



# Stories in Paper

Papercuts by Janaki Lele



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*Stories in Paper* is an exhibition of meticulously hand-cut paper works by Janaki Lele. The exhibition invites the viewers to explore different emotions and sentiments.

In Janaki's work, the mind has been imagined as a space that has its own landscape and architecture, which changes in accordance with emotional states. The works are cut by hand into intricate and sometimes sculptural scenes which often have a touch of whimsy. The artist takes a positive and humorous approach to the subject matter, making it easy to relate to and amusing at the same time.

Janaki is excited to share her work with the Hospital community:

"I make my art in order to arouse curiosity and amusement in the viewer. It would provide me with great joy and humility to know that my art might improve people's health and wellbeing. I would like to contribute to the WCH Foundation's aim of providing people with a space in the Hospital that inspires and alleviates stress."

The process of making these works is time consuming, and requires the artist's complete concentration and focus. Janaki enjoys the opportunity that art gives her to relax and get lost in





the process of creation.

“I hope that my work encourages the viewer to de-stress and slow down while connecting with my art and taking in the details of the exhibition. I hope it inspires the Hospital community to stretch their own imagination.”

Janaki is an Architect, and a self-taught visual artist. Born and raised in India, she has been living in Australia for the past eight years. Janaki works principally with paper, which she considers, “an obvious choice of material for a self-confessed, obsessive recycler.” In addition to her intricate and layered paper-cuts, Janaki

makes animal sculptures employing traditional papier-mâché technique.

Janaki has previously exhibited in Adelaide at Art Images Gallery in Norwood and Urban Cow Gallery in the city. She also shown her work interstate at the Locoproject in Sydney and overseas at the Balgandharva Art Gallery in India.

For more information about Janaki and her work see her website: [www.candidcuts.weebly.com](http://www.candidcuts.weebly.com)

*Stories in Paper* will be on display in the Orange Heart Gallery (Level 1, Zone E – Samuel Way walkway) until the 1st of May 2018.



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.

*Stories in Paper* 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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