



Creative Workshops Summary 2023



Everything is Print with Sophie Westerman

February 2023

Host: Sophie Westerman

As part of Winterfest, artist and printmaker Sophie Westerman led a workshop to teach students the ins-outs of DIY relief printing and artist bookmaking. Participants were invited to relax, collaborate and get creative with other students then assemble their print work into a zine or artist book to take away with them.



Your world through a lens: a photography workshop with Rosa Spring Voss

March 2023

Host: Rosa Spring Voss

Artist Rosa Spring Voss delivered a photography workshop focused on portraiture, composition, and analog photography. This workshop put these creative strategies into practice with a set of accessible DIY photography activities designed to improve student's skills, knowledge, and confidence behind the camera. Rosa delivered this workshop alongside her exhibition *I Must Be Living Twice* at the George Paton Gallery featuring a series of handprinted photographic portraits, still lifes, and sculptures.



Cherished deviances - Panel Discussion March 2023

Host: Beth Sanderson, Kurt Medenbach, Ly Nguyen, Row Taylor and the exhibition's curators Izzy Baker and Mia Palmer-Verevis

Guests were invited to the George Paton Gallery for a panel discussion with artists Beth Sanderson, Kurt Medenbach, Ly Nguyen, Row Taylor and the exhibition's curators Izzy Baker and Mia Palmer-Verevis. This discussion unpacked the themes of the show – distraction as bliss, protest, productivity and an aesthetic, as well as considered artistic practice as a form of distraction itself. In a tangential and exploratory manner, the conversation encouraged the participating artists to talk about the way that distraction informs their modes of creativity.



Creative Neighbourhoods: a walking tour of Collingwood Yards

March 2023

Host: Channon Goodwin

UMSU team member Channon Goodwin took students on a walking tour of Collingwood Yards, a former technical college revitalized into a creative arts precinct and an affordable home for numerous creative businesses, galleries, and studios. The 6500-square-meter site spanned retail and hospitality tenants, rooftop and basement bars, galleries, and workshop and performance spaces. Students visited the buildings, explored galleries, and talked about the development of Collingwood Yards and its impact on artists and audiences.



Textile Action! A weaving and embroidery workshop

March 2023

Hosts: Helvi Apted, Britt Salt, and Shannon Slee

Artists Helvi Apted, Britt Salt, and Shannon Slee welcomed students to join them in textile actions in the George Paton Gallery space. The workshop facilitated the opportunity to learn simple weaving and embroidery techniques. Participants worked alongside the artists on a small linen sampler and contributed to our collaborative artwork on display.



Sound Explorations Lab with Mara Schwerdtfeger

A collaboration between Arts Programs
and Union House Theatre

March 2023

Host: Mara Schwerdtfeger

Union House Theatre and the George Paton Gallery presented the Sound Explorations Lab, a 3-part workshop series hosted by sound artist Mara Schwerdtfeger. Through this hands-on Lab, participants discovered and interrogated the sounds around us, and used them to create real and imagined sound worlds. Discovered the links between sound and space, narrative, and emotion, and learned how to manipulate and create sound using powerful tools such as audio recorders and audio editing software.



Forever Threads: A Knitting Workshop with Angela Rossitto

March 2023

Host: Angela Rossitto

Students joined Angela Rossitto to explore experimental knitting techniques and learned about how she used soft sculpture in her art practice. This was an accessible hands-on-making workshop and artist talk where participants could work with Angela to learn new skills through playing with textiles and experimenting with found materials in new and exciting ways!



Drawing on Complexity: a collaborative drawing workshop with Briony Barr

March 2023

Host: Briony Barr

Artist Briony Barr led an art-science-themed workshop that included collaborative drawing and complex adaptive systems. During this two-hour workshop, participants drew with colorful PVC tape on the floor of our Arts Lab. As the lines built up over time, so did the emergent patterns – a hallmark of the complex adaptive systems that inspired the project.



BLOP BLOP BLOP: An experimental curatorial intensive with Lilly Skipper

April-May 2023

Host: Lilly Skipper

This intensive was structured into 4 conversational and interactive sessions, covering a range of topics from curatorial models, the delineation between public and private context in relation to art praxis, and the growth of alternate exhibition platforms and Artist Run Initiatives in Melbourne. The intensive encourages students to think beyond the common knowledges and 'criteria' of the traditional white cube gallery space, whilst providing insight into the corresponding nature of curating and practicing artmaking simultaneously.



Everything is Print! A cyanotype printing workshop with Deanna Hitti

April 2023

Host: Deanna Hitti

Artist Deanna Hitti led a workshop with students to learn about and experiment with cyanotype printing. In this hands-on workshop, participants heard about Deanna's printing practice and then learned the fascinating techniques of one of the oldest photographic printing processes. They learned how to create stunning blue and white prints using sunlight and a variety of objects and materials.



OPEN - LIFE - DRAWING

April 2023

Organised by Kierah Falkner Babbel

OPEN - LIFE - DRAWING was a live drawing and performance exhibition coordinated by artist Kierah Falkner Babbel. The exhibition's audience was invited to watch and draw volunteer performance artists as life drawing models, using provided drawing materials and supports. The artworks of the show existed as live performances by the volunteer life drawing models/performance artists and the accumulation of drawings in the space over the project period.



Creative Neighbourhoods: a creative walking tour of the CBD

April 2023

Host: Channon Goodwin

Students participated in a walking tour of CBD galleries: Craft & Blindside. Students viewed and discussed these organisations emerging artists' showcase exhibitions FRESH! 2023 and DEBUT XIX. UMSU team member Channon Goodwin led this tour, talking about the importance of retaining culture at the heart of the city.



Everything is Print! Zine making and DIY publishing with Ashley Ronning

May 2023

Host: Ashley Ronning

Artist Ashley Ronning led students in a workshop to learn all about making their own zines, including developing stories, composing page layouts, and how to assemble multipage booklets that students could take away with them.



Botanical Drawing with Andrew Seward

May & October 2023

Host: Andrew Seward

Artist Andrew Seward led students in a Botanical Drawing workshop. Using simple materials such as charcoal, pencils and paper, Andrew guided participants through a series of exercises for drawing plants from life.



Cut and Paste Library: Collage & Illustration Workshop

July 2023

Host: Minna Gilligan

Hosted by Rowden White Library and UMSU Arts Programs, Cut and Paste Library was a fun, playful, experimental collage and illustration workshop with artist Minna Gilligan. The workshop invited students to dive in and build their own personal library of modified, edited, and reassembled books using drawing and collage.



Everything is Print: Screen Printing workshop with Troppo Print Studio

August 2023

Host: Matt Feder

Matt from Troppo led a free Screen Printing workshop for students. Matt gave students a crash course on the basics of screen printing and experimented with layering pre-made imagery onto fabric or paper.



Performance Photography Workshop with Jack

Dixon-Gunn

August 2023

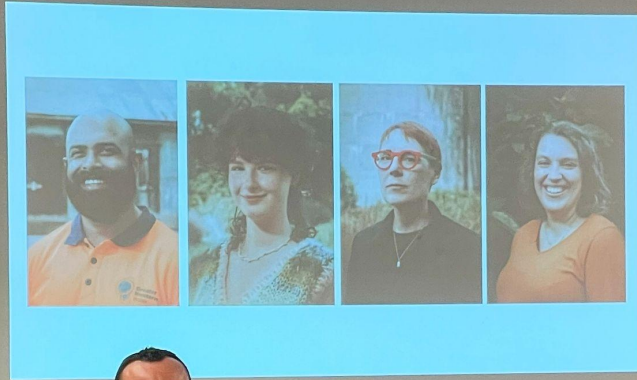
Host: Jack Dixon-Gunn

Actor and producer Jack Dixon-Gunn led students in a photography workshop where they learned all about how to photograph live performances in a theatre and gallery space.

Portrait Photography with Matto Lucas August 2023

Host: Matto Lucas

Artist, award-winning photographer, and lecturer Matto Lucas led students in a portrait photography workshop based within his practice which champions queer peoples and spaces in various methods, primarily candid photographic documentation.





Making Video Art Together a workshop w/ Nina Mulhall

September 2023

Host: Nina Mulhall

Artist Nina Mulhall led students in 'Making Video Art Together', a three-part workshop on collective development of video art. Over the three sessions, participants were introduced to forms of collective production of documentary-style video art including developing ideas, filming, and editing.

THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS

**Secrets of My Success:
Ruby-Rose Pivet-Marsh, Rosa
Spring Voss, and Zac
Millner-Cretney**

August 2023

Throughout three special professional development talks students heard from writer, producer and arts worker Ruby-Rose Pivet-Marsh, Rosa Spring Voss and Zac Millner-Cretney. Ruby discussed their practice, career pathway, and strategies for creative collaboration and collectivity; Rosa discussed her practice, career pathway and approaches to creative wellbeing; filmmaker Zac will discuss his unconventional career pathway and ethics of practice.



**Drawing on Complexity artist
Briony Barr and physicist Andrew
Melatos**

August 2023

Host: Briony Barr and Andrew Melatos

Briony Barr and Andrew Melatos's Drawing on Complexity project returned for Mudfest. Students were invited to be part of creating an epic drawing that took over multiple locations at UniMelb during Mudfest.



Flow like Water: Watercolour Painting Workshop

October 2023

Host: Nila Shekarvand

Artist Nila Shekarvand led a guided meditation and painting workshop. This workshop was designed to help students maintain calm and focus while equipping them with the skills necessary to create a finished watercolour painting.



Your World Through a Lens: a photography workshop with Yanni Florence

October 2023

Host: Yanni Florence

Artist Yanni Florence led a two-part photography workshop that provided students with a range of photography techniques and put them into practice with a group project that aimed to photograph the trees at the University of Melbourne.



Survival Guide: Artwork Documentation Workshop with Astrid Mulder

October 2023

Astrid Mulder

Artist Astrid Mulder presented a workshop on the ins and outs of artwork documentation. This accessible workshop provided students with the fundamentals of using a digital camera for documenting their artwork in a gallery context, including approaches to capturing painting, objects, performance and moving images.



Experimental Collaging with Jordan Wood

October 2023

Host: Jordan Wood

Artist Jordan Wood provided a hands-on experimental collaging workshop for students based within her own artistic practice which traverses the spaces between histories and fictions, artefacts and the discarded, what we choose to conceal and decide to expose.



Thinking Futures: A Reading and Writing Workshop

October 2023

Thinking Futures was a reading and writing workshop based on the importance of utopia and the collective imagination of socially and ecologically just futures. Over two sessions students read feminist, queer, and First Nations speculative fictions and theory alongside writing exercises that prompted the group to envision futures worlds centred on the places we call home.



Sustainable Beeswax & Vegan Food Wraps with Christina Darras

October 2023

Host: Christina Darras

Artist Christina Darras led students in a beeswax and vegan wraps-making workshop. In this workshop, students learned how easy it is to make wraps for everything from covering dishes to wrapping sandwiches.



Contemporary Collage and Illustration with Minna Gilligan

October 2023

Host: Minna Gilligan

Artist Minna Gilligan led a workshop exploring the medium of collage. Beginning with a discussion on methods of sourcing material for collages, and ending with creating their own work, this workshop took students through the A-Z of contemporary collage.

ARTS & CRAFTS



Drop In Crafting with Christina Darras

October 2023

Host: Christina Darras

Artist Christina Darra invited students to take a break from exam prep and come along to an open crafting session. Christina welcomed students to bring along their own artwork work-in-progress or experiment with drawing, painting, textiles or printing.

OTHER PARTNERSHIPS AND EVENTS



New Acquisitions Artist Talk February 2023

As part of the celebration event for our 2023 Collection Exhibition we welcomed newly collected artists Astrid Mulder, Melissa Nguyen, Arthur Nyakuengama, Alice Tsiavos, Jessie Turner to the gallery to discuss their practices.



UMSU International Night Market March 2023

Each year UHT and Arts Programs support UMSU international with advice and practical guidance on the production of their major night market event.



UHT Doll Making Workshops September 2023

As part of lead up to UHT's major production of the Summer of the Seventeenth Doll, students were invited to a series of doll-making workshop in the Arts Lab.