



# Bloom

An exhibition of paintings by Luisa Stocco and Emily Lauro





An exhibition of paintings by Luisa Stocco and Emily Lauro, Bloom brings summer fields, magical gardens and enchanted forests to the Women's and Children's Hospital. Both artists are inspired by the flowers and foliage of the natural world and hope their paintings will create a calm mood in the gallery akin to sitting in a beautiful garden.

Emily Lauro is a self-taught emerging artist from South Australia working predominantly with acrylic on canvas. Emily is inspired by nature and loves nothing more than being immersed in it. She predominantly paints from her heart and memory,

rather than from an image or photograph as she feels this best allows her to express her artistic interpretation of a scene without concern for realism. Emily aims to not only to create a beautiful artwork, but to share a story and sentiment.

*'I delight in small details and take inspiration from all that I encounter. I am a mother of two young children and also take inspiration from them and the world in all its splendour through their eyes.'*



In 2017, Emily exhibited her work in the Cambelltown Art Prize, Walkerville Art Show and as part of a group exhibition at Gallery 1855 in Tea Tree Gully.

Luisa Stocco produces her textural and atmospheric paintings by combining stencil prints, textiles, aerosol paint, impasto and oil paints on canvas. Texture is constant undercurrent in Luisa's work, using natural colour, light and her immediate topography as an inspiration. The artworks in Bloom, reflect on and use the



plants and leaves found within her immediate environment. Luisa is inspired by the light and colours in the environment as they shift throughout the day. *'While I aim to represent the subtle characteristics of different flora within my nature, I also am responding to the colour, texture and form in an immediate sensory manner.'*

Luisa is the Senior Art, Design and Media Teacher at Mercedes College. She has previously exhibited her work in a number of group exhibitions including at Palace Cinemas, Pembroke School and Mercedes Collage.

The Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation (WCH Foundation) raises funds in support of the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide, South Australia. Founded in 1984, the WCH Foundation is committed to ensuring that mums, children and their families have access to the very best in medical care, hospital facilities and support services at a time when they need it the most.

The WCH Foundation has developed a number of Arts in Health programs to integrate art into the life of the Hospital to improve people's health and wellbeing. We try to make the environment more 'child-friendly', making it look better and helping to make the time spent in hospital 'feel better'.

Established in August 2008, the Arts in Health program delivers a range of activities throughout the hospital across art forms such as: Visual Arts and Digital Media, Music and Performing Arts, Public Arts and Integrated Design, Literature and the Therapeutic Arts (Play Therapy, Art Therapy and Music Therapy). From providing pencils and colouring books in waiting areas, to managing Gallery spaces and art displays in the Hospital, collaborating with Hospital School on book week activities and working closely with the Play Therapy Team, the Arts in Health program delivers smiles and fun throughout the Hospital.

The WCH Foundation's Gallery program coordinates four galleries in the Hospital, providing a space away from the stresses of treatment to distract, entertain and inspire, improving the visual environment. The artworks displayed in the exhibition spaces come from a range of sources – internally from hospital staff, patients (women & children) and their families, through Hospital School, or specific Arts in Health activities and externally from local artists and art collectives.

*Bloom* was planned and exhibited on the lands of the Kaurna People, we pay our respects to the Kuarna Elders past and present and to the Elders of the lands this brochure reaches.



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