

# 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 Prize, 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

- 2021 'Affordable Art Under \$2,000', Art to Art, North Balwyn, Victoria
- 2021 Albert Park College Art Show, Albert Park, Victoria
- 2021 'Door to Door', No Vacancy Gallery QV, Melbourne, Victoria
- 2021 Toowoomba Grammar Art Show. Toowoomba, Queensland
- 2021 'Pause Button', Old Auction House Gallery, Kyneton, Victoria
- 2020 'Affordable Art Under \$2,000', Art to Art, North Balwyn, Victoria
- 2020 'Unearthed', Art to Art, North Balwyn, Victoria
- 2020 Albert Park College Art Show, Albert Park, Victoria
- 2019 'Women in Art', FAC, Frankston, Victoria
- 2019 Albert Park College Art Show, Albert Park, Victoria
- 2019 'Spoken Words', Blackcat Gallery, Collingwood, Victoria
- 2019 'Not Your Usual Canvas', Old Auction House Gallery, Kyneton, Victoria
- 2019 'Artaviso 1.0 Event', No Vacancy Gallery QV, Melbourne, Victoria
- 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, Victoria
- 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 Prize, 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](#),' *Southbank News*
- 2019 Leah Mariani, '[10 Simple Life Hacks to Help You Spend Less on Clothes](#),' *Money Magazine*
- 2019 Leah Mariani, '[The Beauty Behind Embracing Your Inner Artist](#),' *Purpose Fairy*
- 2016 Sanghamitra Das, '[What Makes an Artist: Leah Mariani and Her Take on Fashion](#),' *Bluethumb*
- 2016 Luciano Benetton, Rosa Maria Falvo, Chris McAuliffe, 'Looking Down Under,' *Imago Mundi*
- 2015 Simone Murcutt, '[Leah Mariani: I like pretty things](#),' *Desktop Magazine online*
- 2015 Sharmane Rabusa, '[CBS Member Interview with Leah Mariani](#),' *Colour Box Studio*
- 2014 Karina Lowndes, '[Leah Mariani Cut From the Same Cloth](#),' *Yen magazine online*
- 2013 Annie Sebel, 'Leah Mariani', *Yen magazine*, Issue 64
- 2012 Sally Spalding, 'Craft your Surrey Hills Winner', *Port Phillip Leader*
- 2011 'Art Nod May be Rich Reward for Accountant', *Moonee Valley Leader*