

Janicke Johansen

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Artist Statement

Janicke Johansen views animals as her totems, her teachers or guides. Creating her "Artful Creatures" is like a meditation through which she discovers who she is - her place and purpose in the world. She chooses her animal subjects intuitively, and represents them as pure and open. Their eyes reach out to the viewer seeking empathy, connection and understanding. Janicke's images are created from her own photography, as well as time spent observing and interacting with animals. Her practice centres on playful experimentation with stencils, dripping paint and multiple layers. Details come from fine tuning and blocking out areas in solid colours. Through this process a happy, colourful menagerie emerges.

Originally from Norway, Janicke lives in Melbourne with her partner, rescue dogs, chickens and a galah named Astrid, who often accompanies her in the studio. She believes all creatures have a right to live in the world and develop according to their inherent nature. Humans must take steps to see that the habitats of animals are not destroyed. Through her work she seeks to transmit the childlike sense of wonder, happiness and awe that she still experiences when observing animals.

Major Exhibitions

2002	Dual	New Artists, New Works, New Vision - Tin Cat Café	Kent Town, S.A.
2002	Group	Urban Art Show - Kent Town Rotary Club - Smart Art Gallery	Kent Town, S.A.
2003	Group	Sun, Surf and Sand - Prince Alfred College	Kent Town, S.A.
2004	Solo	The Knot - Rosetta's Restaurant - Flinders University	Bedford Park, S.A.
2008	Solo	Eclectic Scapes - Brunswick Street Gallery	Fitzroy, VIC.
2008	Invited	Art Melbourne 08 - Exhibition Building	Carlton, VIC.
2008	Invited	Summer Moments - Art Moments Gallery	Bondi, N.S.W.
2010-14	Group	Ringwood Art Society Exhibition - Eastland Shop. Ct. (4 per year)	Ringwood, VIC.
2010-12	Invited	Janicke Johansen - The Firehouse (2 per year)	Ringwood, VIC.
2010	Group	2010 Mayoral Art Show - Maroondah Art Gallery	Ringwood, VIC.
2010	Group	MPG One - Melbourne Painters Group - Jasper Hotel	Melbourne, VIC.
2011/12	Group	Because I am a Girl - Plans Girls Helping Girls Fundraiser (Jun)	Melbourne, VIC.
2011	Group	Grand Opening Exhibition - 100 th Gallery (May & Jun)	Prahran, VIC.
2011	Group	St Michael's Archangel Prize - St Michael's Grammar (Jul)	St Kilda, VIC.
2011	Group	9x5 & The Hen House - Stonehouse Gallery (Aug & Oct)	Warrandyte, VIC.
2011	Group	Unley Primary School Art Show - Unley Primary School (Aug)	Unley, S.A.
2011	Group	Birregurra Art Show - Birregurra Town Hall (Oct) - 1 st Mixed Media	Birregurra, VIC.
2011-16	Group	RAS Studio Exhibition - Ringwood Art Soc. (Old) & Fed Estate (New)	Ringwood, VIC.
2012	Group	Mind maps, a journey within - Tincat Cafe Restaurant (Feb-Mar)	Kent Town, S.A.
2012	Solo	Intimate Art Show - Eagalsnest Fine Art Gallery (May)	Aireys Inlet, VIC.
2012	Group	CamArt2012 - Camberwell Girls Grammar (Aug)	Camberwell, VIC.
2012-15	Group	Art4All - Fairfield Primary School (Sep)	Fairfield, VIC.
2012	Group	Birregurra Art Show - Birregurra Town Hall (Oct)	Birregurra, VIC.
2012	Group	Summer, Sun and Fun - Birds Gallery (Nov/Dec)	Kew, VIC.
2013	Solo	WASTE-land - Tincat Cafe Restaurant (Feb) - Adelaide Fringe	Kent Town, S.A.
2013	Group	Good Times - Dogridge Winery - SALA Festival	McLaren Flat, S.A.
2013	Group	Nouvelle - Birds Gallery (Dec)	Kew, VIC.
2015	Trio	The Story So Far - Art at Linden Gate - (Mar)	Yarra Glen, VIC.
2015	Group	Albert Park Collage Art Show - (Oct)	Albert Pk, VIC.
2016	Group	Warrandyte Art Show - Warrandyte Rotary - Highly Com. (Mar)	Warrandyte, VIC.
2016	Group	St Kevin's Art Show - St Kevins Collage (May)	Toorak, VIC.
2016	Group	RAS 50th Anniversary Exhibition - Maroondah Access Gallery (Nov)	Ringwood, VIC.
2017	Solo	Artful Creatures - Cambridge Studio Gallery (Nov)	Collingwood, VIC.