

## **MARTIN BELL**

Martin Bell works across various disciplines including drawing, photography and sculpture. His work has been exhibited at Hell Gallery, Melbourne, the Australian Centre for Photography and Powerhouse Museum Sydney and also in association with the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. Martin has released numerous publications; and published two books *My Birthday Party* 2007 and *Martin Bell From the Fourth Dimension* 2010.

Layering inspiration in a completely original, celebratory manner, he takes visual pointers from 18th century French fabric decorative art Toile de Jouy, the world's first engineer, Vitruvius, Roman artist of imagined prisons Piranesi, as well as Melbourne landscape painter Arthur Streeton....If you relax and just let the whole thing soak into your brain, it all makes perfect, ridiculous sense. Every single piece of the puzzle is considered, every element a key player in Martin's wonderful imagination/reality.

**Max Olijnyk 2010**

## **MARTIN BELL**

Born 1978, Melbourne  
Lives and works in Melbourne

### **EDUCATION**

#### **2001**

Graduate Diploma of Education University of Melbourne

#### **2000**

Bachelor of Fine Art, Victorian Collage of Arts

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

#### **2016**

*Rocks & DVDS \$2*, Back Room, Tolarno Galleries Melbourne

#### **2013**

*Skull Gully II* Tolarno Galleries Melbourne

#### **2010**

*Skull Gully* Hell Gallery, Melbourne

#### **2009**

*Spooky Action at a Distance*, curated by Adi Nachman/Andy Mac in association with *Soft Sculpture*, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

#### **2014**

*Adelaide Biennial – Dark Heart*, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia

#### **2013**

Tim Maguire, Bill Henson, Brook Andrew, Rosemary Laing, Martin Bell, and Anastasia Klose: Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne at Art13 London, London

Martin Bell & Brendan Huntley: Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne at Art Basel Hong Kong

#### **2012**

*UFO BUSTERS!* Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne

#### **2010**

*LoveART*, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney curated by Amanda Love

#### **2009**

*Batteries Not Included*, Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney curated by Joseph Allen/Malcolm Smith

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **2013**

*MARTIN BELL – ROCKS AND DVDS \$2*

#### **2011**

*From the Fourth Dimension*

#### **2007**

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

### 2013

Parker, Francis, E. *It's about time: Martin Bell Catalogue essay*, Tolarno Galleries 2013

Vaughn, Rebecca, *A Studio Visit in Snake Valley*, Broadsheet, July 2013, URL:

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### 2012

Georgiou, Oliver, *UFO Busters! The Blackmail*, July 2012, URL: <http://www.theblackmail.com.au/2012/07/ufo-busters-2012/>

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### 2010

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