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Visualising Stories

24 March – 23 April 2020

The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery presents an exhibition highlighting diverse approaches to contemporary children's book illustration.

"Liz Anelli, Lorena Carrington, Tannya Harricks, Bethany Macdonald and Aura Parker employ a range of artistic processes and mediums to respond to a text to create engaging stories. The techniques are diverse, including oil on linen, collage, printmaking techniques, photography, watercolour, coloured pencils and more. The wonder of visualising stories is that the artist is able to shape the story and create a unique reading experience that goes beyond words. Words and images unite to offer a rich and rewarding experience for the reader." Paul Macdonald, Children's Bookshop

Liz Anelli: As an illustrator and author Liz has over 20 children's books published around the globe. She creates her illustrations through drawing in pencil, watercolour and monoprinting. Liz is a Board Director of Australia Society of Authors, an Ambassador for Books in Homes and reviews picture books for CBCA. She is represented by Fiona Kensole of Transatlantic Agency, USA. <https://lizanelli-illustration.com/>

Lorena Carrington: Lorena is an internationally published photographic artist and illustrator, exhibiting her artwork in commercial and public art galleries. She produces her illustrations by photographing many separate elements and combining them in detailed montages. She contributes to arts and literary festivals, and has work held in Australian and International collections and frequently tours schools with presentations and workshops.
<https://lorenacarrington.com/>

Tannya Harricks: Tannya is known for her expressive oil paintings that capture her subject with expressive, spontaneous gesture. She has been awarded the Waverley and Hornsby Art Prizes and has exhibited in Sydney, New Zealand and Italy. In 2019 the book *Dingo*, written by Claire Saxby with illustrations by Tannya Harricks was joint winner of the Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature at the NSW Premier's Literary Award. <http://tanyaharricks.com/>

Bethany Macdonald: Bethany is a collage artist, painter and printmaker, and she has exhibited her paintings, prints and drawings in solo exhibitions and group shows across Sydney. She works in traditional paper collage, painting and preparing varieties of paper and cardboard before tearing, cutting and assembling it to create her textured illustrations. Bethany has just co-written her first picture book.

Aura Parker: Aura is an author and illustrator of children's picture books and she uses watercolour, coloured pencil, artline pens, and digital compositions to create her detailed whimsical compositions. Aura shares her enthusiasm for drawing and reading in visual literacy presentations and illustration sessions, encouraging children to be creative and brave. www.illustrated.com.au

Short statement (47 words)

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The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery presents works by five children's book illustrators, Liz Anelli, Lorena Carrington, Tannya Harricks, Bethany Macdonald and Aura Parker. These five artists use varied processes and mediums to create a dynamic interplay between texts and illustrations.



Clockwise from top:

Aura Parker, Tannya Harricks, Beth Macdonald, Liz Anelli, Lorena Carrington



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High Resolution images are available.

The **Grace Cossington Smith Gallery** is a not-for-profit gallery, run by Abbotsleigh, serving the public through free admission and a changing exhibition program. The Gallery is open Monday to Friday from 10 am-5 pm and Saturday 9am – 4pm. Enter via Gate 7, 1666 Pacific Highway Wahroonga.

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