

ERIN M McCUSKEY MULTIMEDIA ARTIST 2021

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ARTIST BIO

Creating moving images with layers of digital and heritage celluloid, Erin McCuskey's work falls between the confines of art and cinema. Known for her use of muses, she creates fabulism (a term coined by Mark Twain to define mixing fact and fantasy). She explores the idea that joy expressed is a way to protect our freedoms.

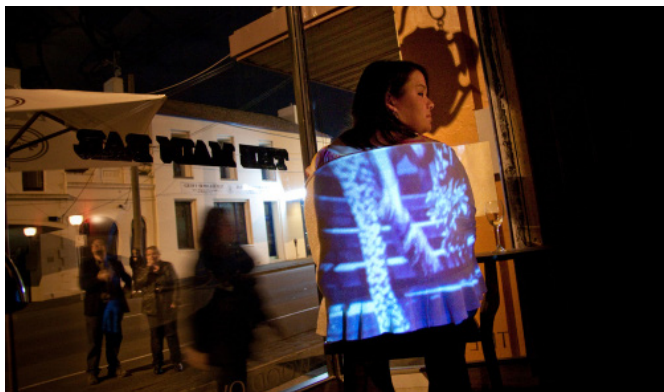
Erin's work has been reviewed as
"intriguing... a curiosity that gently transforms into close focus."

Her current work is the story-world 'Luxville', the tale of an artist's revolution that challenges the city to take the risk of living up to its promise.

ARTIST STATEMENT 'LUXVILLE'

The patina of a place is created by the myriad stories of its people. What happens to a city when its citizens forget their story? It becomes a bell jar, beautiful to look at, but empty of promise.

'Luxville' is about remembering where we come from. Our stories are buried, so I pick at memory seams of my city to reveal its latent brilliance. 'Luxville' is a fabulism to embolden us to take the risk of revealing our story, and a homage to those who have never forgotten where they are from despite never being able to return.



SELECTED FILM SCREENINGS

2021 Yearning (Melbourne Women in Film Festival)
2021 Twirl de Lux (Melbourne Women in Film Festival)
2020 Large As Life (Regent Cinema)
2020 Life As Carnival (Regent Cinema)
2019 Hello Wendouree (BIFB)
2019 Luxville Redux (BIFB)
2018 Luxville Redux (BOAA)
2018 Twirl de Lux (Setting Sun Film Festival)
2017 Twirl de Lux (Regent Cinema)
2017 Do Not Go Gentle (White Night)
2016 Expanded Cinema (Anvil Studio)
2016 Luxville Dolls (The Lost Ones)
2015 Luxville Photoplay (Minerva Space)
2015 Luxville 5 (Ballarat International Foto Biennale)
2014 Irresistible Frocks (Electric Shorts)
2014 Blood on Ballarat (Sisters in Crime Australia)
2013 Hawk Man (ABC Open)
2013 TaPhin: Hard Life Easy to Live (Electric Shorts)
2011 MIFFtales (Melbourne International Film Fest)
2011 Deb's Story (Forgotten Australians Protest)
2010 Normal (ABC Pilot)

INSTALLATION & PROJECTION

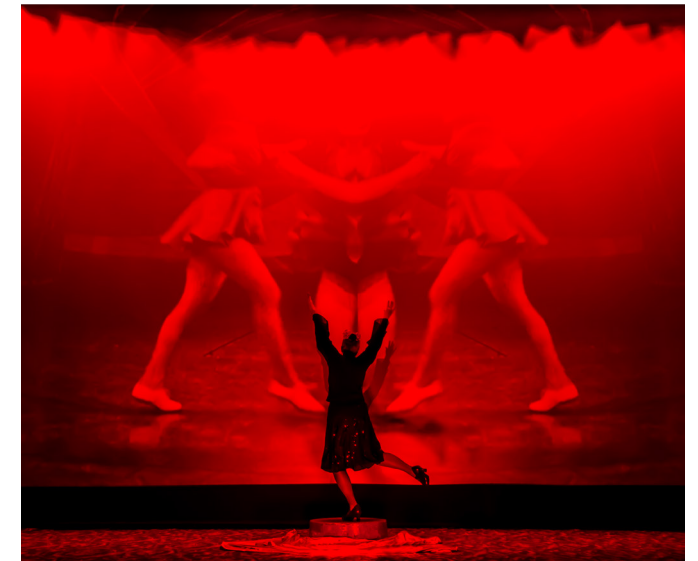
2019 Hello Foto (BIFB)
2018 City of Luxville (BOAA)
2018 Random Number (White Night Ballarat)
2017 Fashion for Funerals (Romancing the Skull)
2017 Do Not Go Gentle (White Night Ballarat)
2016 Expanded Cinema Melbourne
2016 Luxville Dolls (The Lost Ones)
2015 Fashion for Funerals (NatiFrij Biennale)
2015 Luxville Delusion (3 Channel work PO Gallery)
2014 Dreamer (Ballarat Cabaret Festival)
2014 Burlesque Sideshow (Ballarat Cabaret Festival)
2014 DorothyLand (Horsham)
2012 Torch (Alchemy Theatre Wendouree)
2012 Got to GoGo? (Gertrude St Projection Festival)
2010 Love U (Gertrude St Projection Festival)
2009 Screen Sirens (Portable Film Festival)
2009 Sanctuary (Alchemy Theatre Melbourne)

THEMES

Feminisms | Freedom | Human Rights
Fabulism | Engagement | Memory

ARTIST SHOWCASE

Website: yumstudio.com.au/creative-media
Film: vimeo.com/madameyum
Photography: flickr.com/yumhq
Project: luxville.me



FILM COMMISSIONS

2021 Dorothy (Private Commission)
2020 Yearning (City of Ballarat)
2019 Murrup Laarr (City of Ballarat)
2019 MotorFest (Daylesford)
2016 Make Your Own History (B. Mechanics' Institute)
2016 Silver Rememberings (B. Mechanics' Institute)
2015 Consent (Victorian Legal Aid)
2014 Irresistible Frocks (City of Ballarat)
2014 Women of Eureka (MADE)
2014 City of Chaos and Hope (City of Ballarat)
2009 Prime Ministers PodTours (City of Ballarat)
2009 ArtPod (Art Gallery of Ballarat)

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PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2021 A Special Alchemy (Melbourne Women in Film Festival)
2020 Large As Life (Regent Cinema)
2019 Putting Narrative to Work (CAVAL)
2018 Cultural Ambassadors (City of Ballarat)
2018 Transmedis Development (LitFest)
2017 Luxville as Fairytale (Australian fairytale Society)
2016 Luxville Dolls (artist book)
2016 Media for Multicultural Ambassadors (City of Ballarat)
2016 Stranger Art (Backspace City of Ballarat)
2015 Red - Episodic Storytelling (Aust Sisters in Crime)
2014 Rockabilly Beat Broadcast (Festival)
2014 Camperdown Cruise Broadcast (Festival)
2014 Threads the Bind (Warrnambool Textiles)
2013 Daisy Chaining Robots - Digital Connections (City of Ballarat)
2013-2014 ArtsAtlas - Media for Artists (LEAP)
2013 Digitits - Archival Transferals (City of Ballarat)

COLLECTIONS

Luxville Dolls - State Library of Victoria
Luxville Dolls - National Library of Australia
Luxville Dolls - Ballarat Mechanics' Institute
Kelly's Reign - City of Ballarat
Find Me - Federation University
Get Along Little Duckies - Federation University
Shiney Man - Federation University
Blossom Mountain - Hotel Cally



GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018 Dance Carousel (Lumiere's Festival)
2017 Dogs in Art (Backspace Gallery)
2016 CCP Salon
2016 Expanded Cinema (Anvil Studio)
2015 Trilogy (Nic Green Arts House)
2013 What Lies Beneath Public Art (City of Ballarat)
2010 Cloud Data (Weather Project - Space 22)
2009 Semaphore (Ballarat International Foto Biennale)
2007 Sheer Planes (Daylesford Foto Biennale)
1998 Aquatecture (Winter Festival)
1997 WWW (Grainery Gallery)
1996 Winterstock (Kuenshun, China)
1996 Reclaim the Night (Federation University)
1995 Flame Art (Grainery Gallery)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 City of Muses (BIFB)
2015 Luxville Delusion (PO Gallery)
2015 Luxville 5 (BMI)
2015 Dance On Dear Marge (Vanilah)
2013 TaPhin - Women of Vietnam (Backspace Gallery)

AWARDS / SELECTIONS

2021 Melbourne Women in Film Festival (Art, Life The Future; Experimental Shorts)
2018 Setting Sun Film Festival Rouge Programme Twirl de Lux
2017 Setting Sun Film Festival Rouge Programme Luxville Prologue
2016 Accolades Festival Award of Merit - Luxville Prologue
2016 CLIFF2016 Second Place - Silver Rememberings
2012 Victorian Women's Shilling Award - Women in ICT
2011 Indiefest Award of Merit - Normal
2009 Ballarat Enterprise Business Award
2008 Antenna Award Best Interview Show - No Limits



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts - Film, Sociology (Federation University)
Diploma Art & Design - Film, Video (Swinburne)
Diploma of Training & Assessment (Aspin)
Advanced Certificate Art & Design - Photography (Federation University)