

# Ben Barek - CV

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## Artist Statement

Barek is a Melbourne-based urban artist who works with street murals, wheat-pasting and stickers, injecting life into overlooked places and spaces. Celebrated for his other-worldly characters, his stylised works take form on canvas, in sculptural pieces and in re-worked vintage paintings, prints and advertising. Barek is skilled in acrylics, ink, watercolour and sculptural installations. His work can be seen locally, interstate and around the globe; in streets, galleries and private collections.

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 BOTTLED ZOO | Off the Kerb Gallery, Collingwood, Victoria
- 2017 HOUSE OF GHOSTS | Off the Kerb Gallery, Collingwood, Victoria
- 2016 BAREK WORLD | Off the Kerb Gallery, Collingwood, Victoria
- 2015 100 CANDLES GAME | Off the Kerb Gallery, Collingwood, Victoria
- 2014 TALES FROM THE SKETCHBOOK | Off the Kerb Gallery, Collingwood, Victoria

## Group Exhibitions

- 2018 TRANSITIONS IN TIME | QBank sponsored, Queenstown, Tasmania and North Melbourne, Victoria
- 2017 UN-OFFICAL COLLABORATION | The Stockroom, Ringwood, Victoria
- 2017 YOUTH | Off the Kerb Gallery, Collingwood Victoria
- 2016 THE WILD | Off the Kerb Gallery, Collingwood Victoria
- 2015 BLACK & WHITE | Brisbane Collective, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane
- 2015 ARCADIA | Off the Kerb Gallery, Collingwood Victoria
- 2015 HOME-GROWN PEEP SHOW | Metro Arts Building, Brisbane, Queensland
- 2014 STICKY FINGERS APPAREL | Ken Studio, Richmond, Victoria

- 2014 BAND TOGETHER | The Alternative G20 Summit, Brisbane, Queensland
- 2014 100 CATS | Off the Kerb Gallery, Collingwood Victoria
- 2014 SIRENS | Artist Pura, Woolloongabba, Queensland

## Artist Residencies

- February-March 2018: Artist in Residence | Artis Pura Custom Framing, Brisbane, Queensland
- December 2017-January 2018: Artist in Residence | QBank Gallery, Queenstown, Tasmania

## Publications

- Urban Scrawl (2018)
- Street Art Beastiary (2018)
- Burn City (2017)
- Inside Street Art (2016)
- All Those Shapes (2016)
- Street Art Australia (2015)
- TheArtFabric (2015)