

# **BEN GAVIN**

b 1981 Lives and works in Sydney, Australia.

### **VITA**

## Education

2010 Honours - Sydney College of the Arts - University of Sydney - Sydney - AU

# Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 General Store Sydney AU
- 2017 Clinging to Debris Fort Delta Melbourne AU
- 2013 White Cube... I love you. But you're bringing me down General Store Sydney AU
- 2011 Make Me Look Like Debord in "68 General Store Sydney AU
- 2010 Drawn Upon SCA Galleries University of Sydney AU
- 2011 Again, Once Over Again SCA Galleries + Courtyard University of Sydney AU

# Group Exhibitions

- 30 Contemporary Artists by Enter Art Foundation- Multipolster Berlin DE
- 2016 The Form Colour Texture Of General Store Southern Highlands AU
- 2016 Restaging Modernism Spring 1883 Melbourne AU
- 2014 Nothing New Still William Windows Sydney AU
- 2015 AS AN ARTIST YOU HAVE TO BALANCE BEING CLEVER ENOUGH TO HAVE AN IDEA AND STUPID
- ENOUGH TO MAKE IT A REALITY ANU Gallery Canberra AU
- 2015 XVI Luis Adelantado Valencia ES
- 2011 A DAMN GOOD PAINTING SHOW! General Store Sydney AU
- 2011 Remnants in Documentation General Store Sydney AU
- 2011 Double Life: Duple Trials Malt Cross Gallery Nottingham UK
- 2011 Florist as a Private Collection Foyer Gallery Sydney AU
- 2011 FEINKOST TRIENNALE FEINKOST Berlin DE
- 2009 Print Matter Chauvel Cinema Paddington Sydney AU
- 2009 Mein Doppelganger Tank Art Centre Cairns AU
- 2008 The Art World FEINKOST Berlin DE
- 2007 Climate of Change ASC London UK
- 2006 Trauma & Art: Shards of Delineating Absence SpielRaum Berlin DE
- 2005 ANONYME ZEICHNER Galerie Blutenweiss Berlin DE
- 2005 TERROR? Intersection in the Arts San Francisco USA
- 2005 THE ATTENDER La Viande Gallery London UK
- 2005 ERI:2 (EYELEVEL RE-INITIATIVE:2) Eyelevel Gallery Halifax CA
- 2005 Behind Our Brittle Shells Nolia's Gallery London UK
- 2005 WARATAH II: Oceanic Currents Knots Gallery Sydney AU

#### Awards



2014 Finalist - Franc Vila Art Prize for Emerging Artists 2010 Winner - Zelda Stedman Scholarship - University of Sydney - AU

## Residencies

2006 Artist-in-residence - SpielRaum - Berlin - DE

#### Collections

Manne Schulze Collection - Sydney - AU
Swasbrook Collection - Auckland - AU
21 Restaurante - Barbate - ES
Private collections in Sydney, Southern Highlands and London UK

### **Publications**

2016 Art World Descends on Brussels Despite Attacks - Just Don't Call It an Art Capital - Voilen, G. - Observer - USA

2016 A Game of Detection - Seymour H. - AnOther Magazine - UK

2014 revista de arts visuals y cultura contemoporanea - MAKMA - ES

2012 Cumulus Attacked By A Contrary Wind - TimeOut - AU

2011 Exhibition of the Month - The Silent Hour - TimeOut - AU

2011 Gail Priest, Part 1: Sydney Scene, issue 103 - RealTime Magazine

2010 White Cube, I love you... April Issue - Trouble Art Magazine

2009 Print Matters: Salon and Exhibition Guide

2008 Berlin / Prague - Umelec Contemporary Art Magazine - CZ

2008 The Art World - Frieze

2006 Trauma & Art: Shards of Delineating Absence - SpielRaum

2006 The Attender - Frieze Magazine

2006 Exhibition Guide - The Attender - La Viande Gallery

2006 Anonyme Zeichner #1 - Catalogue: Blütenweiss - Berlin - DE

2005 Exhibition Guide - Beyond our Brittle Shells: Nolias Gallery - London - UK

2005 Collector's Edition (dis-pose journal) issues (1 - 4) - London - UK

2003 Catalogue - Waratah Two: Oceanic Currents - House 418 Publishing

## ARTIST STATEMENT

Working with everyday objects in a framework of different mediums, Ben Gavin calls to attention the structures that we hold onto for better or for worse, whether they are historical structures or ideas of the present moment. Building on the Duchampian strategy of the ready-made, Gavin utilises the scraps, shards and general detritus of society, repurposing and restructuring forms to develop new meanings, references and possibilities. Graduating with Honours at Sydney College of the Arts, University of Sydney in 2010, the same year he was recipient of the Zelda Stedman Scholarship and guest curator at RMIT Galleries in Melbourne. In 2014 the artist was shortlisted for the prestigious International Franc Vila Emerging Art Prize.