

## Chelle Destefano - Artist CV and Bio

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### Education

2020-Current Masters of Contemporary Art - Victorian College of the Arts, University of Melbourne  
2001-2006 Bachelor of Visual Arts and Applied Design – O'Halloran Hill TAFE Campus, Adelaide

### Awards/Scholarships

2019 Arts Activated Grant recipient by Moreland Council for Auslan Movement Performance  
Creative Victoria grant Recipient for Business Mentoring with John Paul to develop a Deaf arts project  
2018 Regional Arts Victoria Community Arts Grants Recipient for Bushfires of 2009  
Regional Arts Victoria grant recipient for the Sydney Other Art Fair  
2016 Australian Arts Council grant - funding for Paris and London exhibitions  
Richard Llewellyn Arts grant – funding for Wait of World Exhibition in Melbourne  
2015 Arts SA Makers and Presenter's Grant for Blue Ghosts Exhibition in Melbourne, March 2015  
2014 Richard Llewellyn Arts grant – funding to attend Arts Activated Conference, October 2014

### Solo Exhibitions

2020 *Invisibly Deaf*, Performance, Brunswick Mechanics Institute, Melbourne (November)  
*The Deaf Culture exhibition*, Incinerator Gallery - Boadle Hall, Melbourne  
2019 *The Auslan Movement show* (performance and exhibition), Melbourne Fringe Festival  
*Bushfires 2009:10 Year Anniversary*, Wonthaggi ArtSpace Gallery, Wonthaggi, Victoria  
2018 *The story of the Baby Moon*, FernArtz Gallery, Coburg, Melbourne  
2016 *Chelle's Collections in Paris*, Galerie Metanoia, Paris, France  
*Wait of World in SALA Festival*, City Library, Rundle Mall, Adelaide South Australia  
*Wait of the World, Gasworks*, Art Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria  
2015 *Collection of Blue Ghost artworks*, Venice Biennale, Italy, Ca' Zanardi Palezzo  
*Inking History*, invited by Thebarton, West Torrens Council Gallery  
*Roam the Blue Ghosts I*, House of Bricks, Collingwood, Melbourne  
2014 *Rainbow Abstracts Series*, Adelaide Convention Centre – SALA Festival  
*Port Noarlunga My Home Town*, Port Noarlunga Arts Centre

### Group Exhibitions

2020 The Emerging Writers Festival film poetry exhibition; co-curated by the festival & Poetry Film Portal  
The Platform 2020, Arts Festival - Rivana Arts, Wagga Wagga, NSW  
The Other Art Fair, Sydney, NSW (postponed to a later date TBA)  
Finalist Exhibition for Midsumma Australia Post Art Award, No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne  
2019 Selected Exhibition, *Axiom: A Reimagined Reality*, SpACE@Collins, Melbourne  
Finalist Exhibition for *Noel Counihan Commemorative Award*, Counihan Gallery, Melbourne  
Finalist Exhibition for the *Lyn McCrea Memorial Drawing Prize*, Noosa Regional Gallery, QLD  
Selected Catalogue Exhibition for *Ignite* by Rotary Club/Arts Access Victoria, No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne  
Finalist Exhibition in the *Banyule Art Prize*, Hatch Contemporary Arts Space, Ivanhoe, Melbourne  
2018 *QLD Deaf Arts Exhibition*, Juried, Brisbane, QLD. *Second prize winner*  
*The Skin Gallery* show duo with Luke King, Exhibition of two Deaf artists  
*The Other Fair*, Sydney, Australia  
2017 *Rome Arts Expo* Exhibition with MUSA International Art Space, Me & Baby Moon portrait  
Berlin Pop Up Exhibition with Corry Siw Mirski by Arts Access Australia, Brotfabrik Art Gallery Space, Berlin  
2015 *uried Art Show: A Single Grain of Rice*, Gallery Metanoia, Paris, France  
2014 *Christmas Exhibition*, Art Images, Norwood, SA

### Residencies and Development

2021 June-July - Collaboration with music school, The Inspiration Orchestra, Scotland, UK  
2020 Collaboration with Claire Bridge for "What I Wish I Had Told You" Deaf Stories project, Deaf Community  
Consultant - supported by City of Melbourne Quick Response Grant  
2020 Creative Development residency for performance, Brunswick Mechanics Institute (postponed, date TBA)  
2019 - 2020 Oct-Jan selected as one of the 5 artists for Artist in Residency at Heritage Hill, Dandenong  
2019 Sept - One of three judges for a juried art show at VDC (Victorian Deaf College)

- 2019 *Cultural Threads*, Nebula, Dandenong, textile collaborations with Warren Loorham, Karen Walker, Rhian Hinkley and Kim Charman
- 2019 Testing Grounds - Test Sites workshop
- 2017 Berlin - Workshop teaching collaboration with Corry Siw Mirski, leading tour exhibition and my duo exhibition with Corry

#### Publications

- 2020** Article in Sentinel-Times South Gippsland, Chelle's Art Speaks for the Deaf Community, Wednesday 10 June 2020  
<https://sgst.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Wednesday-June-10-2020-small.pdf>
- 2019** Article in il Globo (Italian paper, Melbourne) on my Auslan Sculpture Performance, Monday 9 Sept 2019
- 2019** Published story article in Herald Sun / Moreland Leader paper on my upcoming Auslan Movement performance for the fringe Dated 4 September 2019  
<https://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/north-west/fringe-show-from-artist-chelle-destefano-to-teach-audiences-about-sign-language/news-story/f40e4ad11504a63fcc531ce8c4a800e>
- 2019** Winning Prize in QLD Deaf Services Art Prize and face of the QLD Deaf Lottery  
<http://tiny.cc/lyl9az>
- 2019** Newspaper (Bass News) an article on my arts career success  
[https://www.basscoastpost.com/liane-arno/beyond-words?fbclid=IwAR3ij5yhz7\\_n5Z9tEXicLmWqXfhviDRLIleonQ258QUA4AZansqx6rLxc0](https://www.basscoastpost.com/liane-arno/beyond-words?fbclid=IwAR3ij5yhz7_n5Z9tEXicLmWqXfhviDRLIleonQ258QUA4AZansqx6rLxc0)
- 2019** Winning publication of my work on Arts Access Australia for 2019  
<https://artsaccessaustralia.org/success-stories/our-featured-artworks-for-2019/>
- 2018** Write up on my exhibition in the Sydney Other Art Fair on Accessible Arts website  
<http://www.aarts.net.au/whats-on/the-other-art-fair/>
- 2017** Feature article by art packing specialists Pack and Send as one of their customers  
<https://blog.packsend.com.au/chelle-destefano>
- 2017** My artwork on coffee cup from Dulwich featured in Herald Sun  
<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/envirofriendly-recyclable-coffee-cup-launches-in-melbourne/news-story/461f3c3b60d2d85a4691c3bc7fc5b3a6>
- 2017** Chelle's artworks on coffee cups at Dulwich bakeries featured in Adelaide's Advertiser 24 May 2017  
<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/entertainment/arts/dulwich-bakery-outlets-feature-sala-art-works-on-collectable-coffee-cups/news-story/11f41005c54f93d19bf514711288605f>