



Dr. Mario

by Tyler Mario



Women's &
Children's Hospital
Foundation



You might usually find Tyler Mario's cheerful mosaic works peeping out of Adelaide laneways, or in carpark blocks as he often exhibits in the urban environment. For this exhibition, Tyler present a collection of Dr Mario's fighting cheeky germs for patients and visitors to enjoy.

Hi everybody! I'm Mario. How's it going? Over the past few years, I've been involved in some pretty wild adventures. Now, believe it or not, I work in the virus lab at the Woman's and Children's Hospital. Today I'm about to begin my research as usual....

"Dr. Mario, something terrible has happened!"

"What's wrong, Nurse Toadstool?"

"One of the experiments has gone out of control. The viruses are spreading quickly!"

"Oh No! We've got to do something! I have just developed a new vitamin that should be able to take care of it. I sure hope this stuff works!"

As a very unwell child, Tyler spent many months in the Women's and Children's Hospital, and only recently revisited for the life-changing birth of his daughter.

During the recovery of Tyler's family, he sought comfort in the hospital's gallery spaces; where he recognised the impact that finding some fun can have during stressful times.

Tyler's often nostalgic pixelated images intersect with both personal and collective social history, finding inspiration from pop culture and retro 8-bit computer games such as Nintendo, Mega Man and of course Super Mario Bro's.

These artworks are carefully created using the humble mosaic tile utilising a limited colour palette, some larger scale works can see the use of up to 15,000 tiles.

Tyler's signature style means his work is instantly recognisable and have brought to life brought many of Adelaide's walls including public art commissions for Adelaide Fringe Festival, Adelaide City Council, Royal Adelaide Show, City of Prospect and the Department of Transport and Infrastructure.

Tyler also exhibits regularly in local gallery spaces. To keep up to date on Tyler's practice, checkout his Instagram: [@tyler_mario](#).



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. 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'.

The Arts in Health program delivers a range of activities throughout the hospital across art forms such as: Visual Arts, Digital Media, Music and Performing Arts, Public Art, 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 five 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 specific Arts in Health activities and externally from local artists and art collectives.

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



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