



Self-made: zines and artist books

The Temporary Exhibitions Gallery

Friday 1 March – Sunday 19 May 2019

Delve into do-it-yourself culture – from limited run artist books to cut-and-paste photocopy fanzines, explore the evolution and diversity of these radical publishing alternatives.

Celebrate the power of self-publishing to communicate directly with readers, create community and support counter-culture movements. Self-publishing empowers makers of all abilities and backgrounds to become creative producers, challenge dominant models, and make work that anyone can appreciate and collect.

State Library Victoria has one of the finest collections of artist books and zines in Australia and *Self-made* showcases original rare objects from the collection, as well as a selection of contemporary zines and artist books. Discover science fiction fanzines from the 1940s, ground-breaking 1970s punk zines, Australian underground press publications and artist books designed to circumvent commercial gallery systems.

Dominic Forde

Ramps, pools, ponds and pipes, 1975–1985, Melbourne, self-published, 2015

Photograph of Stacey Peralta courtesy of the Peninsula Surf Shop, Rare Books Collection, State Library Victoria



The exhibition features works by leading international artists including: Swiss German artist, Dieter Roth; Pop Art influenced American artist, Ed Ruscha; pioneering conceptual artist Sol LeWitt; and renowned Australian painter, sculptor and printmaker, Robert Jacks; alongside works by contemporary artists and zine-makers.

More than 170 works will be on display, including a dedicated reading lounge, revealing the breadth and beauty of artist books and zines.

Self-made: zines and artist books is presented by State Library Victoria in partnership with Sticky Institute, and supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria and the Visions regional touring program, an Australian Government program aiming to improve access to cultural material for all Australians.

This exhibition will tour to seven national venues throughout 2018 and 2019.

See slv.vic.gov.au/self-made for details.



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