



nanda\hobbs

KIM LEUTWYLER

QUEER PORTRAITS

4 – 13 MAR, 2021

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Nanda\Hobbs is thrilled to present artist Kim Leutwyler with a collection of 19 new works portraying LGBTQIA+ identified people from across Australia as part of the 2021 Sydney Mardi Gras Festival.

Viewers can immerse themselves in an augmented reality experience using smartphones or tablets. Imagery and sound will float in the room around 18 painted portraits, including video interviews with the portrait sitters, still images of important moments from their lives, time-lapses of the portraits being painted, audio soundscapes and more. Leutwyler's 'sitters' each engage with the politics of identity, community and activism in their own unique way. Leutwyler's sitters include Writers, Actors, Astrophysicists, Rappers and Multidisciplinary Artists.

Even today, queer exhibitions are quite rare—there have been a total of under 50 in museums and major art institutions across the world. Leutwyler has come to focus on painting as a medium, using historical norms of portraiture to upend heterosexual norms of identity and sexuality.

Born in America, Sydney-based Kim Leutwyler migrated to Australia in 2012. She works in a variety of media including painting, installation, ceramics, printmedia and drawing. Leutwyler holds concurrent bachelor degrees in Studio and Art History from Arizona State University, and additionally graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a Painting and Drawing degree.

Leutwyler's current body of work features paintings exploring notions of beauty, gender and queer identity. She has come to focus on painting as a medium because of its primarily masculine history in the western art canon. Her artwork has been exhibited in multiple galleries and museums throughout Australia and the United States.

Some of Leutwyler's recent accolades include being selected as a finalist in the Archibald and Sulman Prizes.

This exhibition was made possible when Leutwyler became a recipient of the ANZ + Sydney Mardi Gras Community Grant.





Augmented Reality Experience

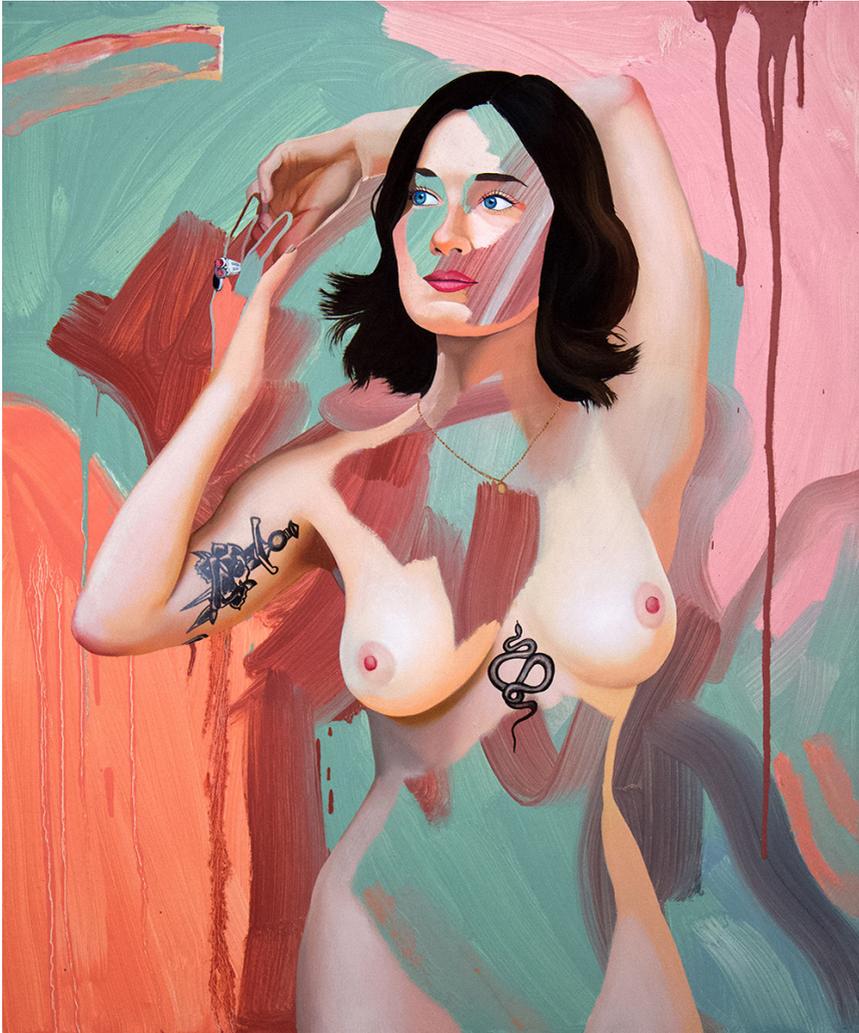


Install the **Artive app** and view the **artwork** through your smartphone

To activate the augmented reality experience, open your iPhone camera to scan this QR code. Then download the Artive app (alternatively, download from the App Store or Google Play).

Whether you are viewing the artwork online or in the gallery, simply view the artwork through the Artive app and the augmented reality will come to life.

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ALEX

2021
Oil on canvas
61 x 50cm

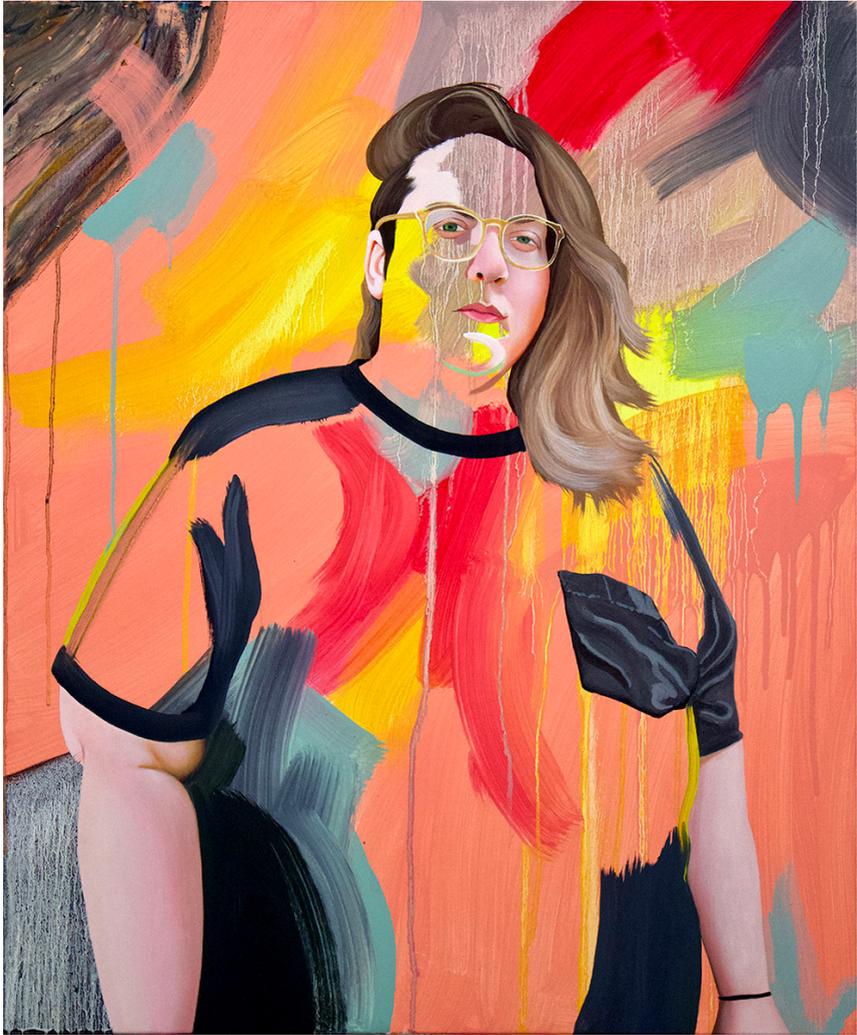




AGOLLEY

2020
Oil on canvas
101.6 x 101.6cm

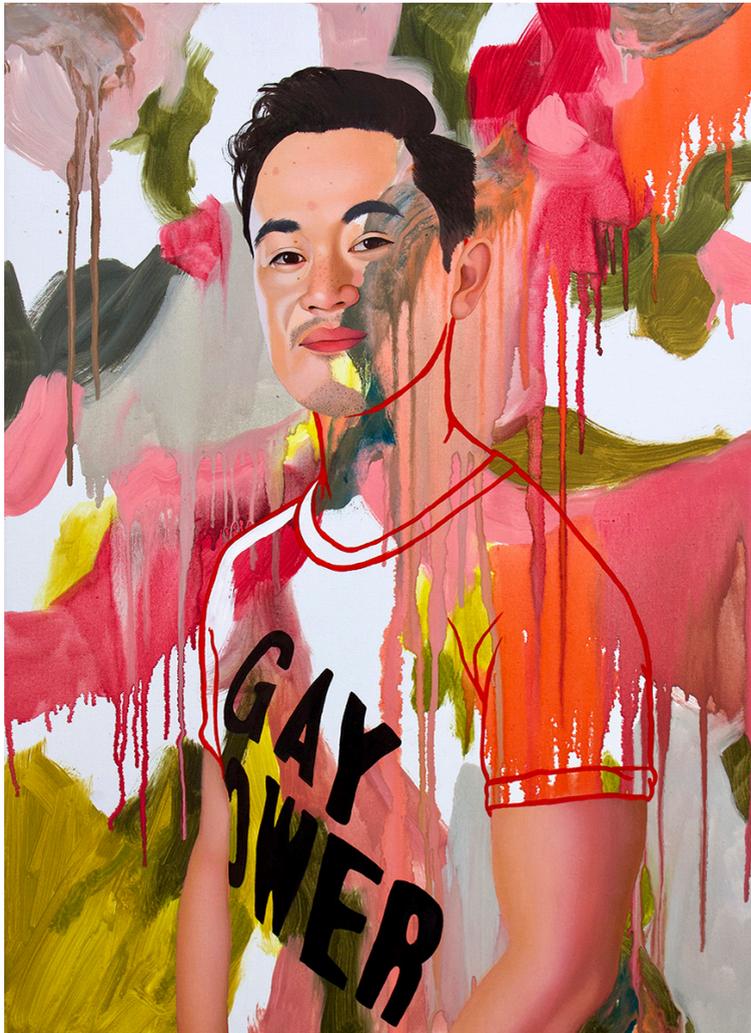




BEC

2021
Oil on canvas
61 x 50cm





BEN

2021
Oil on canvas
61 x 46cm





CHRISTINE AND MICHELLE

2021
Oil on canvas
101.6 x 76.2cm

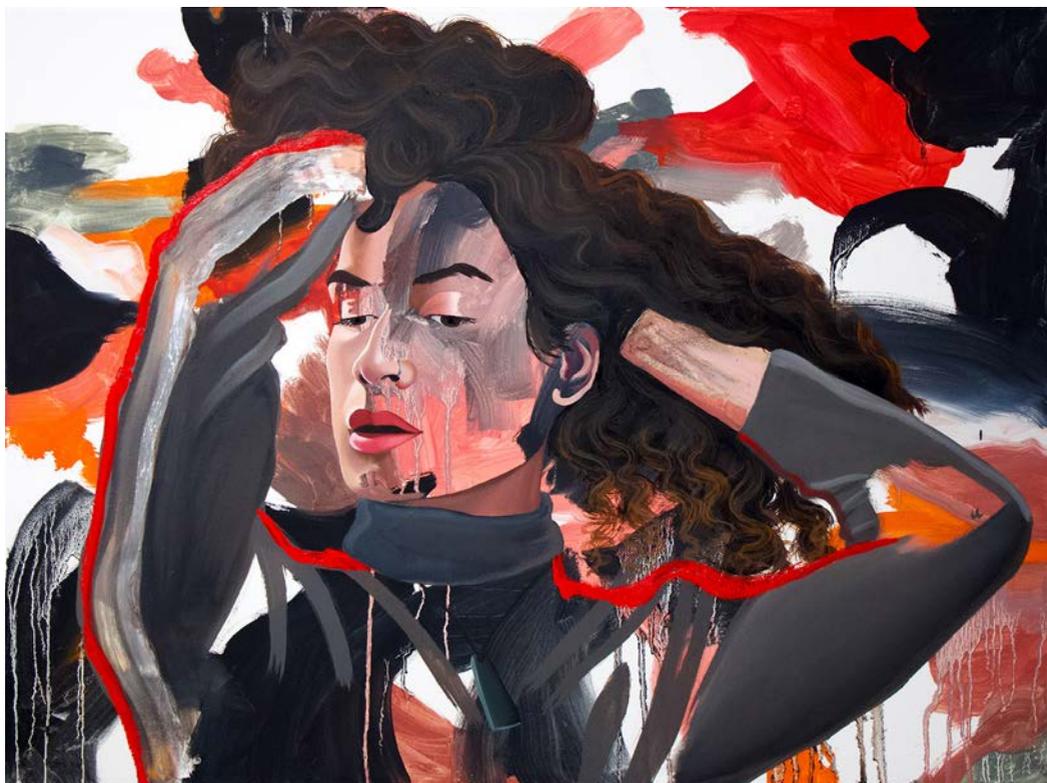




COBY

2021
Oil on canvas
122 x 91.5cm





JAMAICA II

2021
Oil on canvas
46 x 61 cm

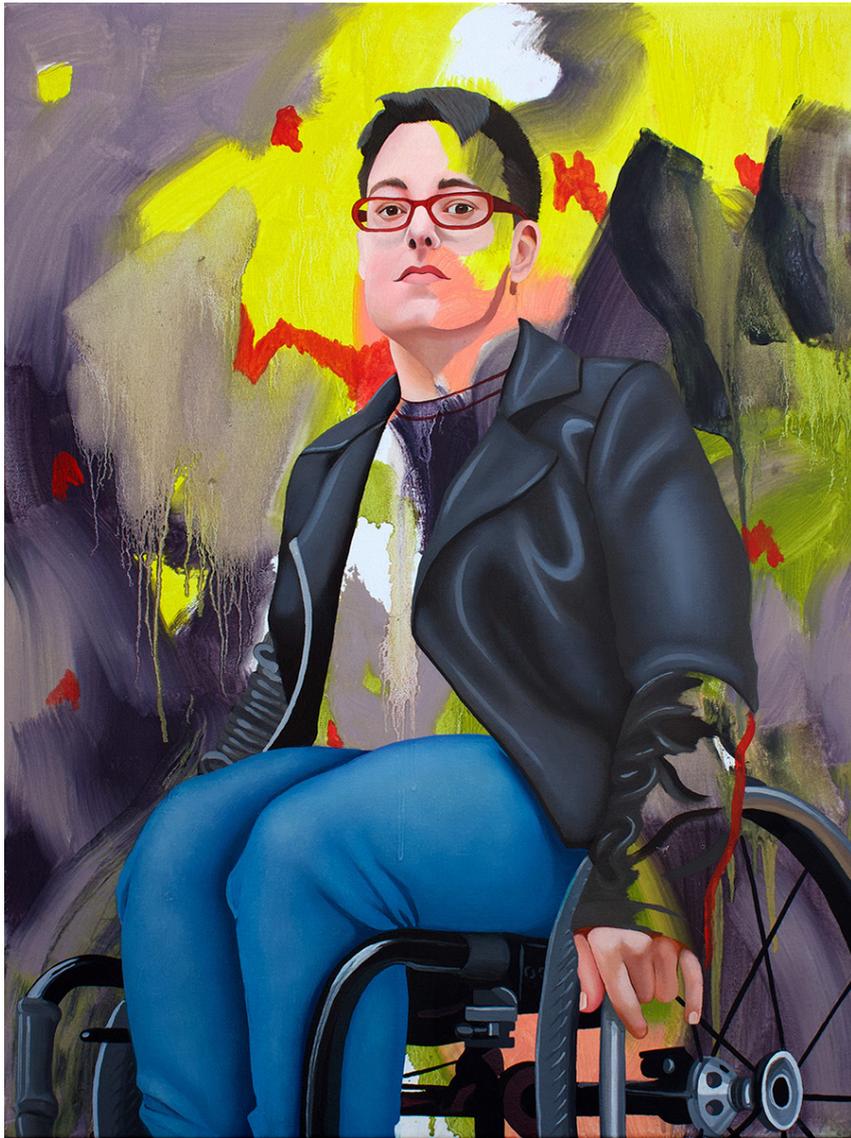




JAMARZ ON MARZ

2021
Oil on canvas
61 x 46cm





JAX

2021
Oil on canvas
61 x 46cm





JONNY

2021
Oil on canvas
61 x 46cm





KAT

2021
Oil on canvas
122 x 91.5cm

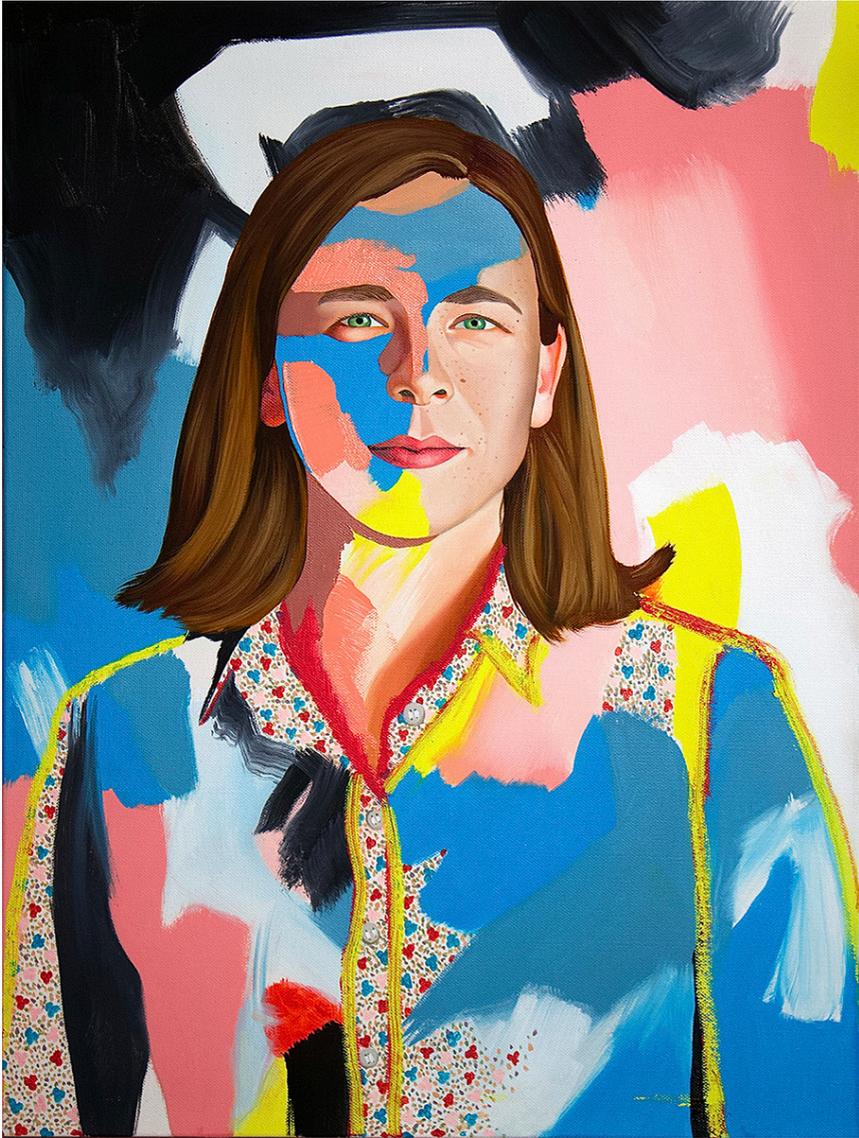




KIM

2021
Oil on canvas
101.6 x 101.6cm

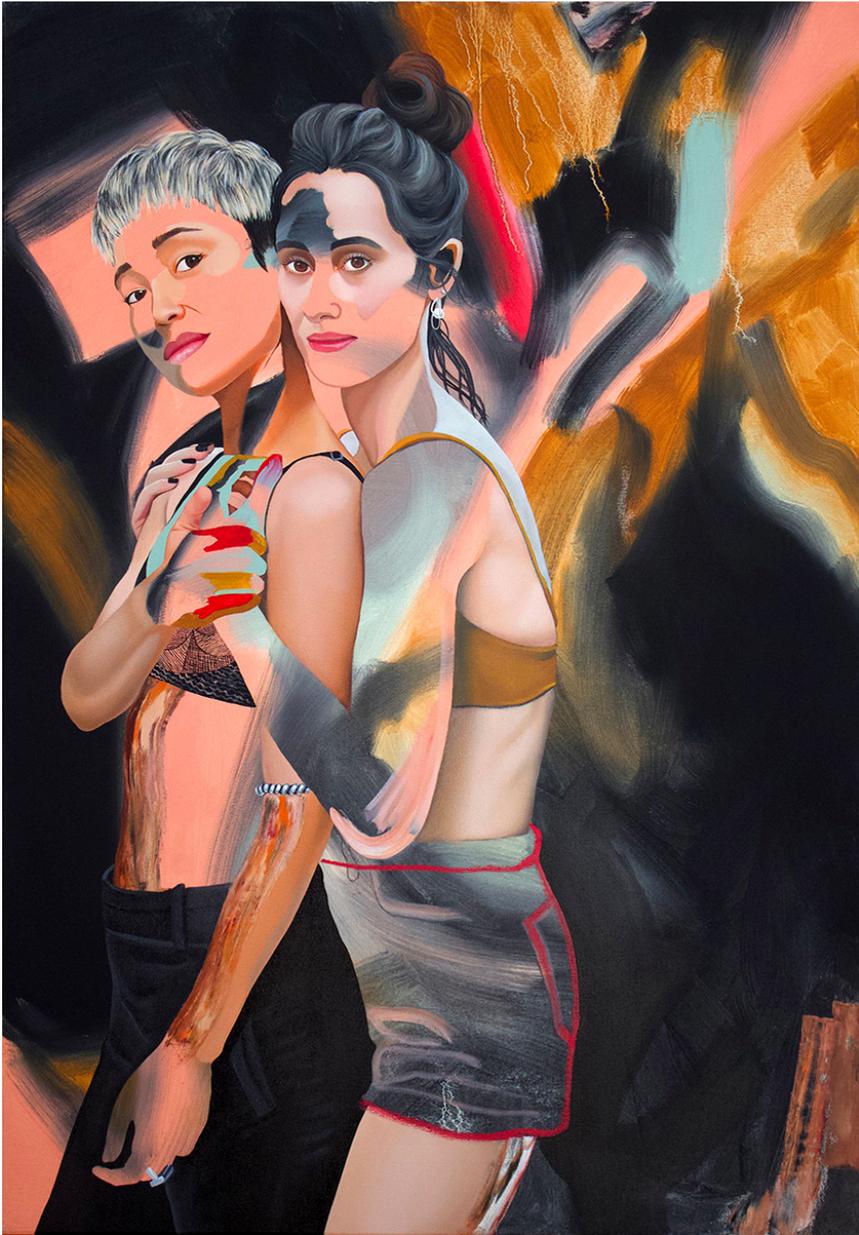




LISA

2021
Oil on canvas
61 x 46cm





MAYA AND SAHA

2021
Oil on canvas
101.6 x 70cm





NEWSHA AND SABRINA

2021
Oil on canvas
122 x 91.5cm





STIINA

2021
Oil on canvas
78 x 46cm





TAY

2020
Oil on canvas
101.6 x 76.2cm





TEDDY

2021
Oil on canvas
101.6 x 70cm





HANDSOME

2021
Lightweight polyester with hand-sewn finish
200 x 600cm, approximate



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[VIEW CV](#)

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EXHIBITION OPENING

Thursday 4 March

[RSVP](#)

Due to the COVID restrictions in Sydney, guest numbers are restricted and RSVP's are essential. Ensuring we are compliant, there may be a wait for entry... your understanding is appreciated.

ARTIST TALK

Saturday 6 March 2.30pm

Artist Talk
[RSVP](#)

Join Kim Leutwyler and Nanda\Hobbs Director Ralph Hobbs for an indepth discussion about the work and tour of the exhibition on Saturday 6 March at 2pm. The talk will run for approximately 1 hour and will be live streamed on Instagram.

Nanda\Hobbs acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation as the traditional owners of the land upon which our gallery stands, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

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