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Mark Smith PHOTO 2022
Solo exhibition



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Ugly/Beautiful is a solo exhibition of photographic work by Melbourne artist Mark Smith.



Mark's exhibition artwork combines beauty and ugliness to explore identity, difference and faith.



The exhibition opens on Saturday 30 April 2022 from 2 to 4pm at Arts Project Australia's Collingwood Yards gallery. The address is Level 1, Perry Street Building at Collingwood Yards, 35 Johnston Street, Collingwood.



Mark's exhibition is part of PHOTO 2022, a photography festival of 90 exhibitions and outdoor artworks in Melbourne's streets and galleries. Its runs from 29 April until 22 May 2022.

Artist information



Mark has worked in the Arts Project studio since 2003. He creates artworks in a range of media such as painting, ceramics, video and soft sculpture.



Mark considers the body and being a human as a starting point for his artwork.



Mark addresses the experiences and complexities of the individual and of humanity as a whole.



Mark says "After my accident, I was told I'd never walk again. I proved them wrong. I consider limitations and barriers imposed on me as an invitation/motivation to fuel my determination to create and succeed."

Exhibition information



Mark's digital photographic collages depict body parts lurching outwards from a black background.



Although these artworks express Mark's joy, the viewer may be confronted by the imagery. They may experience feelings of disconnectedness, discomfort, and unease.



Mark's artworks fit into the PHOTO 2022 theme of 'being human'. He is putting himself in front of the viewer and making them see him for who he really is.



Mark says "my greater intention is to break down preconceived understandings of disability."