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MONICA ROHAN

*Topsy-turvy*

19 May – 13 June 2015

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The captivating work of emerging Queensland artist Monica Rohan will be presented in her solo exhibition, *Topsy-turvy*, at Jan Murphy Gallery from 19 May – 13 June.

Rohan has rapidly established herself as an artist to watch, with her intricately patterned artworks gaining her interest locally and nationally. Focussing on self-portraiture, her artworks provide an insight into her internal world. The works portray the artist navigating contemporary life in an imaginary space, where colour, pattern and whimsy dominate.

The exhibition features a series of new paintings that are part of Rohan's greater objective to visually communicate how it feels to be overwhelmed, with the artist stating:

*“By representing multiple selves, the sense of tension and unreality is heightened and the strange internal battle exaggerated. The pattern has a dual role of enforcing space between the figures, and for restlessness to manifest within the detail.”*

*Topsy-turvy* will precede Rohan's inclusion in a major exhibition at the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA), GOMA Q, from 11 July – 11 October 2015, which features Queensland's current leading artists. This major achievement follows on from Rohan's earlier successes, including being a finalist in the Redland Art Award in 2015 and a sell out show at Jan Murphy Gallery in 2014. She will present a solo exhibition at Tweed River Art Galery from 5 June - 4 October 2015, which showcases works she produced during her residency there in November 2014. Her work is held in a number of private and public collections, including the University of Queensland Art Museum and the Griffith University Art Museum.