



PRESS RELEASE
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Urban Antics - New Works on Paper by

Pasquale Giardino

Opening Thursday 9th March
Exhibition Dates: 8 March – 2 April

at BRIGHTSPACE (gallery)
8 Martin St
St Kilda

Gallery Hours:
12 – 6 Wed – Sat &
1 – 5 Sundays

Pasquale Giardino's world is one of never ending carnivale and Mardi Gras, adventure and mayhem, a world where trouble and tranquility struggle for dominance and the only certainty is chaos. These are pictures which encompass the gamut of experience, from social injustice to fecund fantasy. Giardino can be social commentator – as in the plight of Aboriginal people in Alice Springs in *Unaffordable Culture They Own*, or he can leap into lashings of pure imagination when he depicts the mad sci-fi epic *Everybody's Leaving Mars*. Giardino's world can leap from the carnivalesque to the gritty; from the fantastical to the down and out. He captures it all like some kind of fervid street reporter, notepad in hand, recording facts and fictions with an urgent rush – nothing can go by without being captured by his manic line-work and washes of vibrant colour.

I've known Pascy and enjoyed his work for 25 years. This show is the fruition of a long held desire to exhibit his fantastic take on life at BRIGHTSPACE. We hope you appreciate these treasures on paper as much as we do.
MARTIN KANTOR, BRIGHTSPACE.

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