

ARTIST SHANNON CREES CV

BIOGRAPHY

Shannon Crees is originally from Sydney, Australia, Born 1979.

"An accomplished international artist", Shannon's work has been exhibited extensively both locally and internationally, from street to high-end galleries.

She was selected to exhibit her portrait of the Honorary Lord Mayor, Clover Moore in 'Salon des Refuses' at S.H. Ervin Gallery.

Her work was displayed in Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art for Australian Fashion week.

She was the only Australian artist invited to participate in the high profile line up of 'the best graffiti artists in the world' at Banksy's cans festival 2 in London,

Was the winner of Leichhardt councils 'Wall to Wall' competition, with an 80 square meter mural, and has featured on television shows such as 'Getaway', 'The Apprentice', as well as a profile on the ABC News art segment.

Shannon's artworks have been purchased for private collections in New Zealand, Germany, England, America, Japan, Pakistan and Australia.

ARTIST STATEMENT

"My artworks can be a reaction to my immediate environment or an attempt to depict the vivid landscape of my dreams" Crees explores the divergence of opposing themes and the concept of duality as she embarks on an enchanting journey of creative method and visual melody.

Artworks playfully flirt with surrealism in her elaborately decorative process. Her collaged patterns and bold colours depict an abstract interpretation of the things she finds most beautiful. The robust patchwork and dense image-rich compositions are nothing short of a splendor for the visual palette, demanding both the viewer's attention and respect. Crees sees no reason to hold back on her liberated explosions of colour and contour, where the audience is politely invited to examine and observe her explorations into the unknown. Her acute attention to detail sees Crees currently painting two unique paths through the contemporary street and fine art landscapes simultaneously. The philosophy might change but the motivation always remains a compulsion for colourful creation.

AWARDS/ PRIZES

1st place - Wall to wall mural competition - **Sydney**

2nd place - Insight out of sight competition - **Sydney**

People's choice award - Longview Krush Clinic - **Adelaide**

Highly commended - Warringah art prize - **Sydney**

Finalist - Salon des Refuses - S.H. Ervin Gallery - **Sydney**

Finalist - Sheffield International mural festival - **Tasmania**

Selected Mural artist - Banksy's Cans Festival - **London**

EDUCATION

Advanced Diploma in Fashion design - East Sydney

NEIS Course - BEC Centre, Bondi Junction

Business Mentoring Program - NSW trade and investment

Certificate in Small Business Management - BEC Centre

Certificate in Fashion Manufacturing - Brookvale TAFE

Fashion Illustration - The Whitehouse College of Fashion

Photographing Artwork - College of Fine Art, Sydney

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2013** Pure Evil Gallery - Solo show - **London**
- 2013** Privately commissioned mural - **New York**
- 2013** Finalist - Sheffield International mural festival - **Tasmania**
- 2013** Dangerfork Gallery - Group show - **Melbourne**
- 2013** Kaleidoscope Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2013** Fix 8 Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2013** Blank Space Gallery - 10 year anniversary - group show - **Sydney**
- 2012** Global Gallery - Art Lab - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2012** Ambush Gallery - Rinse and repeat - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2012** Ambush Gallery - Glasshouse - Group show instillation - **Sydney**
- 2012** OPEN - instillation for Ambush Gallery & Art and About - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2012** Oxford Art Factory - VNA magazine launch mural - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2012** Secret Walls - Look hear festival - Live painting and group show - **Newcastle**
- 2012** Manly Art Gallery - 'Great wall' live painting and mural for Manly Arts Festival - **Sydney**
- 2012** S.H. Ervin Gallery - Salon des Refuses- Group show - **Sydney**
- 2011** Art and About - commissioned mural for the city of **Sydney**
- 2011** Outpost Art Festival - Group show - Cockatoo Island - **Sydney**
- 2011** Secret Walls - Live painting battle - Oxford art factory - **Sydney**
- 2011** Secret Walls - Live painting battle - Outpost Festival - **Sydney**
- 2011** The National grid gallery - group show - **Sydney**
- 2011** Ambush Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2011** Rtist Gallery - Group show - **Melbourne**
- 2011** Pure Evil Gallery - Group show - **London**
- 2011** Art Melbourne - Art Fair (represented by Urban Uprising Gallery) - **Melbourne**
- 2011** Art focus Gallery - group show - **Sydney**
- 2010** Ambush Gallery/ Semi permanent conference - Group exhibition & live painting - **Melbourne**
- 2010** Ambush Gallery - Pop up Group show - **Sydney**
- 2010** Urban Uprising Gallery- Group show - **Sydney**
- 2010** Art Sydney - Art Fair (represented by the National Grid gallery) - **Sydney**
- 2010** National Grid Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2010** Global Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2010** MCA - instillation artwork for Sydney fashion week - **Sydney**
- 2010** Manyoung Gallery - Group show - **Melbourne**
- 2010** The National grid gallery - group show - **Sydney**
- 2010** Ambush Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2010** Art Melbourne - Art Fair (represented by Manyoung Gallery) - **Melbourne**
- 2009** Project 5 - Live painting & auction- Ambush Gallery - **Sydney**
- 2009** Pure Evil Gallery - Group show - **London**
- 2009** Stairwell Gallery - solo show - **Sydney**
- 2009** 'The Apprentice' channel 9 - Charles Hewitt Gallery - **Sydney**
- 2009** Urban Uprising Gallery - Solo show - **Sydney**
- 2009** Mural - commissioned by Lichhardt council - **Sydney**
- 2009** Fix 8 Gallery - solo show - **Sydney**
- 2009** Art Sydney - Art Fair (represented by Urban Uprising gallery) - **Sydney**
- 2009** The National Grid Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2009** Art Melbourne - Art Fair (represented by Urban Uprising gallery) - **Melbourne**
- 2008** Art House Hotel - Verge - Solo show - **Sydney**
- 2008** Fix8 Gallery - Solo show - **Sydney**
- 2008** Art complex Gallery- Group show - **Tokyo**
- 2008** The Collective - Group show - **Brisbane**
- 2008** National Grid Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
- 2008** Urban Uprising Gallery - Live painting/ Group show - **Sydney**
- 2008** Artist's Space Gallery - Group show - **New York**
- 2008** Opus Gallery/ Kounter Kulture - Group show - **London**
- 2008** Banksy's Cans festival 2 - **London**
- 2008** The Foundary - Group show - **London**
- 2008** Pictures on walls - Group show - **London**
- 2008** Mural - Pure Evil Gallery - **London**
- 2008** Live painting show - Bar music hall - **London**

2008 Tap Gallery - Archibald submission show - **Sydney**
2008 Global Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
2008 Angel Art café - Group show - **Sydney**
2008 Artists' for Peace - Group show - **Sydney**
2008 The National Grid Gallery - Solo show - **Sydney**
2008 Angel Art café - Solo show - **Sydney**
2008 Tap Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
2007 Art Sydney - Art Fair (represented by Art focus gallery) - **Sydney**
2007 Art Focus Gallery - Group show - **Sydney**
2006 Arts connect gallery - Solo show - **Sydney**
2006 Mosman art prize - Group show - **Sydney**
2006 Blank space - Solo show - **Sydney**
2006 Mosman art prize - Group show - **Sydney**
2006 Propeller - Group show - **Sydney**
2005 Art Sydney - Art Fair (represented by the artists' gallery) - **Sydney**
2005 NONUIE - Group show - **Sydney**
2005 The Grand Pacific Blue Room - Solo show - **Sydney**
2005 464 Bourke St - Solo show - **Sydney**
2005 Space Junk - Solo show - **Sydney**
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2004 Space Junk - Solo show - **Sydney**
2003 Space Junk - Group show - **Sydney**
1997 Warringah art prize - Group show - **Sydney**

WEBSITE

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