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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 Australian artist 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. 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.

In 2017, she was part of a performance piece called 'Ask Me Anything' with the Museum Of Contemporary Art Australia's Young Ambassadors Club. 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. Since then Joi has exhibited nationally and internationally in the United States, China, London, Amsterdam, Belgium, Mexico, Taiwan, Korea and recently at The Hyundai Seoul Alt.1 Museum. Her work has been presented at major contemporary art fairs including Art021 Shanghai, Korea International Art Fair (KIAF) and Art Taipei.

Joi currently lives and works in Strasbourg France, next to a quiet dog park.

/EDUCATION

MASTERS IN ART AND DESIGN, WITH HONOURS

Thesis: 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

- 2023 KIAF, Banditrazos Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2023 El Núcleo Residency, Segovia, Spain
- 2023 Urban Break Seoul, Banditrazos Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2023 **Solo Show, 'Many Ways Home', Nonage Gallery, Singapore**
- 2023 Pinta PArC, Galleria Ponce+Robles, Peru
- 2023 Arco Madrid, Galleria Ponce+Robles, Spain
- 2022 Group Show 'Viva Arte', The Hyundai Seoul Alt.1 Museum
- 2022 Group Show 'Here's What I Was Thinking', Sibyl Gallery, New Orleans
- 2022 Duo Show with Akimitsu Tamawake, Art Taipei, Fun Year Gallery, Taiwan
- 2022 KIAF Seoul, Banditrazos Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2022 Marie Claire Art Affair Seoul, Banditrazos Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2022 Urban Break Art Fair Seoul, Banditrazos Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2022 Art Taichung, Fun Year Gallery, Taiwan
- 2022 Group Show 'Summer Show' Frock Gallery, Ypres, Belgium
- 2022 **Solo Show 'Finding Mikey' Sarah Birtles Gallery, Sydney, Australia**
- 2022 **Art Solo Taipei, Solo Presentation by Fun Year Gallery**
- 2022 Bama Busan, Banditrazos Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2022 Korea Galleries Art Fair, Banditrazos Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2022 Art Tainan, Fun Year Gallery, Taiwan

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- 2021 Art Taichung, Fun Year Gallery, 2-5 Dec, Taiwan
- 2021 Incheon Art Show, Banditrazos Gallery, 18-21 Nov, Korea
- 2021 ART021 Shanghai, Funia Gallery, 11-14 Nov, China
- 2021 Art Daegu, Banditrazos Gallery, 4-7 Nov, Korea
- 2021 Art Taipei, Fun Year Gallery, 22-25 Oct, Taiwan
- 2021 KIAF Seoul, Banditrazos Gallery, 13-17 Oct, Korea
- 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
- 2018 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**
- 2017 Group Show "Centro Cultural Del Bosque (Ccb)", Mexico
- 2017 Group Show "Twenty/20 Art", Vandal Gallery, Sydney, Australia

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- 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
- 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 Show "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.