

## Who's BAD? Brisbane Art Design returns in May 2023

Bold, artistic, daring and always tonnes of fun, **BRISBANE ART DESIGN (BAD) 2023** is back to highlight local art and design luminaries with an inclusive and immersive program of hands-on workshops, open studios, design talks and arty parties that will colour the town across three exciting weekends and showcase the inventive creatives shaping our city.

An innovative initiative of Museum of Brisbane (MoB), this year marks the third BAD outing with more than 150 cultural events and exhibitions themed around *Culture. Community. Clay.* to be staged in Brisbane City and suburban art hubs.

From Wednesday 10 May to Sunday 28 May, the dynamic BAD program will activate three neighbourhoods across three weekends and bring art lovers to the 'burbs for a creative smorgasbord of pop-up events, after-hours studio tours, exclusive workshops and design-led talks.

Highlights include new commissioned clay works by daring local ceramicists **Bonnie Hislop, Steph Woods, Kenji Uranishi, Jane du Rand** and **Nicolette Johnson** at MoB alongside exclusive art dinners, fashion parades, laneway DJs and even chauffeured BAD bus tours of studios and spaces, bringing Brisbane's artistic collective into sharp relief.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner said the festival is the perfect way to see the best of the city and the suburbs.

"It's great to see our city come alive with the works of talented local artists," Cr Schrinner said.

"From the Northside to the Southside and everywhere in between, there is so much to see and do in Brisbane.

"Our arts industry is one of our most exciting and it's great that we can once again experience the best from local makers across the city outside of traditional galleries.

"I would invite residents and visitors to embrace the sights and sounds of BAD, and learn something new along the way."

Museum of Brisbane Acting CEO Cathy de Silva said BAD is a wonderful way for the local community to discover the incredibly talented visual artists and designers shaping the creative landscape of the city.

"BAD invites audiences to step into the studios, galleries and workspaces and go behind the scenes of Brisbane's creative industry to explore new ideas," Ms de Silva said.

"Museum of Brisbane is excited to present another massive program for BAD, which shows how our art and design sector is growing and thriving. I invite everyone to come out and explore our creative industry throughout May."

### WEEKEND ONE 12-14 MAY – THE CITY: HIGHLIGHTS

Setting the scene for the BAD festival, The City will host the popular *Botanica: Contemporary Art Outside* in City Botanic Gardens with largescale artworks and artist tours accompanied by food trucks and evening ambience across 10 nights.

Over at MoB, BAD's flagship exhibition *Clay: Collected Ceramics* introduces this year's theme with a curatorial focus on the city's cutting-edge ceramicists with five new exclusively commissioned works on display.

Look out for pop-up artist studios in The City as well as exhibition talks at Birrungga Gallery and QUT Art Museum. BAD will also bring the arty vibes to Howard Smith Wharves through live art projections as part of Brisbane City Council's Outdoor Gallery.

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### WEEKEND TWO 19–21 MAY – NORTHSIDE: HIGHLIGHTS

Head north to explore the edgy, design-forward precincts of Fortitude Valley, Newstead, Albion, Bowen Hills, Northshore and Toowong. Delve deeper into the artistic and design process with the *In Conversation* series hosted by Design Institute of Australia and be sure to meet the makers at Brisbane's only The Finders Keepers markets for 2023.

Go behind the scenes of some of The Valley's most intriguing industrial, product and architectural studios on a dedicated walking tour, enjoy the inspired pairing of live art and food trucks at The Black Market Albion and experience a hands-on ceramics workshop with the creative mother-daughter duo at Mas & Miek Ceramic House in Newstead.

Nights are made for Up Late events. Visit independent art spaces after-hours for an intimate look at contemporary pieces at FireWorks Gallery in Bowen Hills, POP Gallery and The Station Brisbane in the Valley, Toowong's Land Street Gallery and Superordinary in the Northshore precinct.

### WEEKEND THREE 26–28 MAY – SOUTHSIDE: HIGHLIGHTS

Check out the creative outlets and fine art institutes in South Brisbane, Woolloongabba, West End, Yeronga and Yeerongpilly for the final weekend of BAD 2023.

South Brisbane's Fish Lane will host a wearable art and fashion parade as well as an exclusive art dinner at Southside restaurant, while Echo & Bounce in Woolloongabba will soundtrack the weekend with local DJs for a laneway soiree.

Take a peek at works in progress and signature pieces at open studios and workshops at the visionary Dead Puppet Society space in Woolloongabba as well as Queensland College of Art – Griffith University and TAFE Queensland in South Brisbane, Metro Arts in West End, The Paint Factory in Yeronga and Yeerongpilly's Bag End Studio. The Vacant Assembly space in West End will also showcase a spectacular Clayschool alumni show and market.

Brisbane Art Design concludes its 2023 suburban spotlight of creativity and design with an arty closing party at Yeerongpilly's Station Road Creative Precinct on Sunday 28 May to celebrate the inspired, expressive and experimental output of the local creative community.

BAD is an initiative of Museum of Brisbane and proudly supported by Brisbane City Council with Major Partner, the Queensland Government.

### BAD 2023: 10 – 28 May

#### Key Dates:

Friday 12 May to Sunday 14 May: CBD

Friday 19 May to Sunday 21 May: Northside

Friday 26 May to Sunday 28 May: Southside

For more information, visit [brisbaneartdesign.com.au](https://brisbaneartdesign.com.au)

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