



PUNCHLINES

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Punchlines is a group exhibition exploring the use of humour in contemporary art.

Spanning painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, textiles, mixed media, video art, and experimental practices, *Punchlines* highlights a wide range of mediums, styles, and subject matter, united by a shared impulse to find the joke, however subtle or subversive.

This humour takes many forms, including (but not limited to): satire and social critique, wordplay and visual puns, absurdity, surrealism, dark humour, pop art, playful disruption, appropriation, or just plain silliness. Works may entertain, surprise, or unsettle, using laughter to expose contradictions, challenge authority, critique politics or culture, or simply revel in the joy of making something funny.

This exhibition coincides with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, which is taking over the theatre at fortyfivedownstairs. For a few weeks, the building will be filled with artists and comedians alike, both attempting to perfect the art of the punchline.



Alana Davis

I Am Absolutely Fine

polyester thread on cotton cloth

17 x 34 cm

SOLD



Al Roberts
Drag race
bronze
13.5 x 21 x 16 cm
\$2,000 (edition of 11)



Alex Saveski
Home Décor Object 1
limestone
19 x 13 x 13 cm
NFS



Alex Saveski
Pin the Tail on the Narcissist
inkjet print, human hair, hair band, push pin
35 x 21 cm
NFS



Alice Gilbert
ANGST
digital drawing/ design print
44 x 32 cm
\$300



Amanda Tonkin-Hill
The Boredom Overtook Us
oil on canvas
107 x 72 cm each
\$15,000



Anna Yao Mei Wang
hysterical
colour pencil on archival watercolour paper
42 x 29.7 cm
\$530



Benjamin Shaw
Hey it's a Tiny House
acrylic on canvas
40 x 30 cm
\$400



Cameron Grant

Please Do Not Sit

fine art print

84 x 60 cm (A1)

A1 \$595, A2 \$295, A3 \$150, A4 \$55



Cameron McGregor
Monsieur Magritte's Budgerigar
oil on canvas
52 x 43 cm
\$850



Catriona Fraser

Butterflies

glass beads, nylon thread, acrylic frame

24 x 24 cm

\$380



Charlotte Finley
Stress of leisure
oil on canvas
76 x 66 cm
\$670



Cristina Perra
Jerks Candy/ Sucks to Suck
acrylic paint on weather flash and push pins
5 x 20 x 11.5 cm
\$250



Daisi Diddle

Moving a Silver Crested Hooter from A to B

acrylic on wooden drawer with light

52 x 36 x 10 cm

\$420



Daisi Diddle

Man-Asana

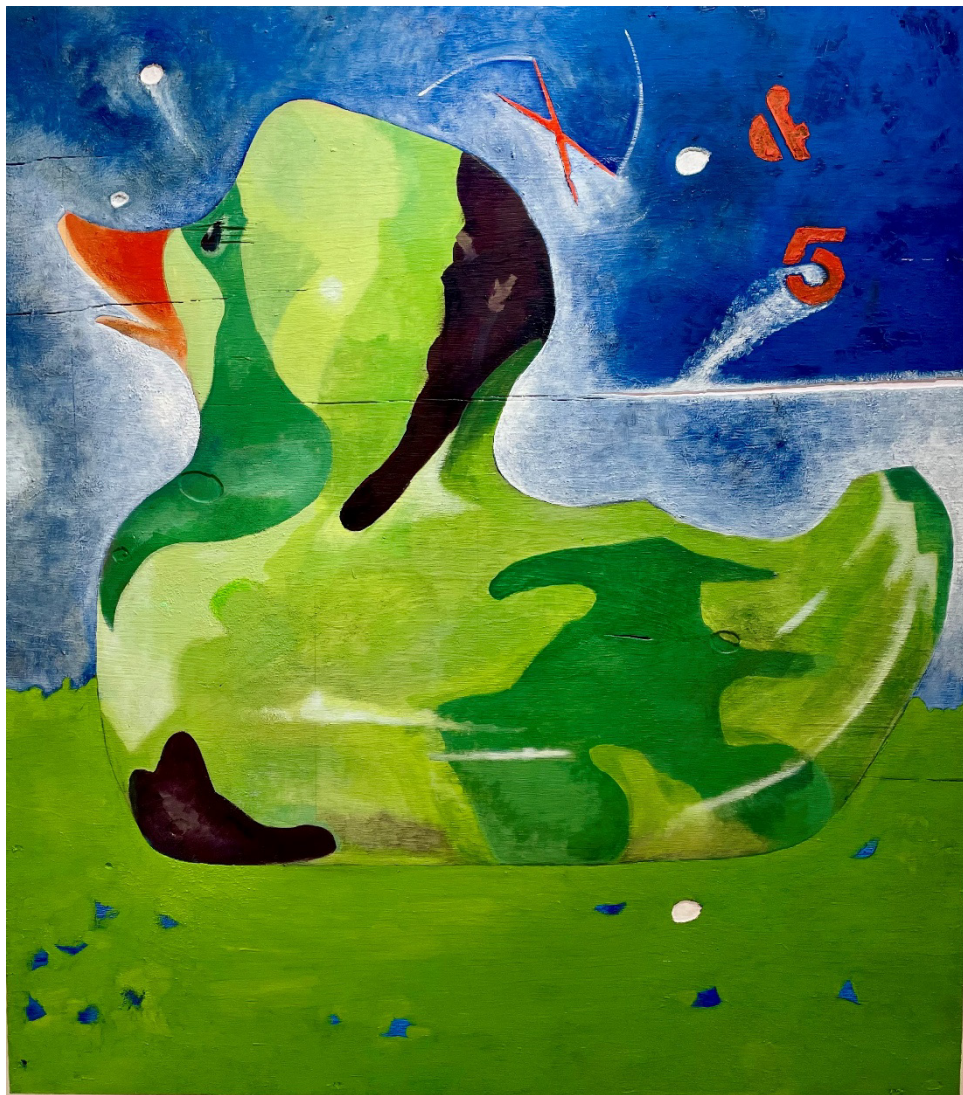
acrylic on paper, limited print on photo rag/ metal box

15 x 20 x 2 cm

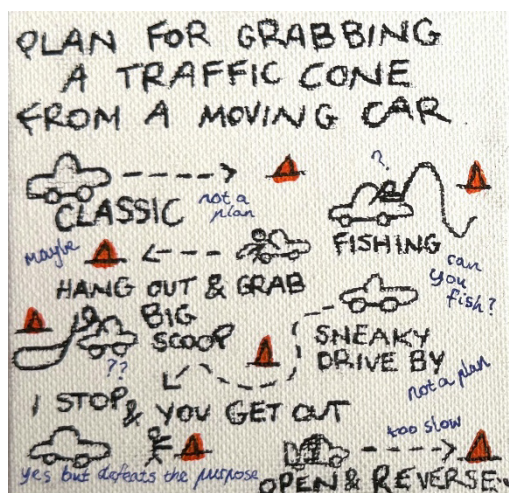
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Darren Frisina
Blood Orange
oil on panel
49 x 39 cm
\$850



Emma Buckland
Low Visibility
oil on reclaimed pallet panel
120 x 107 cm
\$1,500



Esmé Stripp
Traffic Cone Fascination 1
 acrylic and fineliner on canvas
 10 x 10 cm each
 \$150 each



Esmé Stripp
Traffic Cone Fascination 2
 acrylic and fineliner on canvas
 15 x 15 cm / 10 x 10 cm
 \$180 / \$150 each



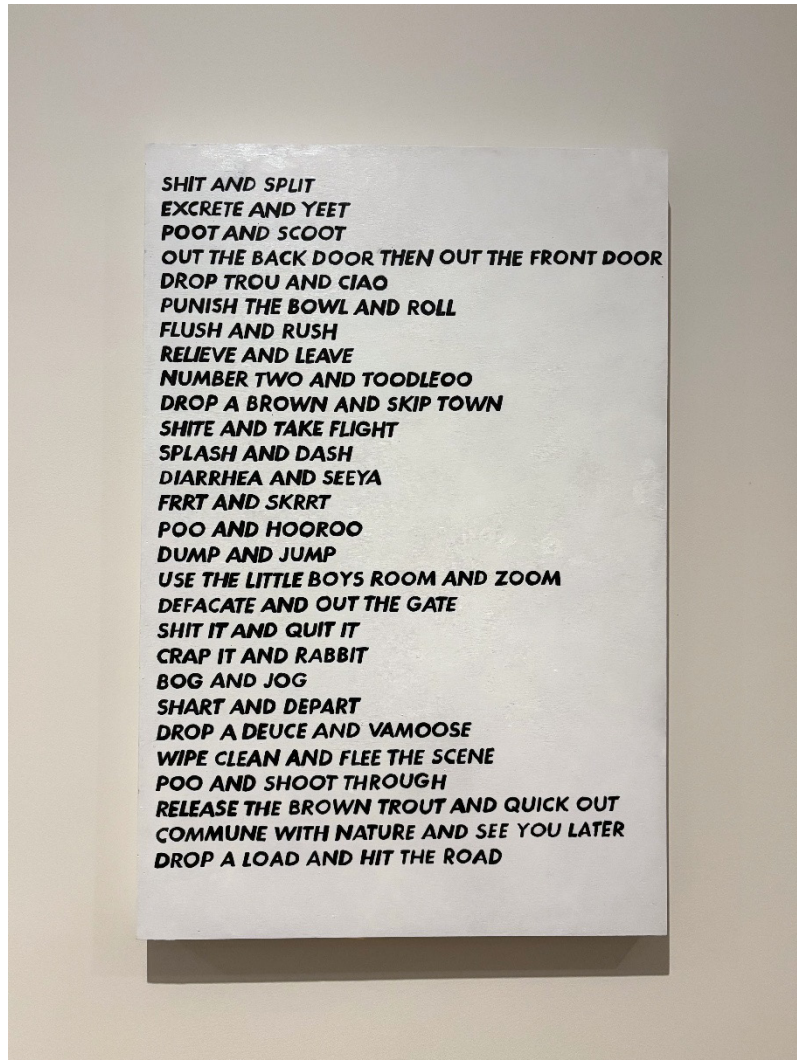
Falconeris Marimon

Double Truck

enamel spray paint on corflute road sign

60 x 60 cm

\$925



Freya Cronin

Pooisms

acrylic on wood panel

60 x 40 cm

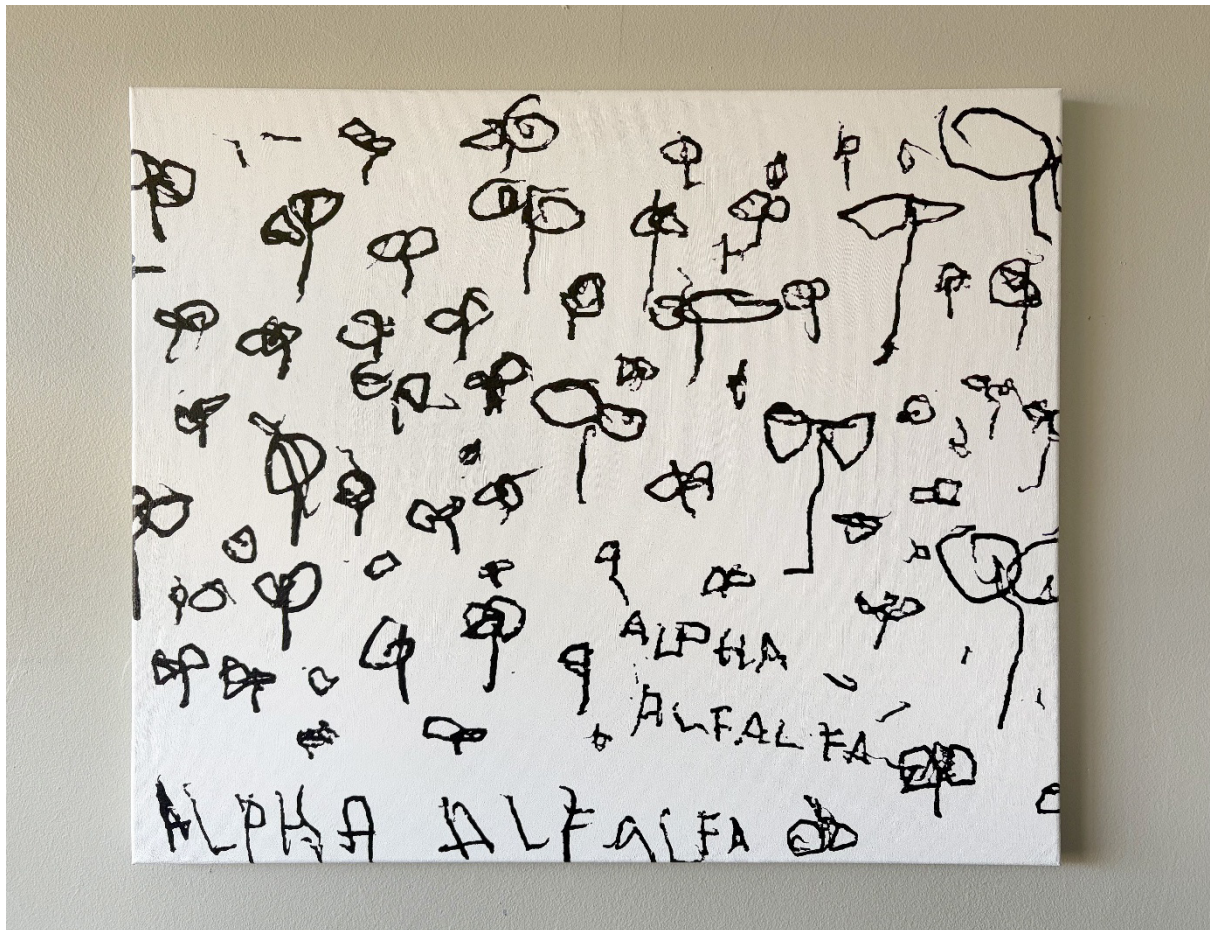
\$380



Gala Jane
Good Girls Belong in the Kitchen (Starring Bellanana)
HD video
3min 4sec looped
NFS



Gala Jane
Resting Bitch Face
cardboard cutout
165 x 68 x 20 cm
NFS



Hiro Feliciano
Alpha alfalfa
acrylic on primed canvas
50 x 60 cm
\$1,850



Jean-Luc Syndikas
Work Hard, Karaoke Hard
ink on cotton rag
42 x 59.4 cm
\$750 (edition of 5)



Jennifer Burns
Budgie Smugglers
Oil on speedos
42 x 52 cm
\$1,200



Jennifer Burns
McChippies
oil on board
38 x 36 cm
\$695



Jincheng Deng
hard hat with bee
ABS plastics
86 x 42 x 36 cm
\$2,500



Jon Potter
Boring
oil on board
20 x 25 cm
\$900



Jooyun Lim
Arrow, Error
ceramic slipcasting
10 x 18 x 24 cm
\$471



Josh Dykgraaf

Bin Chicken

photographic manipulation of rubbish from the streets of Melbourne

98 x 76 cm framed

\$1,450 framed, \$950 print-only (edition of 20)



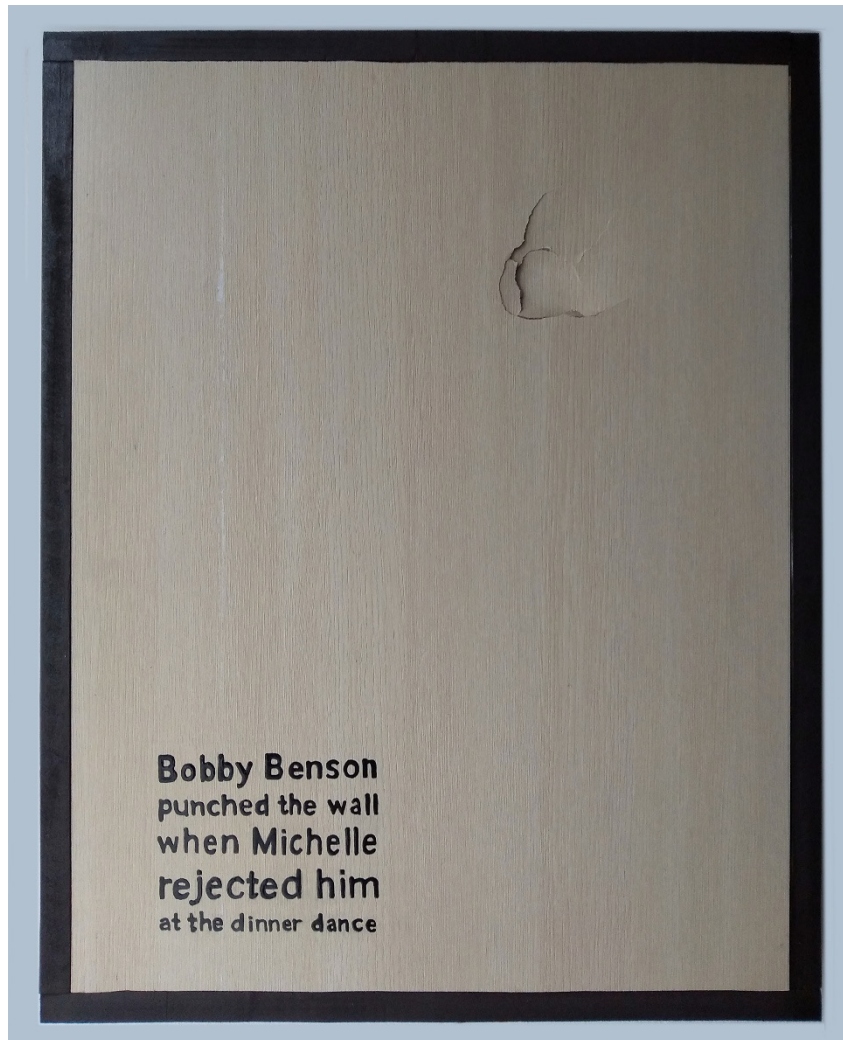
Julian Di Martino

You Are

water based enamel on foam, wood

32 x 32 x 16 cm

\$300



Julian Di Martino

Bobby Benson punched the wall

acrylic on found wood

55 x 43 cm

\$500



Kristian V. Eldritch

A trivial pursuit

paper collage, clockworks, foam board

47 x 38 cm

\$500

Does anyone know Michelle?

Liam Herne
Michelle
framed digital print
32 x 42.5 cm
\$250



Liv McCarten
Happy Birthday
oil on canvas
27.5 x 27.5 cm
\$765



Matthew Clarke
Party People
acrylic on linen
76.3 x 76.3 cm
\$3,200



Michael Fee
I'm a dog
acrylic and oil on canvas
150 x 100 cm
\$950



Nicole Robertson
Not My Problem
linocut
45 x 32 cm
\$200 (edition of 7)



Ponce A Delph
The Standard of Living
acrylic on canvas
50 x 40 cm
\$1,260



Rosie Carr
FrangiFanny
Photopolymer prints on resin-coated plant stems
14 x 10 cm each
\$230 each print



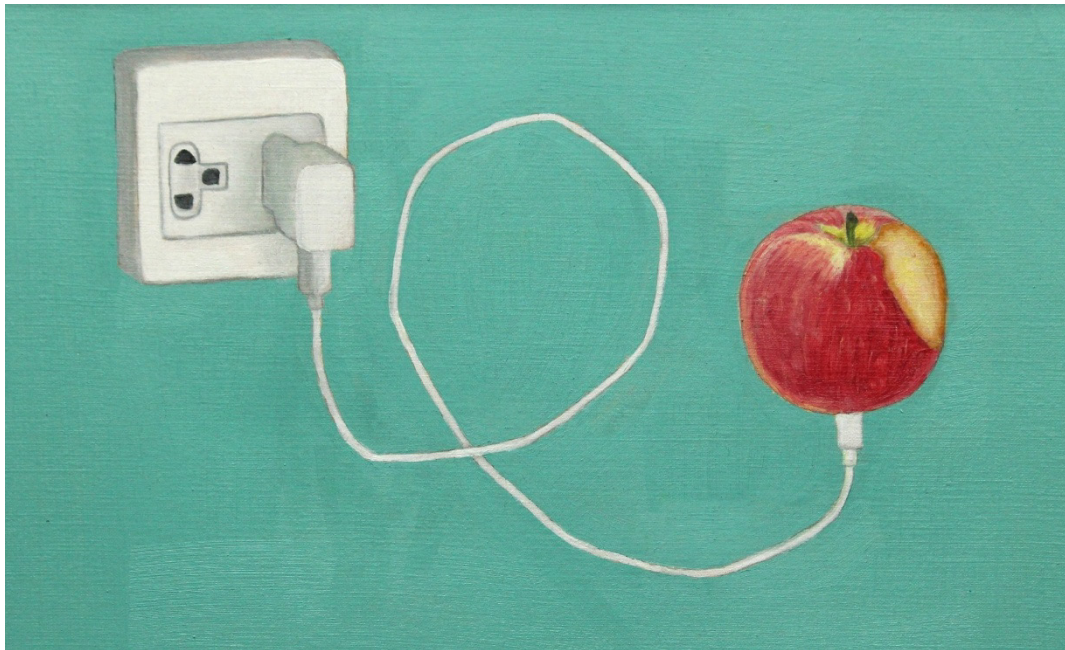
Takahiko Sugawara
United Series 2025-G
mildsteel with paint
35 x 21 x 13 cm
\$2,400



Vin Ryan
Landscape with 'no dog shit' sign
oil on canvas
20 x 35 cm
\$450



Vin Ryan
Landscape with Viagra and Panadol storm
oil on canvas
35 x 45 cm
\$750



Vivek Khakhar
Charging apple
oil on paper
30 x 42 cm
\$532

A woman with a joyful expression, wearing a bright yellow t-shirt, is holding a large, crinkled metal bowl. She is surrounded by a dynamic splash of white paint, with streaks of pink, purple, and yellow paint visible within the splash. The background is a neutral, light grey.

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