

JACK HANLEY GALLERY

Jess Johnson

(b. 1979 in Tauranga, New Zealand) lives and works in New Zealand

Education

2001 BFA, Canterbury University, New Zealand

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 Jack Hanley Gallery (April)
- 2021 *PAIN CANOPY YEAST STEAK*, Ivan Anthony Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Terminus, with Simon Ward, The Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt, New Zealand
Terminus, with Simon Ward, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, Maitland, Australia
- 2020 *Terminus*, with Simon Ward, SXSW, Austin, TX
- 2019 *NEON MEAT DEMON*, Nanzuka Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Terminus, with Simon Ward, Heide Museum of Contemporary Art, Melbourne, Australia
Panspermia, *Sing Omega*, Jack Hanley Gallery, New York, NY
Terminus, Tauranga Art Museum, Tauranga, New Zealand
Artist Wall Commission, Facebook HQ, New York, NY
- 2018 *Genetekker Archaic*, with Simon Ward, Christchurch Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
Terminus, Balnaves Contemporary Art Intervention, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
- 2017 *Everything not saved will be lost*, Jack Hanley Gallery, New York, NY
Whol Why Wurd, New Australian Art, Carriageworks, Sydney, Australia
Jess Johnson: Hex Nemesis, Feemantle Arts Centre, Fremantle, Australia
Chondrule Terminus, Dark Mofo, Tasmania, Australia
Jess Johnson at CLIFT, Four AM Gallery in association with Untitled Art Fair, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 *Eclectrc Panoptic*, Talbot Rice Gallery, The University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- 2015 *Wurm Haus*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
Sensorium Chamber, Ivan Anthony Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Endless Future Terror Forever, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Gertrude Edition 2015, Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces, Melbourne, Australia
Mnemonic Pulse, TSB Bank Wallace Arts Centre, New Zealand
Electric Affinity: Jess Johnson and Tina Havelock-Stevens, Alaska Projects, Sydney, Australia
- 2014 *Mnemonic Pulse*, Gertrude Contemporary, Studio 12, Melbourne, Australia
Ratholes in the Babylon of Information, Ivan Anthony Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Gamma World, MCA Façade, Vivid Festival, Sydney, Australia

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- 2013 *Bloodfins and Whipwurm*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Wurm Whorl Narthex, Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu, New Zealand
- 2011 *The Rest is Silence*, Death Be Kind Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2010 *No Soul for Sale*, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom
- 2009 *Hell Is Other People*, Inflight Gallery, Tasmania, Australia
Flippin Heck, Hell Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
Home Is Where My Hell Is, Switchback Gallery, Gippsland, Australia
Who Cut The Cheese? Two Giants of Contemporary Art Talk Frankly Of Monumental Things, Seventh Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2008 *Hellraiser: The Directors Cut*, Hell Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2007 *This Is Not A Love Schlong*, Utopian Slumps, Melbourne, Australia
- 2003 *The future is not what it used to be*, The Kiosk, A Physics Room Public Art Site

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *Figure 9*, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Shenzen New Media Arts Festival, Shenzen, China
Psychedelic Healing Center, Essex Flowers, New York, NY
- 2018 *The Public Body .03*, Artspace, Sydney, Australia
Charmed Contemporary: Works from the Collection, Wollongong Art Gallery, NSW
And Tomorrow And, Index, Stockholm, Sweden
Children of Mallarmé-Fashion, Art and Collaboration, Tauranga Art Gallery, Tauranga, New Zealand
Gothic Beauty, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo, Australia
Walters Prize, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2017 *Let's Play: Art of Our Time*, Bunjil Place, Melbourne, Australia
HB NO 6 Exhibition, CENTRE CLARK, Montréal, Canada
4th Documentary Exhibition / Stress Field, Hubei Museum of Art, China
Drawing, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Whol Wyl Wurd, with Simon Ward, The National: New Australian Art 2017, Carriageworks, Sydney, Australia
- 2016 *New World Order*, curated by Ella Barclay and Toni Bailey, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Casula, Australia
Tricking the Eye: Contemporary Trompe L'oeil, curated by Lisa Sullivan, Geelong Gallery, Geelong, Australia
MIKE, Curated by Todd von Ammon, Four AM Gallery, New York, NY
Future Nature, Jack Hanley Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 *Hiding in Plain Sight: a selection of works from the Buxton Collection*, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo, Australia
Guirguis New Art Prize, Gallery of Ballarat and Post Office Gallery,

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Federation University, Australia

Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, curated by Lars Bang Larsen and Marco Pasi, Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne, Australia

2014 *Spring 1883*, Darren Knight Gallery, Suite 224, The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne, Australia
Don't Hide The Hate, Slopes Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
2014 National Works on Paper, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria, Australia

2013 *Primavera*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, Australia
Melbourne Now, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
Future Primitive, Heidi Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, Australia
Wurm Whorl Narthex, in Populate!, Christchurch Art Gallery, New Zealand
Nocturne, Arts Project Australia, Melbourne, Australia
Gertrude Studios, Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia

2012 *Like*, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney, Australia
Bellowing Echoes, Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces, Melbourne, Australia
Where There is Smoke There is Fire, Death Be Kind Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
The Edge of the Universe, Shepperton Art Gallery, Shepperton, Australia

2010 *Knowing You, Knowing Me: New Artists Show 2010*, Artspace, Auckland, New Zealand
Hell's Bottom Drawer, Hell Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
No Soul For Sale, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

2009 *I Walk The Line: New Australian Drawing*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, Australia

2008 *Jam*, Peloton Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Honk If You Love Contemporary Art, Ryan Renshaw Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
Flux Capacitor, Utopian Slumps, Melbourne, Australia
Robert Jacks Drawing Prize, finalist, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo, Australia
Dirty Popsicles, Peloton Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Informal Rituals, tcb Gallery, Melbourne, Australia

2007 *Cut n' Paste*, Peloton Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Funny Ha Ha, The Narrows, Melbourne, Australia
Zonal Marx - A Drawing Project, VCA Gallery, Melbourne, Australia

2006 *Victims of Drawing Support Group*, Victoria Park Gallery, Melbourne, Australia

Bibliography

2019 T. Loos, "Launch Pad," *Galerie Magazine*, Fall.
L. Ohanesian, "The Art of Jess Johnson," *Hi-Fructose Magazine*, October.
C. Goldstein, S. Cascone, "21 Gallery Shows You Won't Want to Miss in New York This Fall," *Artnet*, September.
"Lifehacks for Creatives," *The Big Idea*, July.

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- April. H. Coney, "Resident Alien: An Interview With Jess Johnson," *Newsroom*,
- 2018 D. Christian, "Artists in residence: Where artists find their happy place," *New Zealand Herald*, May.
M. Fazel, "Can VR Change the Way We Engage With Contemporary Art?" *Vice Magazine*, May.
M. Gordan, "Surreal virtual reality show Terminus moves viewers to tears," *Sydney Morning Herald*, May.
R. Hills Duty, "New surreal VR exhibit Terminus opens at National Gallery Australia," *VR Focus*, May.
M. Black, "Tour the trippy world of virtual reality with Terminus at National Gallery," *ABC News*, May.
M. Gordan, "Mind bending virtual reality work opens at National Gallery," *Fairfax Video*, May.
"Walters Prize nominees announced," *New Zealand Herald*, March.
- 2017 C. Wyma, "Jess Johnson," *Artforum*, November.
J. Caroline, "Caught In Eternal Digital Glitches," *Filthy Dreams*, October.
A. Smith, "Jess Johnson's Otherworldly Drawings," *Hi Fructose*,
- September. A. Pellerin, "Editors Picks: Whol Why Wurd," *Nowness*, September.
"Where there are walls," *Exhibitions Picks*, September.
"Everything not saved will be lost at Jack Hanley Gallery, New York," *Blouin Art Info*, September.
Editors, "Hyperallergic's horoscopes offer astrological advice for artists and art types, in art terms (Cancer)," *Hyperallergic*, September.
P. Johnson, "A Season for Art", *What should we do*, September.
"Jess Johnson at Jack Hanley Gallery," *Art Viewer*, September.
"Jess Johnson Selects: Platform Games and Obstinate Monsters," *Garage*
- Mag, October. Editors, "Jess Johnson at Jack Hanley Gallery, New York," *Blouin Art Info*, August 31.
C. Mandryk, "Jess Johnson: Hex Nemesis," *Art Almanac*, June.
W. Huxley, "Art Makers," *ABC Arts*, May.
T. Laird, "Jess Johnson & Simon Ward," Carriageworks Catalog.
- 2016 H.Gavin, "Jess Johnson @ Talbot Rice," *The Skinny*, September 26.
H. Thorpe, "Jess Johnson: My work is a visual stew," *Studio International*, September.
A. Nunes, "Dune Meets Psychedelic VR in a New Immersive Art Experience," *The Creators Project/Vice TV*, August.
"Jess Johnson and Simon Ward: Eclectrc Panoptic," *Art in Scotland TV*,
- July. I. Szilak, "Jess Johnson and the New Language of Virtual Reality," Huffington Post, July.
P. Frank, "Sci-Fi Drawings Explore a World Beyond Reality and Today's Technology," Huffington Post, May.
D. Pasture, "The gorgeous, unsettling worlds of Jess Johnson," *Versions*, April 25.
J. McDonald, "J. Rich Pickings," *The Sydney Morning Herald Spectrum*,
- April 2-3. L. Mulally, "Panoptical Illusions," *The Nouse*, October 3.

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- 2015
- W. Cox, "Jess Johnson's Wurm Haus," *Broadsheet Magazine*, December 14.
C. Allen, "Seasonal Bonuses," *The Weekend Australian*, December 12-13.
J. Hurrel, "Jess Johnson Prints and Drawings," *Eyecontact*, December 9.
R. Johnstone, "Wurm Haus," *Time Out Magazine*, November.
T. Alber, "Oculus Rift Artwork or Out-Of-Body Experience?" *The Creator's Project, Vice Magazine*, December 7.
M. Capp, "Jess Johnson: Wurm Haus," *Artshub*, December 7.
T.J. McNamara, "Impressive detail to dazzling forms," *NZ Herald*, 6 December.
A. Ross, "Through the wormhole: Jess Johnson's Wurm Haus at the NGV is a truly otherworldly experience," *The Age*, December 4.
S. Bentley, "Jess Johnson: Wurm Haus," Exhibition essay, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, December 3.
H. Hughes, "Making Worlds with Jess Johnson," *National Gallery of Victoria Magazine*, November/December.
T. Fehily, "Jess Johnson," *Art Guide Australia*, November.
R. Gallo, "Nostalgic Computer Art from an Imaginary Post-Computer World," *Vault Magazine*, Issue 12, November.
P. James, "'Ixian Gate' is a Mind-bending VR Ride Through the World of Artist Jess Johnson," *Road to VR*, September 23.
M. Gordon, "Talking Oculus Rift Artwork with Jess Johnson & Simon Ward," *The Creator's Project, Vice Magazine*, July 23.
B. Puvanenthiran, "Melbourne Art Book Fair: Jess Johnson's parallel realm finds a home on the page," *Sydney Morning Herald*, April 30.
S.R. McDonald, "Endless Future Terror Forever," *The Art Life*.
- 2014
- T. Laird, "Gnostic Influx: Jess Johnson Decodes Demonic Data," *ARTAND*, Volume 53, Issue 1, Summer.
J. Hurrel, "Jess Johnson Drawings," *Eyecontact*, May
T.J. McNamara, "World of light and shadows," *The New Zealand Herald*,
May.
- J. Anderson, "Young New Zealander clinches John McCaughey Prize," *Gallery Magazine of the National Gallery of Victoria*, January-February.
J. McDonald, "Melbourne Now," *The Sydney Morning Herald*, January 11.
- 2013
- A. Mannan, "Jess Johnson 'Blood ns & Whipwurm' Exhibition Opening," *Two Thousand*, December.
Radio Interview with Odile Gotts, Tuesday Breakfast show, 3CR community radio,
December.
- P. Murray, "Artist Profile", *Art Collector Magazine*, Issue 67, December.
Radio interveiw with Vincent O'Donnell, Upbeat, Radio New Zealand, 20
November.
- M. Westwood, "It Takes a City," *The Australian*, November 2-3.
R. Helper, "Concrete Playground review," September.
A. Woodward, "Primavera Posse," *Art Collector Magazine*, Issue 65, July- September.
J. Paton, "Jess Johnson: Wurm Whorl Narthex," *Bulletin B.172*, Winter: May-August
- 2013.
- Christchurch Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand.
W. Feeny, "Christchurch Art Gallery 10th Anniversary," *Eyecontact*, May.

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J. Paton, Artist talk Q&A, Christchurch Art Gallery, May.
"Artist Profile," *Melbourne Now*, Issue 25.
M. Backhouse, "Complexly Primitive," *Art Guide*, January/February.
G. Barkley, "Chaos Reigns," *Cat People*, Issue 1.
R. Cook, "Jess Johnson Austerity Measures," *Primavera*, 13.
A. McNamara & A. Stephen, "The Double Risk of Primitivism," *Future Primitive*, exh. cat.
S. Wark, "Next Wave at Gertrude Contemporary," *Realtime Magazine*, Issue 109, June.
H. Pye, "Interview," *The Rebel Magazine*, November.
J. Hurrel, "Infusing fresh blood," *Eyecontact*, August.
Television feature, Hell Gallery, Art Nation ABC, May.
M. Loughnan, "Interview," *The Blackmail*, April.
Television feature, Hell Gallery, Stateline ABC, April.

Awards

2018 Finalist, Walters Prize, Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand

2014 Recipient of a City of Yarra, Arts Development Grant, Victoria, Australia
Winner, 2014 National Works on Paper, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery,
Melbourne, Australia

2013 The John McCaughey Memorial Prize, Acquisitive commission of Outer Head of the
Order installation for National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Projects and Residencies

2017-2018 International Studio Residency, ISCP, New York, NY
Sci-Fi and the Human Condition Residency, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts,
Omaha, NE

2016 Australian Council Residency, Greene Street Studio, New York, NY
Residency and Solo Exhibition, Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland
Inaugural Launch Pad Program, Facebook/Oculus HQ, Menlo Park, CA
Studio Residency, ARTSPACE, Sydney, Australia

2015 Studio Residency, Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia

2013-2014 Asialink Residency, Tokyo Wonder Site, Tokyo, Japan

2013 Gippsland Centre for Art and Design (GCAD), Residency and Exhibition (Switchback
Gallery),
Facilitated by Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne, Australia

Public Collections

Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, Australia

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Art Gallery of Western Australia, Western Australia, Australia

Monash University Museum of Art, Victoria, Australia

Michael Buxton Collection, Victoria, Australia

National Gallery of Victoria, Victoria, Australia

Christchurch Art Gallery, New Zealand

Artbank, New South Wales, Australia

James Wallace Arts Trust, New Zealand