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TRAVIS MACDONALD

Travis MacDonald was born in Bunnythorpe, New Zealand and currently lives and works in Melbourne. He completed a Bachelor of Fine Art at the Victorian College of the Arts in 2011 and has been exhibiting since 2009. He has been awarded the Gary Grossbard Drawing Prize and the Lionel Gell Foundation Drawing Scholarship. Most recently, MacDonald's work was exhibited in *Painting. More Painting* at the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne.

EDUCATION

2011 Second and third year studies BFA – Drawing, Victorian College of the Arts
2009 First year studies BFA – Spatial Practice, Victorian College of the Arts

SELECTED GROUP & SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, presented by Niagara Galleries, Carriageworks, Sydney
Spring1883 Art Fair, presented by Niagara Galleries, The Windsor Hotel, Melbourne
REALMS, Wellington, Dusseldorf, Germany
Aotearoa Art Fair, presented by LAILA and Envy6011, Auckland, NZ

2022 *Trance*, Envy6011, Wellington, NZ
London Art Fair, presented by Mothflower, London
Comfort the afflicted, Envy6011, Wellington, NZ
DAS BOOT: Artist Car Boot Fair, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne

2021 *Rain sounds*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Spring1883 presented by Niagara Galleries, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne

2019 *Melbourne Comes to Sydney*, Home@735, Sydney

2018 *Melbourne Art Fair*, Niagara Galleries, Southbank Arts Precinct, Melbourne

2017 *Sydney Contemporary*, Niagara Galleries, Carriageworks, Sydney
Precious Memories, Auto LP, Abbotsford, Victoria
Specimen, Artist Film Workshop, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne
Double A-side, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
Sports, The Stockroom, Kyneton, Victoria
Rudi Williams and Travis MacDonald, Punk Café, Brunswick East, Victoria

2016 *Homesick Mascot*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Painting. More Painting., ACCA, Melbourne
Len Fox Painting Award Exhibition, Castlemaine Art Museum, Victoria
To wound the autumnal city, Punk Café, Melbourne

2015 *Return*, Daine Singer, Melbourne
Good Peacetime Liver, Neospace, Melbourne

2014 *Faux Museum*, C3 Abbotsford Convent, Melbourne
Big Sky II, C3 Abbotsford Convent, Melbourne
Das Boot art fair, North Melbourne Meat Market, Melbourne

2013 *Big Sky*, C3 Abbotsford Convent, Melbourne

2012 *VCA Selected Graduate Exhibition*, Boom Gallery, Geelong

- 2011 VCA Graduate Exhibition, Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne
Wallara Traveling Scholarship Exhibition, Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Melbourne
- 2010 VCA Proud Exhibition, Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne
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AWARDS/PRIZES

- 2016 Len Fox Painting Award (finalist), Castlemaine Art Museum
- 2011 Wallara Travelling Scholarship (finalist), University of Melbourne
- 2010 Gary Grossbard Drawing Prize, Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne
Lionel Gell Foundation Drawing Scholarship, University of Melbourne

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