## **Duain Kelaart**

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## **Mission Statement**

I am an emerging visual artist with a practice grounded in imaginative sculpture and mixed media. My work explores fantasy, mythology, and hybrid forms, combining traditional techniques with experimental materials. I am passionate about creating visually striking, large-scale forms and contributing to the public realm through exhibitions and future commissions.

#### **Education**

2024 | Body of Work Studio Sessions (Acrylic Painting), Victorian Artists Society, Melbourne, VIC

2023 | Bachelor of Design and Business (Year 1), Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, VIC

2022 | Diploma of Graphic Design, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, VIC

2020 | Implementing Digital Marketing Campaigns (Short Course), RMIT Online, Melbourne, VIC

2019 | Year 12 Graduate, MacKillop Catholic Regional College, Werribee, VIC

# Awards / Prizes

2023 | People's Choice Award & Honourable Mention, Wyndham Art Prize, Wyndham Art Gallery, VIC

2010 | Highly Commended, Wyndham Visual Art Awards, Wyndham, VIC

2007 | Highly Commended, Wyndham Visual Art Awards, Wyndham, VIC

2006 | Encouragement Award, Wyndham Visual Art Awards, Wyndham, VIC

## **Group Exhibitions**

2024 | Geelong Contemporary Art Prize (Finalist), Geelong Gallery, Geelong, VIC

2024 | Wood Street Youth Art Prize (Finalist), Wood Street Arts Space, Wyndham, VIC

2024 | RedWest Primo Red 3, The Annex, Wyndham Art Gallery, VIC

2023 | Wyndham Art Prize – People's Choice Award & Honourable Mention, Wyndham Art Gallery, VIC

2021 | Wunder Gym x RedWest: MAKE SOME NOISE, Laneway Exhibition, VIC

2021 | RedWest Primo Red 2, C & H Gallery, VIC

2021 | \$50-\$500 Sunshine Art Exhibition, VIC

2021 | Wyndham Art Prize (Shortlisted), Wyndham Art Gallery, VIC

2020 | Open House, Wyndham Art Gallery, VIC

2019 | Wyndham Art Prize (Shortlisted), Wyndham Art Gallery, VIC

2015 | Beta Sigma Phi Art Competition (Shortlisted), VIC

2006–2010 | Wyndham City Council Visual Art Awards (Multiple commendations), Wyndham, VIC

## **Publications**

2023 | Star Weekly - Wyndham Edition, 30 August 2023, p. 24 Read Here

2021 | Decade, Wyndham Art Gallery Publication – featured artist, pp. 42–43 Read Here

2020 | "4ft Long Chupacabra Gargoyle Hybrid Sculpture" feature – Vocal Read Here

2017 | Featured on Dan Reeder's Gourmet Paper Mache Read Here