

Editorial

OFFSET'S SIXTEENTH EDITION is truly the collaboration of a community. One of writers, singers, filmmakers, artists, and much more. This year's edition showcases work from across the world, from Shanghai to the Netherlands to all over Australia, returning finally to our backyard in the western suburbs of Melbourne. As we celebrate our sweet sixteenth, *Offset* acknowledges our contributors as the driving force behind this publication.

Produced by third-year Victoria University students from the College of Arts, *Offset*'s continued evolution is due to ongoing support from students, academics and university leaders. As a multi-platform publication, we offer you the opportunity to indulge further into film, music and an extended art collection, all at the click of a button. This allows more artists the opportunity to explore their creativity as we encourage diversity and equality in all its forms.

Mischa Merz and the Women's Circus take centre stage as *Offset Sixteen*'s Feature Contributors. Mischa is a force of spirit and power. In our pages, she shares with us wisdom learned from her life in boxing. Women's Circus, the first performance artist to feature in *Offset*, soar and zoom from page to screen with their incredible story. Together their energy and talent power *Offset Sixteen*.

This year's content aims to break down the guarded walls of society, to explore the triumphs, failures and magical moments that life offers. It will tug at the heartstrings and force outbursts of laughter in equal amounts. Right to the very last page, *Offset Sixteen* connects you to

society, offering you new ideas, opinions and adventures to digest at your own pace.

We recognise the contribution of our incredible sponsors and supporters who help us to engage with the public and encourage our continuous growth, and whose time and expertise are of immeasurable value in the successful publication of *Offset* year after year.

As you venture between our covers, we encourage you to discover the versatility and flair of our contributors. Their individual exploration of our community and society through various art forms captures imagination and deepens your emotional journey. We hope that you find among these pages the strength of our community and enjoy the talent that has shaped *Offset Sixteen*.

The *Offset Sixteen* Team