



# Tropicana Fiesta by Valentina Marin



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Welcome to *Tropicana Fiesta* by Valentina Marin – an immersive journey into the vivid and textured world of the tropics. This exhibition is an invitation to escape to a paradise of colour and sensation as you pass through its vibrant artworks.

*Within this collection, you'll encounter a fusion of artistic expressions. Some pieces are painted in the bold and lively strokes of acrylic on canvas, while others embrace the fluidity and delicate brushes of watercolour.*

*"For me, art is an exploration of techniques and a channel for my soul's expression. It's a journey into experimentation, where I let my memories, thoughts and feelings flow onto the canvas. Tropicana Fiesta is not just an exhibition; it's a glimpse into my artistic journey and a celebration of the diverse beauty of mother nature."*

Valentina is a muralist and graphic designer living in Adelaide. With over five years of experience in the art and illustration world, she has had the privilege of collaborating with some big names like Adelaide Oval, Rydges Hotel, ALH Group, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.

*"My roots are in a diverse and colourful cultural background from my home in Colombia. My biggest inspiration comes from the beauty of nature – those tones, shapes, colours, and textures are like a spark to my creative fire."*

*"I've been passionate about art and design since I was little, starting off as a simple hobby. Moving to Australia changed everything for me – it opened up a whole new universe of possibilities and inspired me to chase every single dream!"*

To accompany the exhibition, Valentina has also created a limited edition *Tropicana Fiesta* A3 2024 calendar available from the Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation office.

Learn more about Valentina's practice at her website: [vilarte.com.au](https://vilarte.com.au)  
or Instagram: [@vilarte\\_](https://www.instagram.com/vilarte_)



Image top: *Birds paradise (9 individual works)*

Image right: portrait of Valentina Marin





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.

**To see our other exciting exhibitions within the Women's and Children's Hospital visit: [wchfoundation.org.au/arts-in-health/gallery-exhibition-program/](http://wchfoundation.org.au/arts-in-health/gallery-exhibition-program/)**

Cover Image: detail of *Tiger in the tropics*



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