria
2015	'Summer II', Quadrant Gallery, Hawthorn, Victoria
2014	'ARC Biennial Drawing Prize', Yinnar, Victoria
2014	'Lethbridge 10000 Small-Scale Art Award', Lethbridge Gallery, Queensland
2014	'Cambridge Studio Portrait Prize', Collingwood, Victoria
2013	'69Fifteen', 69 Smith Street Gallery, Fitzroy, Victoria
2013	'Agendo Award', St Heliers Street Gallery, The Abbotsford Convent, Victoria
2013	'Rob McNamara Exhibition', Collingwood Gallery, Collingwood, Victoria
2013	'Yen Art Award', Gaffa, Sydney, New South Wales
2013	'Lethbridge 10000 Small-Scale Art Award', Lethbridge Gallery, Queensland
2013	'Emerging Artist Exhibition', Toyota Community Spirit Gallery, Port Melbourne
2013	'CPM National Print Awards', Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah
2013	'Linden Postcard Show', Linden Centre for Contemporary Arts, St Kilda
2012	'Lethbridge 10000 Small-Scale Art Award', Lethbridge Gallery, Queensland
2012	'After Image', Firestation Print Studio, Armadale, Victoria

Awards and Acknowledgements

2020	Winner – Unearthed Art Prize, Art to Art, North Balwyn, Victoria
2019	Finalist – Marie Ellis Drawing Price, Queensland College of Art, Brisbane, Queensland
2019	High Commended – Art4All, Fairfield Primary School, Victoria
2019	Finalist – Fitzroy Art Tertiary Prize, Footscray, Victoria
2018	Finalist - Lethbridge 10000 Small-Scale Art Award, Lethbridge Gallery, Queensland
2018	Finalist - Contemporary Art Awards, online, Australia
2017	Finalist - OBI Art Prize, Maleny Community Centre, Queensland
2016	Finalist - Hornsby Art Prize, Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, New South Wales
2016	Finalist - She, Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong, Victoria
2015	Finalist - Flanagan Art Prize, St Patrick's Collage, Ballarat, Victoria
2014	Finalist - Cambridge Studio Portrait Prize, Cambridge Studio Gallery, Victoria
2014	Best Work on Paper - Albert Park Collage Art Show, Victoria
2014	Finalist - Lethbridge 10000 Small-Scale Art Award, Lethbridge Gallery, Queensland
2013	Winner - Yen Female Art Award, Gaffa, Sydney, New South Wales
2013	Finalist - Agendo Award, St Heliers Street Gallery, The Abbotsford Convent, Victoria
2013	Finalist - Lethbridge 10000 Small-Scale Art Award, Lethbridge Gallery, Queensland
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2011	Finalist - Transformation, Box Hill Community Art Centre, Box Hill, Victoria
2011	Best Oil Painting - Albert Park Collage Art Show, Victoria
2011	Finalist - Agendo Award, St Heliers Street Gallery, The Abbotsford Convent, Victoria
2011	Finalist - Metro Art Award finalist, Metro Gallery, Armadale, Victoria

Publications and Press Releases

2019	Rhonda Dredge, ' Value Your Own Creation ,' <i>Southbank News</i>
2019	Leah Mariani, ' 10 Simple Life Hacks to Help You Spend Less on Clothes ,' <i>Money Magazine</i>
2019	Leah Mariani, ' The Beauty Behind Embracing Your Inner Artist ,' <i>Purpose Fairy</i>
2016	Sanghamitra Das, ' What Makes an Artist: Leah Mariani and Her Take on Fashion ,' <i>Bluethumb</i>
2016	Luciano Benetton, Rosa Maria Falvo, Chris McAuliffe, 'Looking Down Under,' <i>Imago Mundi</i>
2015	Simone Murcutt, ' Leah Mariani: I like pretty things ,' <i>Desktop Magazine online</i>
2015	Sharmane Rabusa, ' CBS Member Interview with Leah Mariani ,' <i>Colour Box Studio</i>
2014	Karina Lowndes, ' Leah Mariani Cut From the Same Cloth ,' <i>Yen magazine online</i>
2013	Annie Sebel, 'Leah Mariani', <i>Yen magazine</i> , Issue 64