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# JOI MURUGAVELL

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*"Existence was not only absurd, it was plain hard work. Think of how many times you put on your underwear in a lifetime. It was appalling, it was disgusting, it was stupid."*

- Charles Bukowski

Humour and play are integral in the life and art of Joi Murugavell-- a lesson she learned from her father as an elixir to life's absurdities. Behind the laughs lies a desperate desire to understand her world - away from the influences of family, friends and culture. Like a string in a maze, her art is the process by which she navigates the layers she's acquired along the way.

Joi's art is spontaneous, who's characters frequently act out life experiences, capturing the beauty and pain of the human experience and the soul in flux. Her art is often abstract, bright, biting, humorous— and always on the edge of either feeling good or being another way to bleed.

Joi has participated in The Other Art Fair Sydney 2019, 2018, 2017 and The Amsterdam International Art Fair 2019. In 2018, Joi was invited by abc Gallery Seoul to have her first solo exhibition 'Bananas Down Under' in South Korea, a debut of her large format paintings.

In 2017, she was part of a performance piece called 'Ask Me Anything' with the Museum Of Contemporary Art Australia's Young Ambassadors Club. Joi has exhibited nationally and internationally in the United States, London, Mexico, New Zealand and Korea.

Joi lives and works in Sydney, next to a quiet dog park.

# /EDUCATION

MASTERS IN ART AND DESIGN, WITH HONOURS

Thesis: CDROM, Visual Interface Design.

Myth of the Cave: Art and the dissection of meaning.

Auckland University of Technology

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

Majoring in Advertising

Auckland Institute of Technology

BACHELOR OF VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN

Auckland Institute of Technology

# /SHOWS

2020	Group Show, City Recital Hall, Australia
2019	Amsterdam International Art Fair, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2019	The Other Art Fair Sydney, October, Sydney, Australia
2019	Group Show "The Edge Of Abstraction" with Stephen Kane and Angie Goto, Black Gate Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2019	The Other Art Fair Sydney, March, Sydney, Australia
2018	Solo Show "Bananas Down Under", abc Gallery, Seoul, Korea
2018	Group Show "So Far So Good", Vandal Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2018	"The Other Art Fair", Sydney, Australia
2018	Solo Show "Wood & Giggles", Something for Jess Cafe, Sydney, Australia
2018	Group Show "Centro Cultural Del Bosque (Ccb)", Mexico
2017	Group Show "Twenty/20 Art", Vandal Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2017	West Coast Art Expo, McGaw Graphics, Las Vegas, USA
2017	"The Other Art Fair", Sydney, Australia
2017	Group Show "Somewhere Between" with Ariella Friend & Marnie Ross, Vandal Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2017	"Group Show", O Gallery, Monterrey, Mexico

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2016	Solo Show "Follow The Arrow", Installation 'Artist Fish Bowl' The Makery, Sydney, Australia
2016	Live Drawing, with Party Sonic, Jam Gallery, Sydney Australia
2014	Solo Exhibition "Mr Tingles, Zetland Tree House Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2013	Live Drawing with Hemy Music, Brunswick Sock Factory, Sydney, Australia
2013	Live Drawing with Hemy Music, The Honey Bar South Melbourne, Australia
2013	Live Drawing with Hemy Music, Bourke St Hotel, Melbourne, Australia
2012	Solo Show, "My 10 Crushes", Angela Robarts Bird Gallery, Melbourne, Australia.
2012	Art Melbourne, Royal Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, Australia.
2012	Group Show "Art In Mind" The Brick Lane Gallery, London, UK
2010	Group Show "Moodlies Social Objects' with Mirjam Spronk, Dunedin, New Zealand.
2009	Group Show "Small Works Exhibition", Brunswick St Gallery, Melbourne, Australia.