

## **Sean McDowell**

Born 1997, Erlangen, Germany

Lives and works in Melbourne (Naarm), Australia

### **Education**

**2020** Bachelor of Fine Arts (First Class Honours), Victorian College of the Arts

**2018** Bachelor of Fine Arts (Sculpture and Spatial Practice), Victorian College of the Arts

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

**2023** (Upcoming) *Bruise*, Castlemaine Contemporary Art Space (CASPA)

*Sean McDowell: Collectors' Focus Series XII*, Lennox St. Gallery (Online Exclusive)

**2022** *Organisms*, Five Walls

**2021** *In the day I dream of faraway places*, Kingston Arts Centre

**2019** *The Staging of Actions Past*, St. Francis

*Selected Works*, Rubicon ARI

*Cuprum, Cuprum*, Kings Artist-Run

**2018** *The Repositioning of Objects that Once Functioned*, George Paton Gallery

**2017** *The Repositioning of an Object that Once Functioned*, Seventh Gallery

### **Commissions**

**2019** First Commissions Project, The University of Melbourne

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

**2022** *Shifting Forces*, with Julien Comer-Kleine, Gabrielle Skye Nehrybecki and Nina Rose Prendergast, C A V E S

**2020** *VCA Graduate Exhibition*, Victorian College of the Arts

*From Heart + Mind*, The Dax Centre

**2019** *Extended Gestures Extended*, with Georgie North, Charlie Harding and Ben Pell, Five Walls

**2018** *VCA Graduate Exhibition*, Victorian College of the Arts

**2017** *Testing Sites- A public art project*, The University of Melbourne

*Group Conversations; Australia's Shame*, George Paton Gallery

**2016** *Proud 2016*, Margaret Lawrence Gallery

## **Exhibitions Curated**

**2022** *Shifting Forces*, with Julien Comer-Kleine, Gabrielle Skye Nehrybecki and Nina Rose Prendergast, C A V E S

**2019** Curator of Box123, The University of Melbourne

**2017** Co-Curator of *Proud 2017*, Margaret Lawrence Gallery

## **Grants**

**2021** City of Yarra Small Projects Grant

**2020** Kingston Arts Grant

City of Melbourne COVID-19 Arts Grant

The Myer Foundation National Assistance Program for the Arts Grant

**2018** UMSU Arts Grant

## **Prizes / Awards / Residencies**

**2023** Billilla Artists Studio Program, Bayside City Council

**2019** Keith and Elisabeth Murdoch Travelling Fellowship (Shortlist)

**2018** Majilis Travelling Scholarship (Shortlist)

Perrin Sculpture Foundry Award (Recipient)

**2017** Mary and Lou Senini Student Art Award (Finalist)

Graeme Hildebrand Art Prize for Young Contemporary Artists (Finalist)

Footscray Tertiary Art Prize (Honourable Mention)

## **Selected Media / Bibliography**

**2023** <https://www.miragenews.com/2023-billilla-studio-artists-announced-915234/>

**2022** <http://cavesgallery.com/exhibitions/shifting-forces>

**2021** <https://www.kingstonarts.com.au/VISUAL-ART/Exhibitions/Sean-McDowell>

**2020** <https://www.sane.org/media-centre/media-releases-2020/the-dax-centre-heart-and-mind>

<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/news/article/7797/2020-08-26-secret-spaces-a-review-of-from-heart-mind-at-the-dax-centre/>

**2019** <https://www.kingsartistrun.org.au/artists/sean-mcdowell/>

<https://www.art-thoughts-au.com/search/label/Sean%20Mcdowell>

## **Collections**

Work is held in public, private and corporate collections throughout Australia, Germany and The Netherlands.