

# BIOGRAPHIES

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## ARTISTS

AMY MILNE is currently studying Education at VU. She is majoring in English and Art. Although Amy has studied art in secondary school, this year was her first experience in a photography field. These shots are from her final folio, they were taken at a jetty and boat yard in Mordialloc.

ASHLEE DUNSTAN spent 2010 doing photography. She created a portfolio showing the different parts of Melbourne's nightlife, which highlighted places that a tourist would not normally notice. This picture was chosen as it has many interesting theories behind what hanging shoes actually mean, and it leaves the audience clueless with their imagination, as to why they believe the shoes are really up there.

CANDICE CORRIE's childhood environment encouraged a love of the Australian landscape and interest in visual arts, design, music and dance. She is a perceptive observer of people, society and nature; the camera is her preferred method of recording the world. She is studying Education at Victoria University, majoring in Art.

JADE BRENNAN is 20 years old and lives happily at home with her parents in the western suburbs of Melbourne. Jade is the oldest of three sisters who have helped shape much of who she is today. Jade admires the beauty that comes from portrait works and finds inspirations from Elliott Erwitt.

JESSICA CAUCHI is a third year Education student studying at Victoria University in St Albans. She has always had an interest in art and it is one of her study majors. She enjoys taking photographs of graffiti because it is portrayed in society as not a form of art and believes it is important to show it in terms of the creativity and effort involved.

## *Biographies*

JUSTIN TUMILAAAR is currently studying visual arts at VU. He has been exhibiting around Melbourne for a couple of years. At the moment, he is fortunate enough to be working on kids activities for the National Gallery of Victoria, and also running street art workshops in Laverton.

KEN WONG was born in Hong Kong and started photography because he felt inspired by a graphic designer. He has never had formal training. In the past two years, he has proved taking a good photo is not about what camera you use.

LEHMANN B. SMITH studied at VU in 2007. Since then he's written 10 albums, 3 to be released this year, Centrelink permitting.

LE VAN TAI is a Vietnam-born poet and artist who came to Australia as a refugee in 1984 and completed his B.A. at Victoria University in 1989. He has had numerous individual exhibitions in Vietnam and Australia and published his poems in *Southerly* and *Outrider*. His poem 'Separated Lover' was selected in the Poems on Posters Project by the Victorian Ministry for the Arts in 1989. His collection of poems, *Waiting for the Waterfall Falls* was published by Victoria University's (former) Department of Asian Studies and Languages in 1996.

MARIELLE CARUANA is an artist. This body of work was an exploration of ephemeral forms from nature, in particular rocks. The intricate line work is a representation of the delicacy and preciousness found in some forms of nature. The layering within both works is a reflection about time and growth. Inspiration for these works was drawn from Len Lye.

MELODY MCCORMICK decided, whilst studying her Bachelor of Education, to take up some art classes as she is self-taught in drawing, painting and photography. She painted and photographed this artwork while exploring different techniques and subject matter utilised by her favourite artist / musician, Baizley.

NATALIE ZORIC is a final year Arts student specialising in Professional Writing and Gender Studies. A complicated individual with a vast array of interests; it will be fascinating to see where they all lead her. She hopes to leave footprints in the hearts and minds of humanity with her love and passion for writing and drawing.

REMO PITISANO is a writer, composer and artist, working towards goals in these areas. He believes that much more should be done for art in Australia, is saddened by the under appreciation of all art-forms, and perturbed by the ever-growing flaws and failures in, and of, the education system.

SERGEY PONOMARENKO is an artist with a love for photography, skateboarding and creative writing. He has a Russian soul and heart and is letting Australia be part of it. His family and the streets with their stories are his main aspirations.

SHANYN OULD is a 19 year old from the Western Suburbs of Melbourne. What inspired her to initially involve herself in photography was Future Breed photography and her favourite photographer Dan Gonyea. Now her main inspiration is the Lomography community and Lomography cameras. The Diana F+ camera is her new creative outlet. She loves to photograph people and expressions and has recently focused on patterns and textures.

STEPHANIE ZAMMIT, born in December 1989, attended Taylors Lakes Secondary College and is currently studying to be a Visual Arts teacher. She has always loved the art of Photography, predominantly black and white. She particularly focuses on contrast and clarity to bring out the character within the works.

TEGAN SENIOR has linked her life and surroundings to creative representations since she was a kid. Whether that be through her own art or through other peoples art. Growing up, art gave her an outlet to express feelings that she couldn't get a grip on, which has lead her to becoming an Art Teacher. She wants to guide students with art because confusion is one of the biggest hardships of being a teenager.

UYEN (KATIE) DOAN is a 21 year old studying for her Bachelor of Education and Certificate IV of Fashion and Technology. She hopes to accomplish her dream of becoming a successful Fashion Designer and Artist. Her artworks are inspired by nature and fashion.