

KINGS Artist Run acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we operate. We offer our respect to Elders both past and present and extend this offer to all First Nations people.

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THE ARTIST STANDS

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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
1 – 5pm, Saturday – Sunday
69 Capel Street,
West Melbourne VIC 3003

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The Artist Stands

The Artist Stands is a vinyl text installation adhered to the wall. The text forms an arch in relation to the viewers body, spelling out the phrase: "The artist stands in this space facing the wall for the duration that you imagine them"

The work prompts the viewer to imagine an artist occupying the space, creating a series of questions around art making, our imagination and the relationships between viewers, artworks, artists and spaces. While the viewer may imagine the creator of the work, they are also positioned to consider themselves as an artist due to the inference made by the text.

Artwork details:

The artist stands in this space facing the wall for the duration that you imagine them, 2025, vinyl, 600 x 1850 mm

Nicholas Tossmann is a Gold Coast based conceptual artist. Tossmann is intrigued by our innate curiosity as humans and our ability to question, irrespective of finding answers. Tossman uses text for its flexibility and capacity to make intangible ideas tangible. He often works site specifically considering spaces and architecture to imagine how viewers could spatially engage with concepts. His work invites a contemplation of the self in relation to the absurd. By creating introspective thought and conversation around ideas represented in text we are able to gain an understanding of both our and others perspectives around how we construct meaning.