



MARK BO CHU

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fortyfive downstairs, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
March 3 - 21, 2026

Opening Drinks: Tuesday March 3, 5PM - 7PM
Artist Talk: Saturday March 14, 2PM - 3PM

Magnificence occurs at all scales across a city, from road markings to modernist statements, and through its denizens. In his new work, Mark Bo Chu observes familiar and unfamiliar scenes across Melbourne, focusing on singular and collective subjects. Chu depicts freeways and festivals as shared public experiences, as well as work and friendship, cherished in private. In his gritty and vibrant style, he presses at what makes a moment monumental.





1. Everybody in the Place
2. Freeform Camouflage

acrylic on canvas
acrylic on canvas

75x100cm
75x100cm

\$4200
sold





3. Nest

acrylic on canvas

150x150cm

\$11000



4. The Crow on the Tote
5. Replica Temple (Revolver)

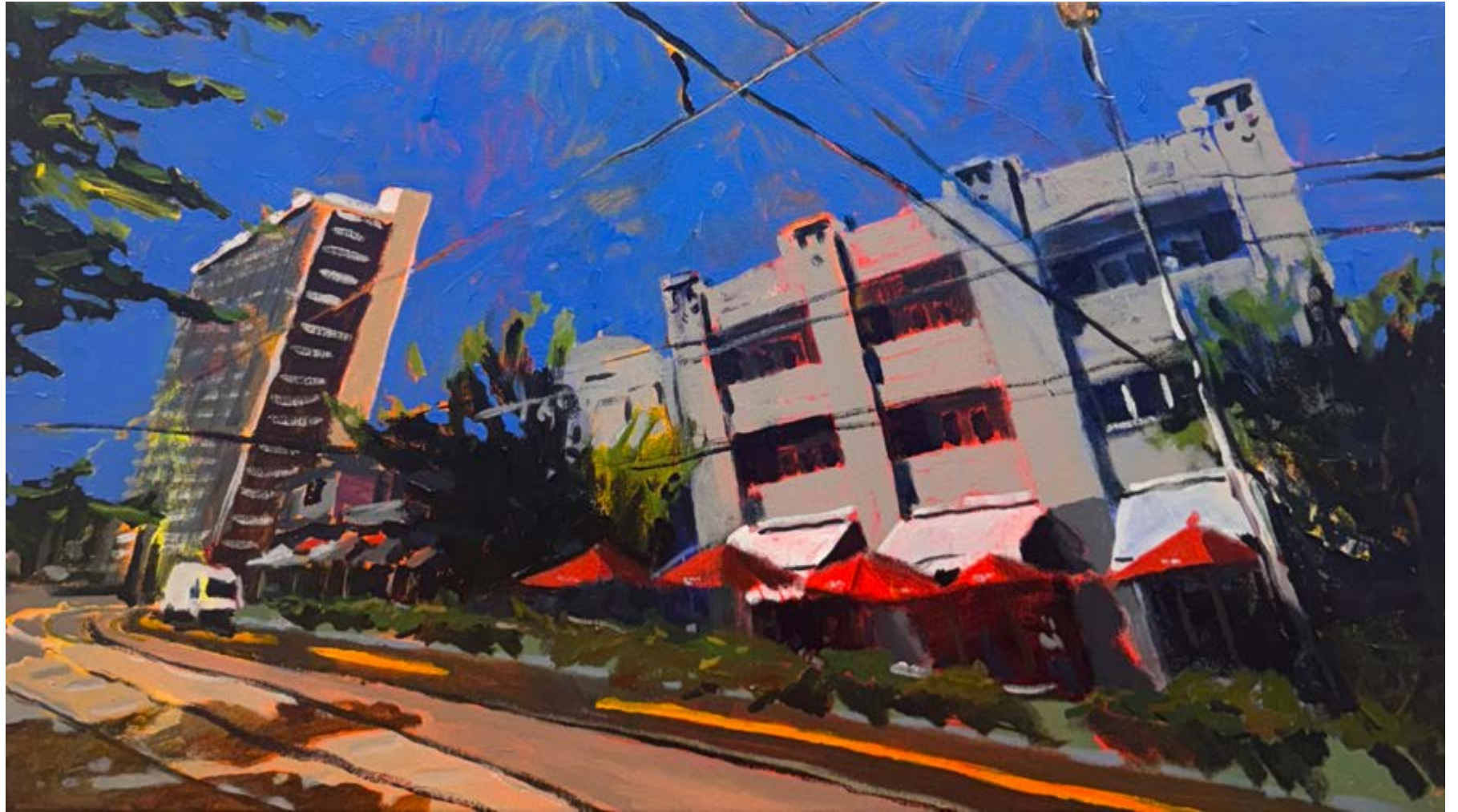
acrylic on linen
acrylic on linen

60x75cm
40x51cm

SOLD
\$2600



6. Public Display of Affection (NGV) acrylic on canvas 45x82cm \$2600



7. 42 Degrees on the Domain acrylic on canvas

45x82cm

\$2600



8. On Hold at the Paperback

acrylic on canvas

45x82cm

sold



9. Swotvac (Carlton Gardens)

acrylic on canvas

45x82cm

sold

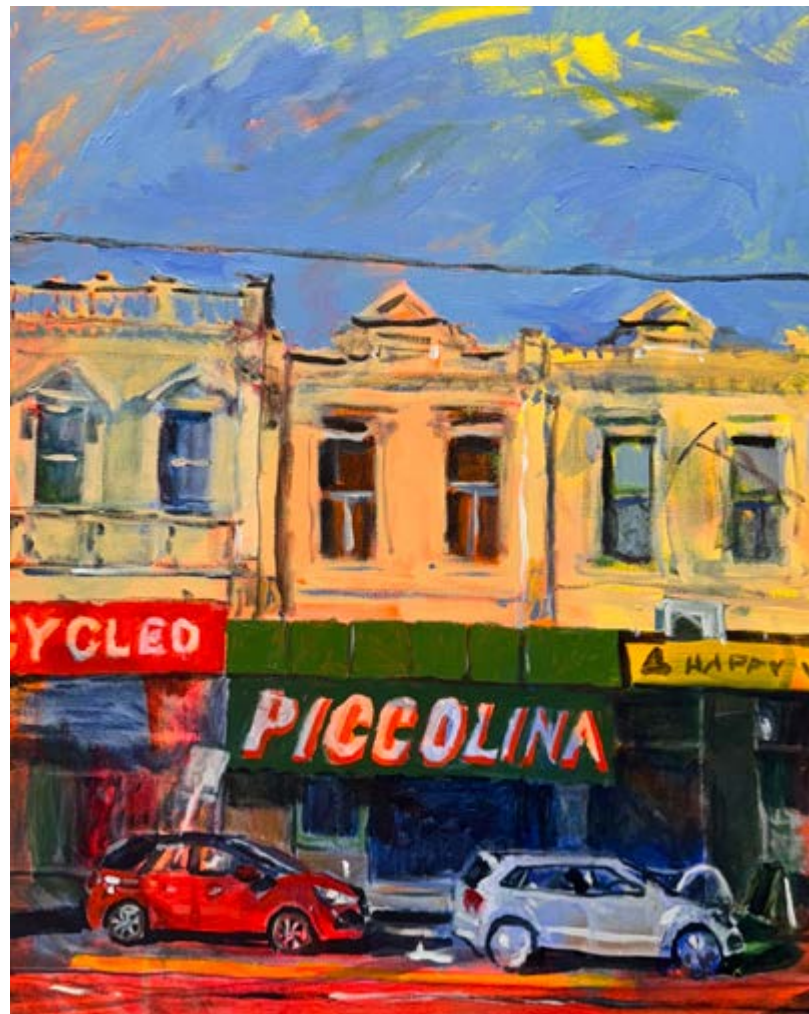


10. Ice Cream Truck (Pidapipo)

acrylic on canvas

11. 42 Degrees on Smith St

acrylic on canvas



75x100cm

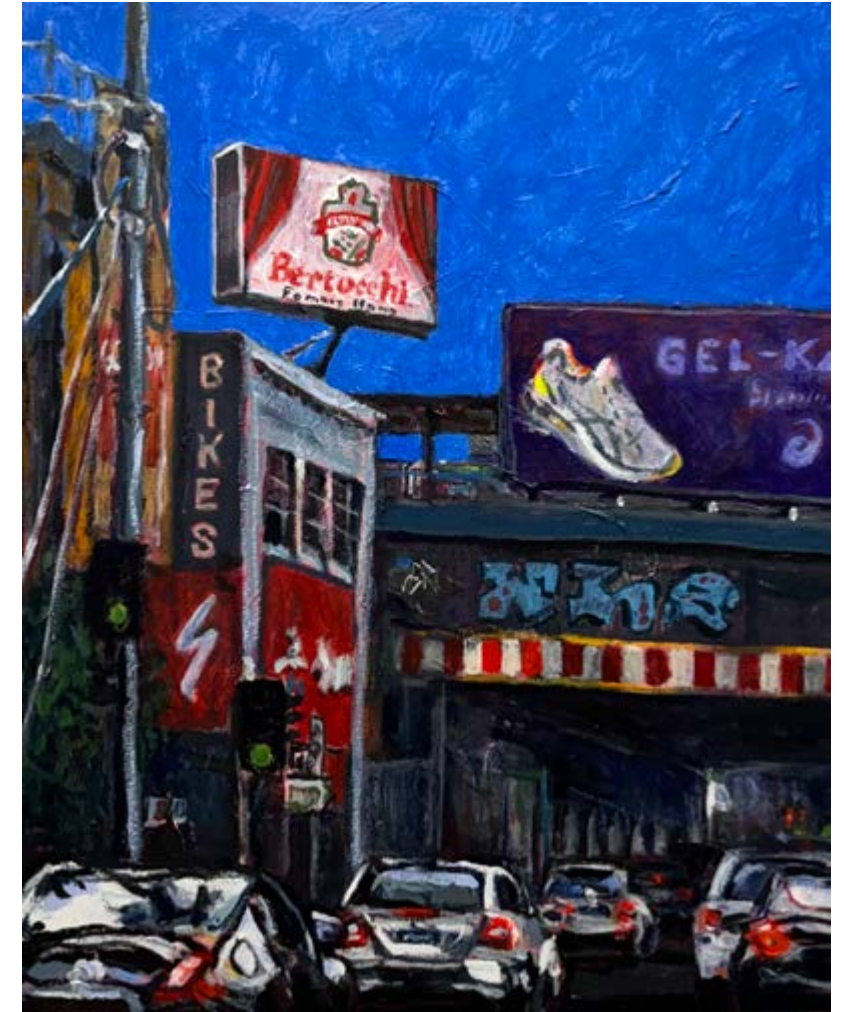
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75x100cm

sold



12. Pork Banh Mi
13. Bertocchi WLS



acrylic on canvas
acrylic on canvas

75x100cm
75x100cm

sold
\$2600

14. The Echo

acrylic on canvas

92x92cm

sold





15. Lizards
16. The Spider

acrylic on canvas
acrylic on canvas

75x100cm
75x100cm

\$4200
sold

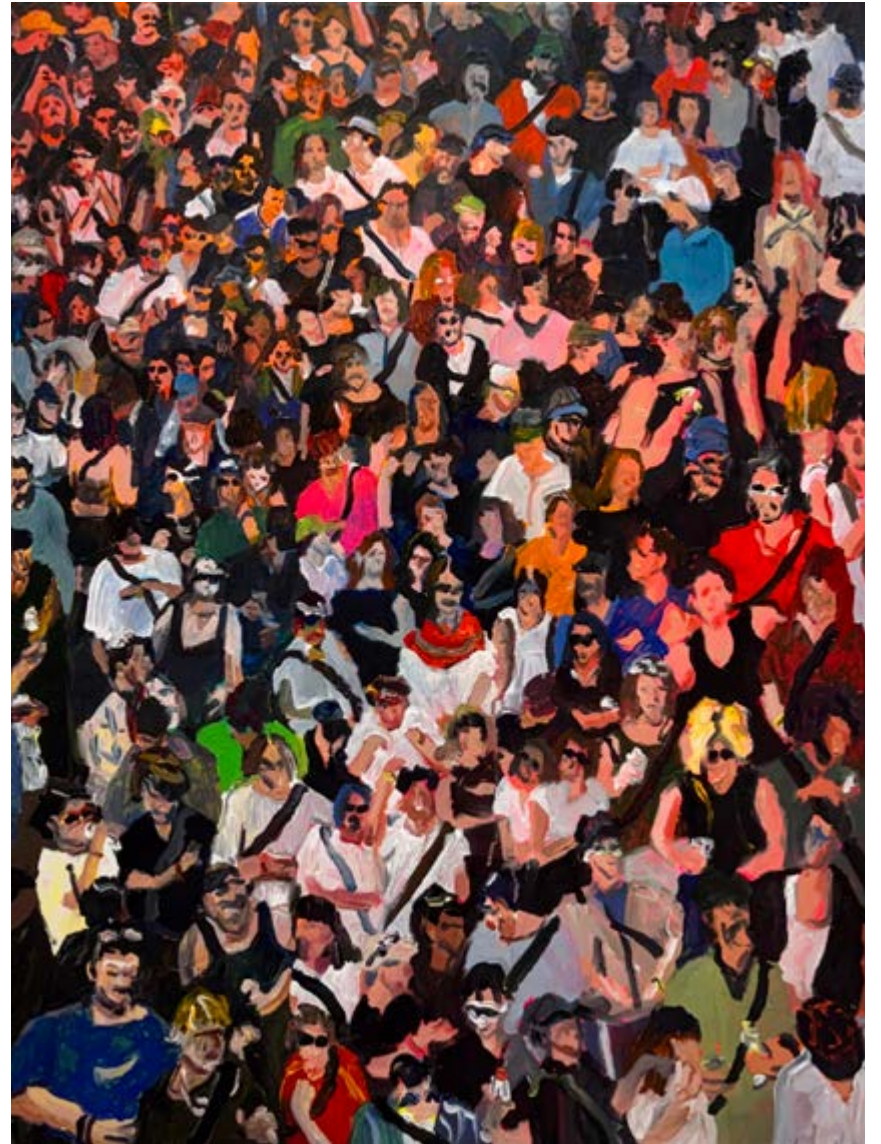


17. Reign

acrylic on canvas

75x100cm

\$4200





18. Chemist Warehouse World

acrylic on canvas

45x82cm

\$2600



19. A1

acrylic on canvas

45x82cm

\$2600



20. Heritage Bid (Alfred Tower, North Melbourne Housing Estate)

acrylic on canvas

45x82cm

\$2600



21. The Elbow

acrylic on canvas

45x82cm

sold

22. Dormant

acrylic on canvas

92x92cm

sold

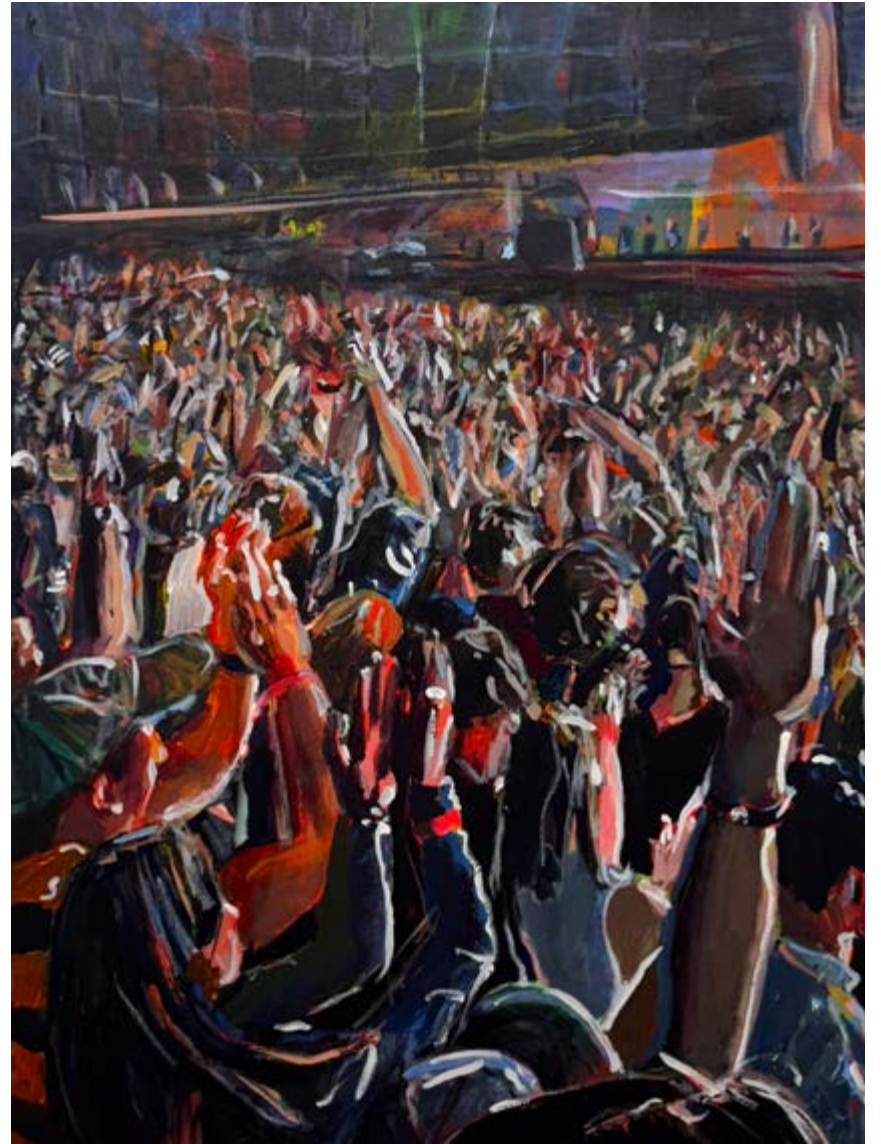


23. The Big Tent

acrylic on canvas

75x100cm

\$4200



Mark Bo Chu (b. 1989) is a painter of the everyday. Chu's work has been covered in ABC, SBS, Esquire, New York Times, and VICE. He was the 2022 Highly Commended Prizewinner of the Lester Portrait Prize. Chu has a fiction MFA from Columbia University.

Chu is a science researcher, focusing on computational cognition, having published in journals like Nature and Cognition. He currently writes for To Be Magazine, interviewing cultural figures including Jerry Saltz and Fontaines DC. Chu is a past reviewer for The Good Food Guide, and has recorded as a solo pianist with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. He has an upcoming webseries with ABC Arts called The Hungry Artist.

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