



Arch

By Janette Gay



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Adelaide artist, Janette Gay's practice is informed by the architectural patterns and grids of the urban landscape with particular interest in how buildings affect our perception and understanding of space.

"I allow the shapes to dictate my practice. I draw upon elements of geometry, canons of architectural space as well as relationships between colour and form to create artworks using a range of mediums including collage, painting, glass, photography, and video installation."

"The paper collages for this exhibition 'Arch' are inspired by 50s and 60s architectural modernism and early abstraction. During the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns working from my secluded studio in Port Adelaide I actively interpreted my sense of space and the complexity of feelings in these challenging times with the shapes, light and colour forms of the buildings and their surrounds as seen from my studio window."

"In one collage I also used the underside of the paper, making visible what's hidden beneath, exposing random mark makings of the things we don't expect to see. My works can offer us the possibility of a new understanding and ways of looking at the world."

Since graduating from the National Art School, Sydney in 2013 Janette has exhibited regularly, participated in residencies, and facilitated art workshops in Adelaide and Sydney. Janette's visual and media practice also includes spanning painting, sculptural installation, video projection and glass assemblages.

To learn more about Janette's extensive art practice: www.janettegay.com



Image top left: detail of *North West 1*
Image top right: portrait of Janette Gay
Image bottom: detail of *North East. revealed*

The Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation (WCH Foundation) raises funds to support the health of women and children under the care 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 Arts in Health program creates an interactive and vibrant hospital environment that improves the health and wellbeing of the hospital patients, their families and staff. Through art, play and music, we encourage curiosity and creativity and reduce the stress of being in hospital.

The Arts in Health Exhibition Program provides a space away from the stresses of treatment to distract, entertain and inspire by improving the hospital 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.

Cover Image: detail of *West 1*



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