

# NORTH

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RELENTLESS OPTIMISM

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Relentless Optimism is a phrase from a conversation between the artist and a gallerist about the challenges of the art world. Searle's response was 'don't worry; I'm relentlessly optimistic'.

This body of work is a process of reflection on various aspects of himself and several of the major themes of his work. It is a collage of recent projects: Stolen Gold, Subtle Protest, self portraiture and the text based works.

Using bright colours and witty text, these works hint at underlying truths and declare fun self proclamations. The artist explores himself in a light-hearted way whilst simultaneously self-affirming his own practice.





Self Portrait with Corn

Acrylic and oil stick on canvas

199 × 136.5cm

\$4,500



Self Portrait with Stolen Gold

Acrylic and oil stick on canvas

199 × 136cm

\$4,500



A Parrot on his Staff

Acrylic, enamel and permanent ink on canvas

169 × 82cm

\$2,750

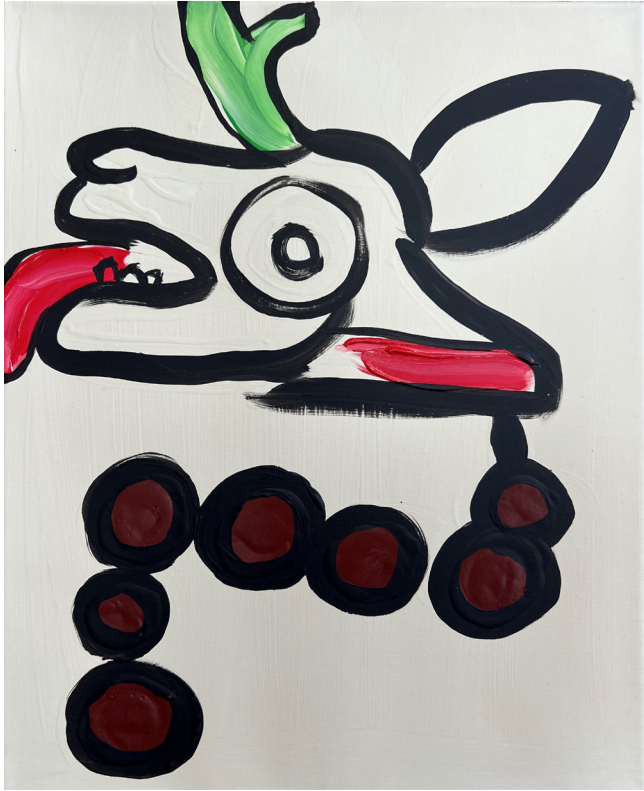


Oro Oro Oro (Gold Gold Gold)

Aerosol and permanent ink on linen

51 × 41cm

\$550



A Chief with His Symbols

Acrylic on linen

51 × 41cm

\$550





Subtle Protest (orange balaclava)

Enamel, oil stick and road paint on linen

51 × 41cm

\$550



Orange Llama

Acrylic and oil stick on linen

51 × 41cm

\$550

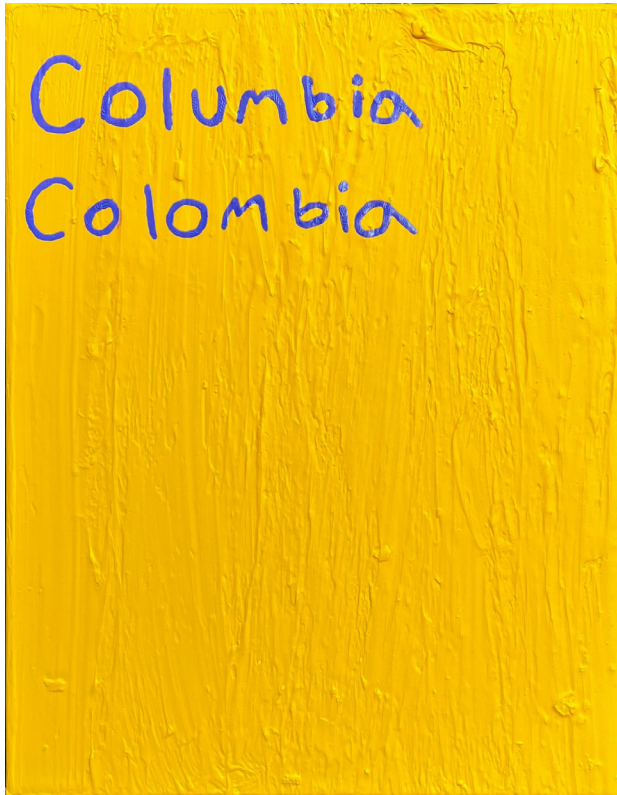


Purple Balaclava

Acrylic, aerosol and permanent ink on linen

51 × 41cm

\$550



Sometimes People Don't Know Where I Come From

Enamel and road paint on linen

51 × 41cm

\$550



A Heroic Portrait of a Quimbaya Noble

Acrylic on canvas

164 × 107cm

\$3,300



Madre (Mother)

Acrylic on canvas

101 × 92cm

\$1,800



I Don't Like You

Acrylic on linen

76.5 × 61cm

\$1,200



Pink Balaclava

Acrylic on canvas

99 × 84.5cm

\$1,700





White Balaclava

Acrylic on canvas

119 × 94.5cm

\$2,100



Blue Balaclava

Acrylic on canvas

75 × 59cm

\$1,100



Yellow Balaclava

Acrylic on canvas

91 × 70cm

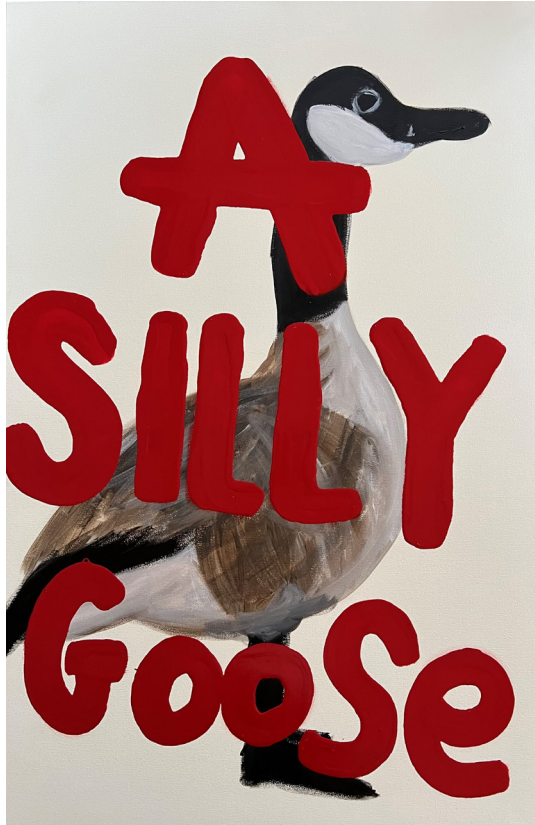
\$1,500



Watered Down Artistic Vision Suitable for  
Public Consumption  
Acrylic, enamel and oil stick on canvas

204 × 136cm

\$4,600



A Silly Goose

Acrylic and enamel on canvas

137 × 89.5cm

\$2,300



Poco Oro (Little Gold)

Enamel, oil stick and aerosol on canvas

40 × 32.5cm

\$375



Too Drunk to Paint

Acrylic and enamel on canvas

147 × 147cm

\$3,600



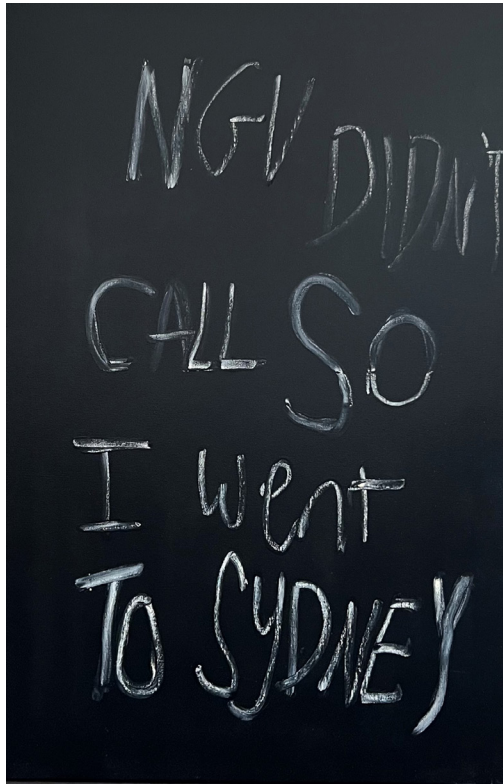
Everything I Make Is Great

Acrylic on canvas

151.5 × 121cm

\$3,350





NGV Didn't Call So I Went to Sydney

Oil stick and aerosol on canvas

137 × 89.5cm

\$2,300



My Friend Abdul

Enamel and acrylic on canvas

152 × 137cm

\$3,500



Subtle Protest

Acrylic and enamel on canvas

30.5 × 108cm

\$825

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