

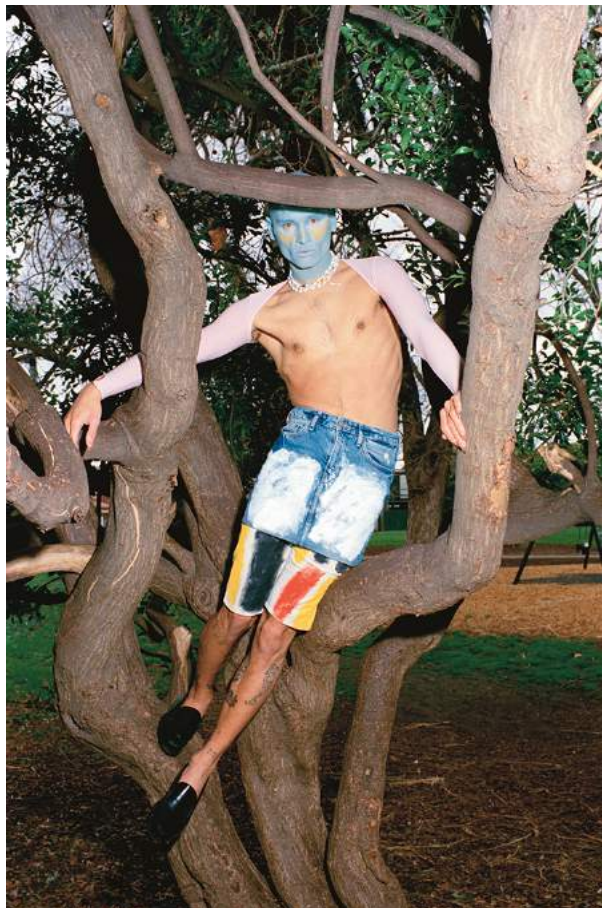
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ARTWEAR FESTIVAL

Missing Persons presents a week of art and fashion
1–7 December 2021

From December 1–7, Missing Persons celebrates the emerging practice of ‘art to wear’ with six Melbourne artists launching a collection of one-off collectable garments in a succession of quick turnaround exhibitions.



Moss Tunstall, *Outstanding Courage & Coolness Whilst Flying*, 2021. Photo by Ted Min

While enduring one of the longest lockdowns in the world, these independent artists were inspired to create wearable art that feeds off the global social media trend of reusing and upcycling fashion.

Repurposing garments frees these artists to exploit the traditional mindset of the fashion designer and consumer.

Younger generations are demanding more sustainable art and fashion practices and ARTWEAR FESTIVAL embraces a return to DIY ethics and techniques - through art with independence and flare.

“The art we wear and live with is the art we become. Art—fashion and otherwise—reflects who we are and who we aspire to be.”

George Berges – In Defence of Fashion as a True Art Form

The eclectic mix of Melbourne artists, who each have their own unique style, creates a grassroots feel to Missing Persons. Each quick-turnaround exhibition features upcycled, reworked, patched, painted, printed, stained, dyed and bleached pieces with a punk aesthetic and sensibility.

The festival program is curated by Louise Klerks who said:

“The concept stemmed from a growing community interest in artist-made clothing. *Is this art or is it fashion?* ARTWEAR is dedicated to achieving an amalgamation of both, diffusing the boundaries of these creative industries.”

“The public can purchase unseen garments directly from the makers and be part of a growing community dedicated to conscious consumption and sustainable fashion.”

ARTWEAR FESTIVAL is from 1–7 December 2021 at Missing Persons. See the program of events on the following page.

Download images:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/puhhbhu67av2g1z/AADxpmM3TU74mXQwyWVGm91Ua?dl=0>

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Missing Persons stands on what always was and always will be the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay respects to Australia’s First Peoples and their Elders, past, present and future.

Missing Persons is proudly supported by Poor Toms and McPherson Wines.

**FESTIVAL PROGRAM:
1-7 DECEMBER**

MOSS TUNSTALL

Launch Party: Wednesday 1 December, 6-8pm
Soundtracked by Cale Sexton

Thursday 2 December, 12-5pm
See Moss Tunstall wearables featuring acid-washed and painted all-over denims, experimental designs, as well as the label's new exaggerated denim hat.

ALEXANDRA NEMARIČ

Launch Party: Friday 3 December, 6-8pm
Saturday 4 December, 12-5pm
Join us for an exhibition of hand-coloured t-shirts by Alexandra Nemarič alongside sculptures by Carla Milentis and paintings by Zoe Whitson.

MATT FINISH

Sunday 5 December, 12-5pm
Matt Finish is a collaborative project between Agnieszka Chabros and artists, exploring garments and print through special edition, one-off pieces created from upcycling found clothing.

See Matt Finish designs with Remie Cibis, Mode and Mode, Vanessa Duque, Blake Barns, Actually Existing.

TROPPO PRINT STUDIO, HENRY HOLDER, LOVE MANIFESTO

Launch Party: Monday 6 December, 6-8pm
Step inside an installation by Troppo Print Studio, Henry Holder and Love Manifesto of hand-stitched and screen-printed upcycled textiles and clothing from the artists.

Tuesday 7 December, 12-5pm
Attend a drop-in workshop with Troppo Print Studio, Henry Holder and Love Manifesto. Sit, stitch and manipulate recycled/reclaimed fabric as part of a communal sewing project.