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'The Crafty Brum'

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I'm an Adelaide artist who spent almost a decade in Birmingham, England (otherwise known as Brum). It was there that I established myself as a visual artist, exhibiting and selling my work under the name 'The Crafty Brum'. I used my illustration to connect with the city and express all that I loved about it. During this time, I also co-founded 'Moved' a collective, to bring together creatives from all over the world who had chosen to call Birmingham home. I coordinated three group exhibitions in this time.

I returned to Australia in December 2023 and I have been re-exploring my connection with my hometown as a visual artist and soon my business 'The Crafty Brum' is about to enter its 5th year of trading. My art style is forever evolving, I am a self-taught, mixed media artist who works with acrylic, watercolour, digital, lino, collage and fine line illustration. I also complete large scale works such as murals and window art.

My work is heavily influenced by the landmarks that make our city our homes and often contain a botanical element.

Seeing the world has sparked a real appreciation of how wonderful South Australia is and I have been re-exploring my new connection with my hometown as a visual artist. I have enjoyed illustrating the locations I missed, those that spark fond memories and even new places which have popped up in the time I was away.

Retaining my business name 'The Crafty Brum' here in Adelaide has been a wonderful decision, it's my business origin story, a reflection of where my art journey began and has resonated with so many people who have connections to Birmingham and England. I like many others are lucky enough to call two cities home.

Professional Experience:

ARTIST/BUSINESS OWNER, The Crafty Brum, 2020-present

ASSISTANT MANAGER, Gorman, Burnside, 2024-present

Education:

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2013 – 2016 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

TAFESA

2012 Diploma in Children's Services

Completed Programs:

February 2021, *Prince's Trust Enterprise Course*, The Prince's Trust, Birmingham UK

February 2022, *Headspace Program for Young Creatives*, Creative Alliance, Birmingham, UK

Exhibitions:

September 2023 '*Moved*', Group Exhibition (Co-founded and Coordinated), The Engine Room Digbeth, Birmingham, UK

August 2023 '*Here We Are*,' RBSA(Royal Birmingham Society of Artists) Birmingham, UK

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June 2023, 'Gallery Pop-Up,' Hockley Social Club, Birmingham, UK

October 2023, 'Gallery Pop-Up,' Hockley Social Club, Birmingham, UK

October 2023, 'Moved,' Group Exhibition (Co-founded and Coordinated), The Engine Room Digbeth, Birmingham, UK

September-October 2022, 'Birmingham Open Studios,' Birmingham, UK

September 2022, 'The Crafty Brum,' Solo Exhibition, Attic Brew Co, Bournville, UK

Awards:

2025 Finalist 'Best Craft Innovation of the Year' - We Are Creative Awards, Midlands, UK

2021 Finalist for 'Start-Up of the Year' - Birmingham Awards, UK

Collaborative Projects:

May 2023, 'Moved' The Library of Birmingham Installation, CASS Art, Birmingham, UK

August 2022, '20 Year of CASS A Celebration of Art,' CASS Art, Birmingham, UK

Stockists:

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery Shop, UK

The Birmingham Botanical Gardens, UK

Root 13 Shop, Kings Heath, Birmingham, UK

Commissions:

September 2023, Mural, Wylde Green Train Station, Birmingham City Council, UK

June 2023, Root 13 Shop Mural, Birmingham, UK

Print Media:

I Choose Birmingham, "They Chose Birmingham," 13th October 2022,

<https://ichoosebirmingham.com/they-chose-birmingham>

Birmingham Museums, "Meet Local Maker The Crafty Brum," 19th May 2022,

<https://shop.birminghammuseums.org.uk/blogs/news/meet-local-maker-the-crafty-brum>

I Choose Birmingham, "Get Crafty," 2nd March 2022, <https://ichoosebirmingham.com/get-crafty>

J'AI ME MAGAZINE, "Meet The Crafty Brum – a Midlands-based artist whose work spans the globe," 17th

February 2021

<https://jaimemagazine.com/meet-the-crafty-brum-a-midlands-based-artist-whose-work-spans-the-globe/>