



Helen Platania

Helen is an exhibiting & commissioned visual artist based in Melbourne where she works from her home studio. Helen is a passionate advocate for sharing her knowledge in the local community. She regularly works with local council on Arts events such as 'Banyule Kids Arty Farty Fest' and has successfully obtained community grants to facilitate programs like 'Creative Time Out' – an eight-week art program for mothers of Autistic children - experiencing first hand the ability art has to bring people together with the encouragement of community support. Born in Wales and emigrating to Australia as a teenager she has followed a creative path through jewellery design, mosaic & mixed media painting.

Artistic Specialties

- Creator of community based art projects encouraging participation and engagement for local communities. Projects are commissioned by schools and local governments.
- Working with women and children.
- Classes and workshops
- Exhibitions

Artistic Experience

2012 - Present

- Artist at 'Art Angels & Crafty Cats' a studio based art & craft classroom for children & Adults in Greensborough
- Active member of TAM (Thou Art Mum) a female group of exhibiting visual artists in the Diamond Valley

2020

Exhibitions

- 'Self Portrait' Group Exhibition, Incube8r, Fitzroy
- 'A4 Art Show' Group Exhibition Contemporary Art Society of Victoria, Herring Island
- 'Frida' Group Exhibition, Mream Studios and Gallery, Maidstone

2019

Exhibitions

- 'Corners Of The Mind' Solo, Incube8r, Fitzroy
- 'Flora & Fauna' TAM Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, Exhibition Building
- 'Out Of The Blue' TAM Long Gallery Montsalvat
- 'Art4All' FPS Group Exhibition (Recipient of the 'Hangers Prize')
- 'Small' Group Exhibition 45 Downstairs, Flinders Lane, Melbourne
- 'Full Circle' Group Exhibition The Vines Café, Diamond Creek
- 'Postcard Show' Group Exhibition Linden New Art, St Kilda

2018

- Artist in Residence at Greenhills Primary School, working with a small group of grade 5 & 6 children to produce a large mural commemorating '100 Years of Armistice' currently displayed in the school grounds.

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- 'Flora & Fauna' TAM Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, Exhibitions Building
- 'In The Pink' TAM Long Gallery Montsalvat
- 'Contrast' TAM The Vines Café, Diamond Creek
- 'Small' Group Exhibition 45 Downstairs, Flinders Lane, Melbourne
- 'Postcard Show' Group Exhibition Linden New Art, St Kilda
- 'Paintings for Peace' Group Exhibition, Space2b Design, St Kilda

2017

Exhibitions

- Group Exhibition (untitled) Heidelberg Theatre Company
- Solo Exhibition (untitled) Volumes Cafe & Bookstore Eltham
- 'What Lies Beneath' TAM Long Gallery Montsalvat
- 'Green with Envy' TAM Volumes Cafe & Bookstore Eltham

2016

Exhibitions

- 'Scarlet Stories' TAM Long Gallery Montsalvat
- 'Meet me @' The Vines Café, Diamond Creek

2015

- TAM Exhibition Sub Committee Leader (Obtaining grant & gallery space)
- Obtained a Banyule Community Grant and facilitated an arts program for Mothers of Autistic children in Banyule.
- Obtained a Banyule Arts Grant, to fund a TAM Exhibition at Montsalvat

Exhibitions

- 'Above the Horizon' TAM Long Gallery Montsalvat
- 'Up, Up and Away' TAM Long Gallery Montsalvat
- 'Desaturate' The Vines Café, Diamond Creek
- 'A Taste of TAM' Bridges Hurstbridge

2014

Exhibitions

- 'Branching Out' TAM Long Gallery Montsalvat
- 'On the Surface' Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park
- 'Fishy Business' The Vines Café, Diamond Creek
- Feature Artist in 'Artists on Were Street' (MONTY ART)

2013

Exhibitions

- 'Iconically Australian' TAM Eltham Library Community Gallery
- 'Art four ways' Vines café
- 'Times Two' The Vines Café, Diamond Creek
- 'Little Birdy' The Vines Café, Diamond Creek

2012 - Artist in Residence at the Marharishi School in Reservoir working with students across all grades

Exhibition

- 'Snapshot' Bridges Hurstbridge

2013, 2014, 2016 and **2017** – Worked alongside the Banyule Arts & Culture team at the 'Kids Arty Farty Fest'