

# FUTURES

## New Commercial Art Gallery opening in Melbourne June 2021

FUTURES is a new project space foolishly conceived mid-pandemic by Steven Stewart and Zara Sigglekow with the express purpose of exposing important work of contemporary artists in the city of Narrm/Melbourne. The gallery occupies a sinuous but workable 55 m2 exhibition space at 21 Easey Street in uptown Collingwood. New exhibitions will be presented every five weeks.

The depth of Steven and Zara's blended backgrounds—which encompass art writing, curating and dealing—means they are well-equipped to offer intellectually stimulating and probably inspired art exhibitions. The establishment of FUTURES comes during a time when Australia's culture capital is seeing slashed arts funding and a rash of gallery closures.

STEVEN STEWART is a dealer from the United States living in Wurundjeri Country (Narrm/Melbourne). He brings with him more than a decade of visual arts experience, having previously owned and operated commercial galleries in New York City with a focus on emerging artists and new programs. Steven has worked with a myriad of local and international arts organizations including Neon Parc, Melbourne; Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne; Artist Space, NYC; Alexander & Bonin, NYC; FREIGHT + VOLUME, NYC; and KANSAS, NYC in the role of Owner and Director. He has also worked internationally as a private dealer, writer, advisor and independent curator.

ZARA SIGGLEKOW is a writer and curator from Aotearoa (New Zealand) based on Wurundjeri Country (Narrm/Melbourne). She has worked in a variety of positions in the contemporary arts industry, with a specific emphasis upon the commercial sector. From 2015-2019 she was Associate Gallery Manager at Neon Parc. In 2017, Zara was the recipient of Helix Next Wave Emerging Curator program, for which she presented a group exhibition *Great Movements of Feeling*. The exhibition premiered at Gertrude Contemporary and is currently touring through NETS Victoria. She is a board member and the Emerging Writers Program Coordinator at SEVENTH Gallery. Zara has written for a variety of publications including Art Guide Australia, Artlink and un Magazine in addition to catalogue essays for artists and institutions. She holds a Master of Art Curatorship from the University of Melbourne.

As well as providing supportive opportunities for artists, FUTURES will assist in taste-making, career building and selling compelling artworks to the art-immersed and art-curious.

With a focus on Australian emerging artists, FUTURES will also introduce works of their established American counterparts. Local and international curators and other starving insiders will be given an opportunity to participate in creating a program aimed at enriching the gallery's perspective. Additionally, the gallery comes with a readymade outdoor exhibition space primed to showcase performance and other ephemeral projects on an intermittent basis during the clement periods. Libations will be served.

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Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday from 12–5 pm, or by appointment. Visit us by tram via the 86/57/59 @Rose St/Smith St; by bus via the 200/207 @Wellington St/Johnston St; and by train @Collingwood Station. Follow us on Instagram @futures\_gallery and Facebook @futures.gallery

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