

**MATTHEW CLARKE** was born in 1986 and lives in Warrnambool in coastal South West Victoria. He lives with a mild intellectual disability but this has not impaired his pursuit of his passionate career as an Artist. He has produced 21 solo exhibitions and has appeared in many groups shows in Warrnambool, Geelong and Melbourne.

Clarke's zealous interpretation of his subjects present with an unbridled vivaciousness. Inspired by his surroundings, Clarke paints his subjects with an unquestionable spontaneity and conviction. His distinctive themes present with a dynamic style of painting that permeates vibrant colours and unshackled mark making revealing an ecology bursting at the seams with eccentric and dynamic characters.

In 2011 Clarke completed a Diploma in Visual Arts, Crafts and Design at South West TAFE, Victoria. From there, Clarke gathered momentum both nationally and internationally at The Outsider Art Fair in France, 2015, Sydney Contemporary in NSW, 2015 & 2017, and Art Expo New York, New York, 2017. Clarke was the winner of the Adelaide Fringe Festival Poster Competition in 2019. His work has appeared on the side of trams in Melbourne and Adelaide.

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## EDUCATION

2005 - 2011 Diploma of Visual Arts, Craft and Design, South West TAFE, Victoria

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Wine and Wallabies, Fisher & Jefferies, SA, Adelaide Fringe exhibition
- 2018 Portraits and Wallabies, Montsalvat, VIC
- 2017 Wallabies Republic, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC
- 2015 Wallabies Garden Party, Art Gallery of Ballarat, VIC (Nov 2015 - Jan 2016)  
Travelgander toured through regional Victoria and the Abbotsford Convent, VIC
- 2014 Matthew Clarke: Solo Exhibition, Mossenson Galleries, WA  
Birds of Paradise, Warrnambool Art Gallery, VIC
- 2013 Bird Watch, Mossenson Galleries, VIC
- 2012 Turtle Time, c3 Contemporary Art, VIC

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Finalist Darebin Art Prize, Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Melbourne, VIC  
Finalist Tatiara Art Prize, Walkway Gallery, Bordertown, SA  
'Wallaby no 5' Selected for Saatchi Screen, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
'Wallaby no 7' Selected for Saatchi Screen, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
'Just the 11 of us' Selected for Saatchi Screen, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
Finalist Pro Heart Outback Prize, Broken Hill Regional Gallery, NSW  
Inland to Outland, Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, VIC  
Finalist Dobell Drawing Prize, National Art School Australia, Sydney
- 2018 Beyond Reason, QUT Art Museum, QLD  
HWD, Mossenson Galleries, WA  
Finalist Pro Heart Outback Prize, Broken Hill Regional Gallery, NSW  
Art Naif Festival, Katowice, Poland  
Finalist: Alice Prize, NT  
Finalist: Collie Art Prize, WA
- 2017 Finalist: Rick Amor Self Portrait Prize, Montsalvat, VIC  
Finalist: Brisbane Art Prize, QLD  
Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Mossenson Galleries booth, NSW  
Art Expo New York, New York City, USA
- 2016 M Mixer - Matthew Clarke & Martin Edge, Mossenson Galleries, WA
- 2015 Outsider Art Fair, Coo-ee Art Gallery booth Paris, France  
Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Mossenson Galleries booth, NSW  
Finalist: Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook, NSW

## AWARDS & COMMISSIONS

- 2019 Winner Adelaide Fringe Poster Competition
- 2018 Commission Street Art Explosion Adelaide Fringe
- 2017/18 Winner: Melbourne Art Trams

## **COLLECTIONS**

Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery  
Artbank  
Arts Access Victoria Collection  
St John of God Hospital  
Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery  
Royal Perth Hospital Collection  
Warrnambool Art Gallery

## **TEXTS, DOCUMENTARIES & FILMS**

Artist Profile, Issue 35, 2016  
'Travelgander', <https://vimeo.com/127004285>  
Melbourne Festival Art Trams, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1WgxzvqOBs>  
Adelaide Fringe  
ABC Radio, Adelaide, Sep 2018  
Channel Ten News Adelaide, Sep 2018  
ABC TV News Adelaide, Sep 2018  
Channel Seven News Adelaide, Sep 2018  
9 News Adelaide, Sep 2018  
Five AA Radio Adelaide, Sep 2018  
Australia Art Review: on the couch with Matthew Clarke, Sep 2018  
Limelight Magazine, Feb 2019  
Art from the Outside – Outsider Art Magazine, California, USA