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Presented by Abbotsleigh Young Curators

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In collaboration with 3:33 Art Projects

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Vanessa Stockard is an Australian artist born in Sydney in 1975. At 12, she moved from her small country town on the mid-north coast of NSW to finish her schooling at Abbotsleigh. She studied at the College of Fine Arts (now UNSW Art & Design) majoring in painting, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1998. She has since exhibited her work widely across Australia as well as overseas in Honk Kong, Los Angeles and New York. In 2010 she won the Stanthorpe Art Prize and for the past three years (2017, 2018, 2019) she has been a finalist in the Archibald Prize.

Vanessa is a complex artist as she transforms the notions of everyday life into unique and whimsical adventures. Her works range from joyful moments with her two-year-old daughter to humorous memories from her experience as a boarder at Abbotsleigh. Vanessa also paints delicate self-portraits carefully illustrating her deeply personal internal journey. She sheds light onto quiet moments which may otherwise be overlooked to capture small, though interesting and peaceful connections between things.

The Abbotsleigh Young Curators have worked closely with Vanessa Stockard over the past 10 months to produce a unique and conceptual exhibition highlighting the sensitive and intimate beauty of Vanessa's work. We have travelled to Vanessa's beautiful home in Bowral, creating a close relationship with the artist and her work. We also went as a team to view Vanessa's works in Clayton Utz and the Chalk Horse gallery, which allowed us to bond as a team and brainstorm ideas for our own curated exhibition.

We would like to thank the Abbotsleigh art teachers: Mary Faith, Amanda Neville and Viola Dominello; Max Germanos and the 3.33 art projects team, and of course, Vanessa Stockard for all the work that they have put into this experience; we really appreciate it and will carry this incredible opportunity with us.

Through careful consideration the Abbotsleigh Young Curators present an expansive body of work displaying the true ambiguity of art.

Charlotte Kindl and Ellen Pragastis

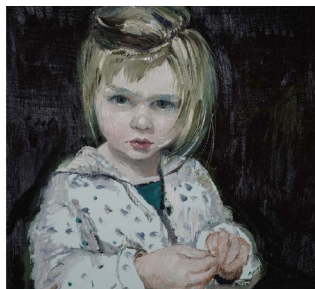
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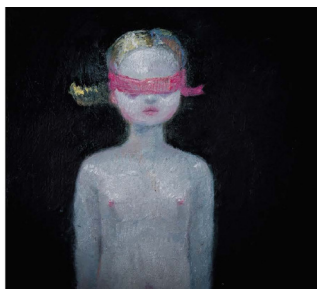
Oh, 2019
oil on board
40 x 40 cm



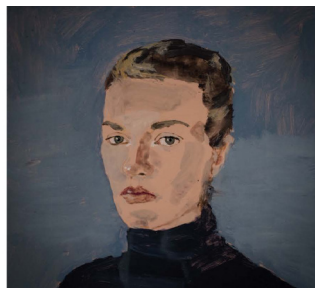
Thinking, 2019
oil on hardboard
30 x 30 cm



Blindfold, 2019
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Self-portrait as new mum, 2017
oil on board
50 x 50 cm



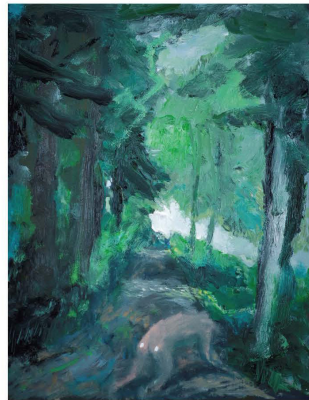
Self-portrait, 2018
acrylic and oil on board
52 x 52 cm



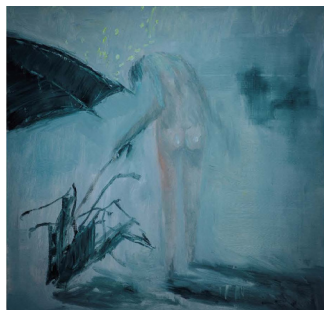
Self portrait in grey, 2018
oil on board
50 x 45 cm



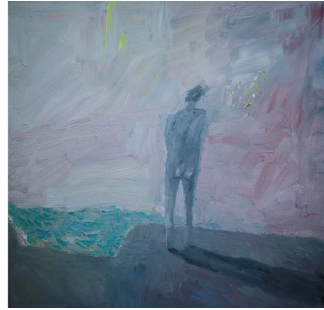
Lost keys, 2019
oil on board
35 x 27 cm



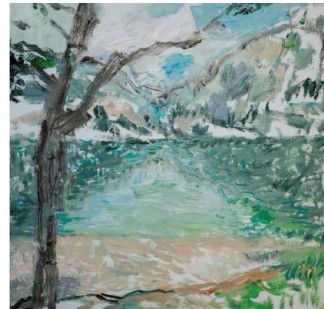
Quality, 2019
oil on hardboard
50 x 50 cm



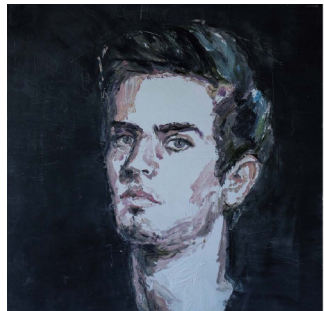
Fireworks, 2019
oil on hardboard
50 x 50 cm



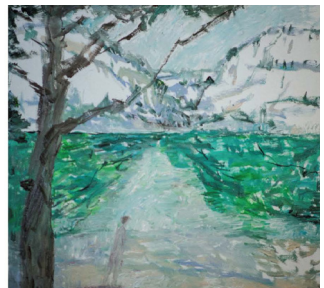
The lake, 2019
oil on hardboard
40 x 40 cm



Jordan through my eyes, 2018
acrylic on hardboard
50 x 50 cm



Derek at the lake, 2019
oil on hardboard
50 x 50 cm



Rose faeries, 2019
oil on board
40 x 40 cm



Single rose, 2019
oil on board
40 x 40 cm



Sleeping child (after Muntz Lyall), 2019
oil on hardboard
50 x 50 cm



Torchlight, 2019
oil on hardboard
40 x 40 cm



Sleeping Beauty (after Leighton), 2019
oil on hardboard
50 x 50 cm



Sleeping beauty (after Mallais), 2019
oil on board
40 x 40 cm



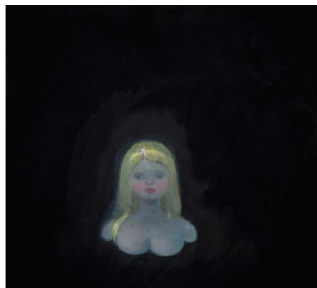
Dirty castles, 2019
oil on hardboard
40 x 40 cm



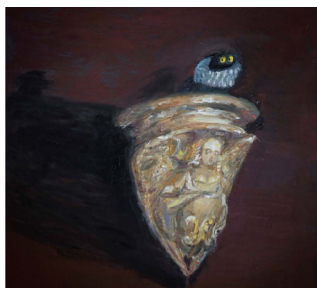
Romance, 2019
oil on board
40 x 40 cm



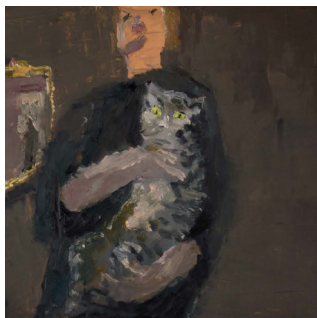
Siren, 2019
oil on hardboard
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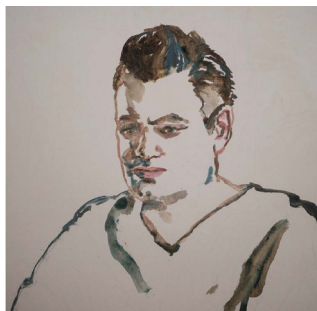
Sconce, 2019
oil on board
50 x 50 cm



Tabby (after Bonnard), 2018
oil on hardboard
40 x 50 cm



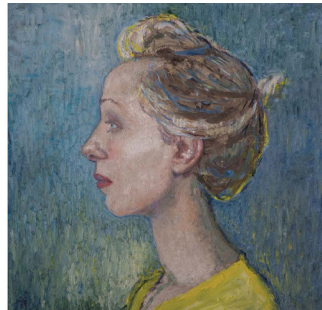
McLean, 2019
acrylic on hardboard
50 x 50 cm



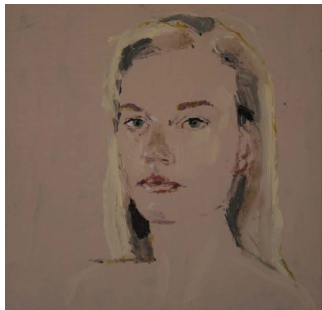
Kevin cuddle, 2019
oil on board
50 x 40 cm



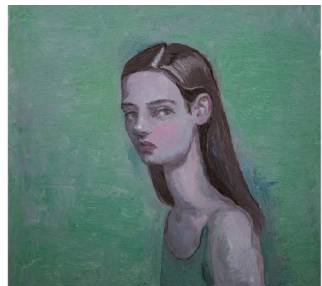
Jo, 2019
oil on hardboard
50 x 50 cm



Self-portrait, 2018
oil on board
50 x 45 cm



Self-portrait at 12, 2019
oil on hardboard
50 x 50 cm





Young Curators

An exciting art program delivering more than education...

3:33 Art Projects has created an innovative art program, the Young Curators, to partner with secondary schools to support education in the arts and provide unique experiences for the students, the school and the broader community whilst supporting Australian artists. The program allows students to work with a leading Australian visual artist to host an art exhibition at their school, working as a curatorial team to research, develop, select and stage the exhibition, providing valuable insights into various perspectives of the creative art industry.

3:33 Art Projects is currently working with leading artists Jasper Knight, Euan Macleod, Vanessa Stockard and McLean Edwards at schools including International Grammar School, Knox Grammar School, Abbotsleigh and Trinity Grammar School.

<http://www.333artprojects.com/young-curators>

The second Abbotsleigh Young Curators group will collaborate with Alan Jones.



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