

Superhero

Project Overview



Vipoo Srivilasa, *Happy Together Series*, 2017.

Photographer: Andrew Barcham

Courtesy of Edwina Corlette Gallery, Brisbane and Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne

Kingston Arts challenges you to make the impossible possible by creating a unique and unforgettable ceramic *superhero* with prominent contemporary artist and ceramicist Vipoo Srivilasa at his ClayLAB studio.

Vipoo Srivilasa's work is a playful blend of historical, figurative and decorative art practices with a healthy dose of contemporary culture. Collaboration is an important part of Vipoo's practice and he has been using clay to engage communities with his creative processes for over 10 years.

12 selected participants will have the opportunity to work with Vipoo at ClayLAB to bring their superhero designs to life as ceramic sculptures, which will be exhibited at Kingston Arts Centre Galleries as part of Melbourne Fringe Festival in September 2017.



Artist Vipoo Srivilasa at ClayLAB Studio, 2017.

KEY DATES

Submissions open:	TBA
Submissions close:	Saturday 22 July, 5pm
Participants selected and notified:	Saturday 29 July
Exhibition Opening:	Sunday 17 September 2-4pm, Kingston Arts Centre, 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

Workshop A – Drawing and building:

Date: Sunday 6 August

Venue: ClayLAB Studio Address: 158 Chesterville Road, Cheltenham

Group 1: 9am-12pm (3hrs)

Group 2: 1pm-4pm (3hrs)

- Participants meet the artist at ClayLAB Studio
- Discuss superhero concepts, produce drawings
- Clay models built

Workshop B – Painting and decorating:

Date: Sunday 13 August

Venue: ClayLAB Studio Address: 158 Chesterville Road, Cheltenham

Group 1: 9am-12pm (3hrs)

Group 2: 1pm-4pm (3hrs)

- Paint and decorate models
- Ceramic works ready to be fired
- Participants interviewed by photographer for video

Accessibility:

- Vipoo Srivilasa's studio includes an accessible toilet and primary workshop area located on the ground floor.
- Kingston Arts Centre is fully accessible, including access to shared disabled toilets on the ground floor.

HOW TO APPLY

To be part of *Superhero* – describe in 200 words or less your superhero and how this character would improve your life.

Create a persona for this character - name them, describe their physical appearance; give them powers, weaknesses, catchphrases... anything to make your superhero stand out as one of the 12 most engaging *super* characters to be selected to take part in two masterclass workshops at ClayLAB with Vipoo and the final exhibition at Kingston Arts!

Fringe Festival is a platform for experimentation with an ethos of inclusivity. So in the spirit of Fringe we encourage applications from people of diverse backgrounds, abilities and experience. You don't have to be an artist, skilled drawer, master storyteller or come with any prior background in ceramics to apply.

We want to encourage every adult to believe in make-believe again through *Superhero*.

1. Read the below Terms and Conditions
2. Apply online or complete the PDF version attached and return via email:
michelle.james@kingston.vic.gov.au or post - ATTN: Michelle James, 979 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin, 3189 and return by Thursday 27 July 2017.

Supporting partner

Kingston Arts would like to acknowledge the generous support of Walker Ceramics in helping to making *Superhero* possible.

<http://walkerceramics.com.au/>



Terms and Conditions -

Age and content:

- The workshops at ClayLAB have been tailored to adult learners, so you must be 18 years or over to be eligible to apply.
- All content produced by applicants and participants for *Superhero* must be suitable for all ages. Kingston Arts reserves the right to exclude any content we deem unsuitable.

Availability:

- Applicants and participants must commit to attending both workshops and be available for either group time. Kingston Arts will endeavor to give one week notice prior to the first workshop of each participant's given group time. Though Kingston Arts endeavors to give applicants their first preference group where possible, this unfortunately cannot be guaranteed.
- All participants must organise their own transport to and from ClayLAB Studio in Cheltenham for each workshop and bring their own lunch (3hr sessions).

Photography & artwork copyright:

- All participants must consent to being photographed during the workshops.
- All applicants and participants must consent to their Superhero statements, drawings and photographs to be reproduced by Kingston Arts and Vipoo Srivilasa for publicity purposes.
- The original statement, drawings, and ceramic superheroes created by each participant will remain their property and no artworks will be sold during the exhibition.

Further questions

Please contact the Visual Arts Coordinator - Michelle James via phone: (03) 9556 4478 (Tues – Sat) or email: michelle.james@kingston.vic.gov.au

