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*Curated by  
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Artist Run

Established in 2003, KINGS Artist-Run provides a location for contemporary art practice, supporting distinctive experimental projects by artists at all stages of their careers.

Open 12-5pm Thursday,  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
69 Capel Street,  
West Melbourne VIC 3003

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## MAGIC HAPPENS

*MAGIC HAPPENS* explores notions of productivity, positivity and spirituality in our clunky postdigital future. The artists in this dual solo exhibition are interested in the high and low tech of our everyday, traversing power relations, productivity and labour, and the lines between utilitarian and hedonic value.

A far cry from the slick shiny edges and eternal wisdom of machine learning, this exhibition looks at clumsy AI and robot fails, while celebrating the magic in both the uncertainty in and of, promised technophoric utopias. Combining the work of Latvian artist Līga Spunde and Australian artist David Attwood for the first time, this new collaboration positions two emerging artists born in the same year at the precipice of the digital native generation.

Curated by David Ashley Kerr. *MAGIC HAPPENS* is supported by the City of Melbourne Arts Grants.

DAVID ASHLEY KERR is an Australian curator and writer-researcher living and working on Gunai-Kurnai land in Eastern Victoria. David has played an active role in arts and cultural development in Melbourne (Naarm), as well as in Northern and Eastern Europe. David is passionate about community-engaged art and ecological art practices, and is the custodian of LOW Gallery + Projects, an established independent art space in Rīga, Latvia. He is currently Senior Curator at Latrobe Regional Gallery on Braiakaulung country in the Latrobe Valley area of Gippsland.

DAVID ATTWOOD (b. 1990, Perth) makes artworks in the forms of readymades, found objects and sculptural assemblages using contemporary commodities. His work broadly explores concepts pertinent to contemporary capitalism. In 2016 Attwood completed a PhD in Art at Curtin University, and in 2019 completed the SOMA Summer program, SOMA, Mexico City. He has participated in numerous solo and group exhibitions nationally and internationally in institutional, commercial, artist-run, online and offsite settings. Attwood is the co-editor of the book *The Art of Laziness: Contemporary Art and Post-work Politics* (Art + Australia, 2020) and runs the project space Disneyland Paris.

LĪGA SPUNDE (b.1990, Rīga) makes multimedia installations where personal narratives are closely intertwined with carefully constructed fictions. The interpretation and use of recognizable characters serves as an extension of her personal experiences, while tapping into general truths and accepted tropes. Usually, the content of the work determines the physical form of the conception, so a variety of media, techniques and materials are used in her unique installations. Spunde's work is present in public and private collections across Europe, and she was nominated for the national Latvian Purvītis Prize in both 2022 and 2020.

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### Works from L-R:

Līga Spunde  
Esotericist / Episodes About Not Knowing How It Will Be  
2022  
Digital drawing  
76 x 43 cm

Līga Spunde  
Pessimist / Episodes About Not Knowing How It Will Be  
2022  
Digital drawing  
76 x 43 cm

David Attwood  
Magic Vacuum (My Other Car Is A Broom)  
2023  
Hoover 5240 Intelligent Robot Vacuum, adjusted vinyl bumper sticker.  
35 x 35 x 9 cm

David Attwood  
Magic Vacuum (Coexist)  
2023  
Hoover 5240 Intelligent Robot Vacuum, adjusted vinyl bumper sticker.  
35 x 35 x 9 cm

Līga Spunde  
The Flame I  
2019  
Coloured soft polyurethane foam  
dimensions variable

David Attwood  
Magic Vacuum (Witches' Parking Only)  
2023  
Hoover 5240 Intelligent Robot Vacuum, adjusted vinyl bumper sticker.  
35 x 35 x 9 cm

Līga Spunde  
The New World  
2021  
Digital drawing, wallpaper print  
482 x 287 cm

David Attwood  
Magic Vacuum (Magic Happens)  
2023  
Hoover 5240 Intelligent Robot Vacuum, adjusted vinyl bumper sticker.  
35 x 35 x 9 cm

David Attwood  
Untitled (Magic Vacuum Diagram)  
2023  
Venn diagram graphic written by the artist and designed by Celeste Njoo.  
100 x 100 cm