

ANTONY MUIA | UPPER REACH

7 MAY 2022 - 16 JULY 2022

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A new body of work by Western Australian artist Antony Muia will be showcased at Midland Junction Arts Centre from 7 May – 16 July. *Upper Reach* features a series of experimental etchings inspired by the unique flora and fauna found in Perth's eastern suburbs and foothills.

Audiences familiar with Muia's works will recognise the expressive lines and complex scenes of the human form in nature, but for *Upper Reach* Muia has explored and mastered a new medium. This body of work was developed during a printmaking residency at Midland Junction Arts Centre that commenced early 2022. Following on from a series of printmaking workshops with Monika Lukowska at Midland Junction Arts Centre, Muia explored the etching process over a 4-month period. Working on aluminium plates, he created a new depth of field and range of marks using open bites, and a variety of resists. The adoption of the new etching techniques unites his passion for drawing and the fluidity of watercolour.



Antony Muia, *The Garden (Mimesis I)*, 2021, etching, edition of 9, 80 x 60cm.



Antony Muia, *Night Swim*, 2021, etching on hand coloured paper, edition of 9, 80 x 60cm.

Muia's works reflect both the representational qualities of our surroundings and our relationships with the environment. Through his works, he explores a synergy between figuration and the natural world and considers the history and traditions of printmaking, including its strong ties to illustration and storytelling.

Muia received his Diploma of Fine Arts in Painting from Claremont School of Art in 1989. His first solo exhibition was at Gomboc Gallery in 1990 and he has since exhibited in numerous solo and group shows around Australia. Muia was a finalist in the Dobell Drawing Prize at the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the Benalla Nude Art Prize at Benalla Art Gallery in Victoria and won the Erotic Art Prize at Breadbox Gallery in Perth. His works are represented in numerous prestigious collections, including the Kerry Stokes Collection, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Royal Perth Hospital, University of Western Australia, Edith Cowan University, and Murdoch University.

Muia's works in *Upper Reach* are beautifully intricate and complex, with each piece painting an elaborate story for the viewer to interpret. They are a testament to the calibre of the artists that operate at Midland Junction Arts Centre, and the quality of the work they produce. See these breathtaking etchings on display at Midland Junction Arts Centre from 7 May – 16 July.

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