



## PRINTMAKER GALLERY

### SVEN ERIKSSON

#### About Sven Eriksson

Sven Eriksson is a moniker, an alter ego, of Jonas Ropponen, a Melbourne-based, Australian artist. Sven has been devised as a way for Jonas to diversify his art through exploring themes not normally engaged with in his main practice. Sven has been given license to make very detailed and technically difficult work – a personal challenge of sorts. Sven likes to depict the natural world through maximalist and fantastical aesthetic.

#### SVEN ERIKSSON (a.k.a. Jonas Ropponen)

2012 - 2014	Printmaking lecturer, Monash University,
2008 - 2014	Printmaking lecturer, RMIT University.
2003 - 2005	Print Council of Australia committee member

#### Education

2009 - 2012	Masters of Fine Art by Research Monash University, Caulfield
2001 – 2003	Bachelor of Arts with 1 <sup>st</sup> class Honours RMIT University, Melbourne.

#### Exhibitions

2014	<i>The Snowy River from the Man</i> (solo show) C3 Gallery, Abbotsford.
2013	<i>Pulp Fictions</i> West Space Gallery, Melbourne <i>Community and Context</i> , MADA gallery, Monash University, Caulfield East <i>Outside</i> : reclaimed warehouse space 12 Peel St, Midsumma Festival, Collingwood
2012	<i>Fremantle Arts Centre Print Award</i> , Fremantle Art Centre, Fremantle. <i>Personal Piñata Picassos</i> : (solo show) C3 Gallery stall at Melbourne Art Fair. Melbourne. <i>The Truth About the Art of Keeping Mum: A Studio Project on the Grotesque and Confessional Mode in Art</i> (solo show) Monash University Masters exhibition space, Monash University, Caulfield East. <i>The Blank Pages</i> , Firstdraft Gallery, (solo show) Sydney .
2011	<i>Mound Activity vs Slime Theory</i> Platform, Melbourne <i>Cashmere if you Can – Series 5</i> : Seventh Gallery, Fitzroy. (as Federico Joni). <i>Co-opting Practice</i> Artery Studios as part of <i>Impact 7</i> conference, Northcote.
2010	<i>Stop, Collaborate and Listen</i> : Boxcopy, Brisbane. <i>Secret Files from the Working Men's College</i> : RMIT Project Space, Carlton

- Cashmere if you Can – Series 4*: Trocadero Artspace, Footscray. (as Federico Joni).  
*Grotto*: Seventh Gallery, Fitzroy. (solo show)  
*We Don't Need Another Hero*: Seventh Gallery, Fitzroy.  
*52 Print Exchange*: Geelong Gallery, Geelong.
- 2009 *Burnie Print Prize 2009*: Burnie Regional Gallery, Burnie, Tasmania.  
*Seventh Up*: Feltspace, Adelaide.  
*Cashmere if you Can – Series 3*: Blindside Artist Run Initiative, Melbourne. (as Federico Joni).
- 2008 *Against the Grain*: Port Jackson Press, Centre for Australian Printmaking, Collingwood.
- Cashmere if you Can – Series 2*: Off the Kerb, Collingwood. (as Federico Joni).  
*Gifted*: Gallery 1, Charles Darwin University, Darwin.  
*Come Hither: Interpretations of the Boudoir*: Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga.  
*Silver Lining*: Making Space Artist Run Space Festival, Melbourne. (solo show) (as Federico Joni).
- 2006 *Jetlag Art*: Konstfack Galleri, Stockholm.  
*Deceased Estate*: Old Magistrates Court Melbourne, Next Wave Festival, Melbourne.
- Dispace: Linden*, St Kilda.
- 2005 *Booksapes*: Artists Books, Port Jackson Press Australia, Fitzroy.  
*CPM National Print Award*: Tweed River Gallery, Tweed River.  
*Muscarine*: CLUBSproject, Fitzroy.
- 2004 *Frou-frou*: BUS artist run space, Melbourne.  
*There's a Hole in the Bucket*: Collaboration, CLUBSproject Inc, Fitzroy.  
*Pelt*: RMIT Project Space, Carlton.
- 2003 *Silk Cut Award*: Glen Eira Arts Centre, Caulfield.  
*New Q*: Midsumma Festival, Counihan Gallery, Brunswick Town Hall, Brunswick.  
*Odd*: Comedy Festival, RMIT School of Art and Culture and the Westin Hotel. First Site RMIT Union Gallery, Melbourne.  
*The Show*: First Site RMIT Union Gallery, Melbourne.  
*Siemens Scholarship*: RMIT Gallery, Melbourne and Siemens, Bayswater.  
*Unique State*: RMIT University School of Art and Culture Printmaking graduate Show, First Site RMIT Union Gallery, Melbourne.

Collections: RMIT University Art Collection, Latrobe Regional Gallery, Charles Darwin University Art Collection, Print Council of Australia, University of Ballarat, State Library of Victoria, Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, k.d. Lang private collection.