

Claudia Greathead

Phony Games

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Jan Murphy Gallery is excited to present *Phony Games*, a collection of new paintings by Melbourne-based artist, Claudia Greathead.

Painterly enigmas and strange narratives characterise Claudia Greathead's imagery, which has emerged from old and recent family photographs, travel, and her singular journey. Her paintings speak to the mysteries of family, nature, and animals, and she describes paint as the way in which she has always negotiated her way.

Drawing on personal memories, her paintings are a product of trying to find something more, be it in the detail or something that wasn't seen before.

In her own words, she uses painting "to slow down, to calm down, to find a bigger picture".

ABOUT THE ARTIST

A graduate of Queensland College of Art in 2014, Greathead has been a finalist in the Churchie National Emerging Art Prize (2015, 2014) and reached the semi-final of the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize (2016). In 2018 she presented her work in two significant solo exhibitions, *Wanblut* at Metro Arts and *Round and Round* at Jan Murphy Gallery and in 2019 the artist was shortlisted as a finalist for the coveted Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship.