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Skye Saxon – CV

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Born Sydney 1984, lives and works in Sydney

Skye is a performance artist and creator of mystic characters, drawings and stories with a magical capacity for manifesting the intangible. Dreams, memories and metaphysical worlds form the substance of Skye's work.

There is such spirit in the art of Skye Saxon, a spirit that she is uniquely inclined to read and cosmically interpret in others. On paper, glass, textiles, video, and digital, Skye explores themes of divinity, magical practice and cosmology.

"I like to play with the strange parts of myself", she says, "to make artworks from this place, and to share this with an audience."

As a performance artist, Skye embodies and switches between several fully realised characters. She is Madame Witch (the mystique medium), Skye Fox (a fighter pilot) and Katerina the Steampunk Ringmaster with her motley crew of followers: Hank Octomon, Sugar Mama and others.

Skye has exhibited widely at Carriageworks, Cement Fondu, Cementa Festival Kandos, Underbelly Arts Festival and Kinokuniya. In 2021, her work was featured in Carriageworks' *No Show*, a survey of NSW-based early-career artists working out of artist-led initiatives. She designed the centrepiece of the Studio A installation for *No Show*, a tarot tent in which she gave readings as Madame Witch - dolling out aleatory oracles to passers by.

In 2019, at Cement Fondu's Project Space, Skye Saxon unveiled her first solo exhibition, *Oddyssey* - the manifestation of a yearlong project working with artist Katy B Plummer. Skye produced a series of soft sculptures and an accompanying video work.

In 2016, Skye released *Snowflake Moon: A Paperville Mystery*, a video game and interactive artwork co-produced by digital artist Elias Nohra. The point and click adventure features original hand-drawn avatars, backgrounds and visual effects.

- Words by Will Kollmorgen, Studio A volunteer.

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Solo Exhibitions

2023 *Seven Cosmic Sunsets*, Sydney Theatre Company

2019 *Oddyssey*, Cement Fondu, Paddington

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023 *Cut N Polish*, Carriageworks

2022 *From Impulse to Action*, Art Museum, Bundanoon
The Incognito Art Show, Sydney

2021 *No Show*, Carriageworks, Eveleigh

2019 *Sydney Contemporary art fair*, Carriageworks, Eveleigh

2018 *TWT Block Party*, organised by BrandX, St Leonards Creative Precinct,
St Leonards

2017 *birdfoxmonster*, Carriageworks, Eveleigh
Cementa Arts Festival, Kandos
Phoenix Serenade, Art Month Art Bar, Redfern/Chippendale Precinct, Cake
Wines, Eveleigh

2016 *Studio A Tit Takeover*, The Bearded Tit, Redfern

2015 *Underbelly Arts Festival*, Cockatoo Island, Sydney

Residencies and Collaborations

2020 Collaboration with Red Room Poetry

2018 Collaboration with *One Another*, ethical homewares design company

2017 Artist in Residence for *birdfoxmonster*, Carriageworks, Sydney
Artist in Residence for *birdfoxmonster*, Bundanon Trust, Bundanon
Artist in Residence for *birdfoxmonster*, Mud Australia, Newtown

2016 Collaboration with artist Elias Nohra to create an online video game,
Snowflake Moon: A Paperville Mystery

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2016 Bundanon Artist Residency, Bundanon
Carriageworks 'In Development' for *birdfoxmonster*.

2011 Artist in Residence at The Paper Mill, Sydney

Commissions

2023 Commissioned to create a *Seven Cosmic Sunsets* an installation at Sydney Theatre Company on the occasion of their season of Constellations (dir Ian Michael)

2018 Commissioned to design an album cover for Hack Sounds *The Wack Sound of Hack*
The Props Collective commission for Liberty International Underwriters
The Props Collective Australian animal masks for a Thomas Avery directed film

Public Programs

2018 Host at Studio A: Co Lab, Firstdraft, Woollomooloo
Host at Studio A's *Bird Love Colour Wheel* at the North Sydney Children's Festival

2017 Invited to present her performance installation *Snowflake Shaman* at Museum of Contemporary Art's *Bella Plus Connect* as a part of International Day for People with Disability

2016 Invited speaker, Arts Activated: Pathways to Practice, conference for Disability Arts sector (with Elias Nohra)

Performance

2022 Interactive Performance *The Cosmic Wizard* with Kristel Saxon at MCA, Sydney *The Cosmic Traveller*, Impulse Festival, Art Museum Bundanon