



## JUSTIN WILLIAMS

(Australian, b. 1985, lives and works in Melbourne, Australia)

Justin Williams creates work that is quietly mystical. It reaches us from a place of subversive beauty, where urban legends and local stories contain strange and wonderful characters. It is these characters that interest and inform a new body of sculptures and paintings, which delve into the mysteries of the mountain where Williams lives and works.

Although Justin Williams' works may appear to be a product of an active imagination, in recent years Williams has been living and working in Victoria's picturesque Dandenong Ranges (in Australia), where he has found unique tales and characters that prove to be more curious than fiction. From his idyllic studio in the mountains he investigates his relatively isolated surroundings through ceramic and painted works. From the beauty found in nature to local folklore, including tales of a lone black panther that wanders the bush, to the often-strange inhabitants of the quiet mountain towns, Williams produces work that reflects on and celebrates the character of the place he lives.

Williams was born in 1985, and in 2004 received a Bachelor of Communication and Design, Majoring in Printmaking and Illustration from Swinburn University. 2017 has seen Williams present new works in his third solo exhibition at Anna Pappas Gallery, Arcana. He has held numerous solo exhibitions in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney and his work has been featured in numerous publications including Artist Profile Magazine, Four and Sons, Australian Creative, as well as Australian Art Collector, where he was featured as an artist to watch on the international stage. In 2017, Williams will present work in Paris and Denmark, and will undertake a residency in Athens in 2018. 2016 saw Williams present a solo exhibition at Silas von Morisse Gallery in New York, and participate in a touring group exhibition, which travelled to Copenhagen, Stockholm and Paris. He has been featured in Artist Profile, Australian Creative and New York Arts Magazine.

## BIOGRAPHY

1985 Born in Melbourne, Australia  
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SILAS VON MORISSE gallery

## EDUCATION

2004 Swinburn University

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 Justin Williams, *Figures & Vessels*, Silas von Morisse Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
2014 Justin Williams, *Viridian*, Anna Pappas Gallery, Melbourne, Australia  
2013 Justin Williams, *Mountain I Miss You*, Mild Manner, Melbourne, Australia  
2012 Justin Williams, *A Touch of Norway*, Lapis Lazuli Pop Up Factory Gallery, Melbourne, Australia

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 Melbourne Art Fair  
*Free Range*. Anna Pappas Gallery, Melbourne Australia  
2012 *Trouble in Paradise*. Paradise Hills Gallery, Melbourne, Australia  
Group Show. Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Australia