

JO PLANK

Jo Plank is an emerging artist based in Melbourne whose practice traverses printmaking, drawing, and works on paper. Working predominantly with ink and pen on archival, found and Japanese papers, Plank creates intricate compositions through the accumulation of minute, repetitive marks. Her process is slow, ritualistic and meditative, with each line contributing to works that reveal their detail and emotional intensity through close looking. Often beginning with deeply personal experiences, her works transform private thoughts and emotions into restrained visual narratives that are at once autobiographical and universal. Repetition is central to this process, functioning both as a formal device and as a means of reflection. Each mark echoes the one before it while retaining its own subtle individuality.

Plank completed a Diploma of Visual Arts, majoring in printmaking and minoring in works on paper, before undertaking a residency at Rigalto Printmaking Studios in Umbria, Italy.

She has been selected as a finalist in the Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Swan Hill Regional Art Prize, and Waverley Art Prize. Her artistic influences include Agnes Martin, Louise Bourgeois and Cy Twombly, whose approaches to repetition, gesture and the relationship between mark-making and lived experience resonate throughout her practice.

EDUCATION

- 2018 Centre for Adult Education Melbourne, Diploma, Major in Printmaking / Minor in work on paper
- 2014 Centre for Adult Education Melbourne, Certificate IV in Visual Arts
- 2013 Centre for Adult Education Melbourne, Certificate III in Visual Arts

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Beautiful and Resilient (forthcoming), THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
- 2023 Nulla Dies Sine Linea, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
- 2021 So Here's The Thing, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
- 2018 Beneath My Feet, Barbarella, Block Arcade, Melbourne VIC
- 2016 Works On Paper, collaboration with Jo Wilson, Self-Preservation, Melbourne VIC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 NOFANTASY25, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
- 2024 ORBIT, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
- 2022 Fishers Ghost Art Award, Finalist Exhibition, Campbelltown Arts Centre NSW
- 2022 Waverley Art Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Bondi NSW
- 2022 Swan Hill Regional Art Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Swan Hill Regional Gallery VIC
- 2018 Diploma Graduate Show, Yarra Sculpture Gallery, Melbourne VIC

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dianne tanzer + nicola stein

- 2016 Connect, Centre of Adult Education, Melbourne VIC
- 2014 60x60x60, Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne VIC
- 2013 60x60x60, Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne VIC

PRIZES & AWARDS

- 2022 Fishers Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW (Finalist)
- 2022 Waverley Art Prize, Bondi, NSW (Finalist)
- 2022 Swan Hill Regional Art Prize, Swan Hill Regional Gallery, VIC (Finalist)

RESEDECENCIES

- 2015 Rigalto Studios, Umbria, Italy