

Happiness *happyner*

The playful (mis)spelling in the title of this show is a joyful nod to a moment in the 2006 film version of Chris Gardner's memoir *The Pursuit of Happyness*, when Will Smith's character worries over the same misspelling in the entranceway motto of his son's day-care centre. It represents, as the film does, the state of imperfection in which we might live, while still chasing what we believe to be an ideal happiness.

... happiness has become
too big as a word...
it is a very small
thing...

Michael Leunig



Troy Emery *The Beast* 2013

11.12.15 to 31.01.16

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Ji Lee

born 1971 Seoul, South Korea
lives in New York, USA

03 Clonify Stickers Project 2014 ongoing
installation: includes original sheets of stickers, projected display of documentary images featuring stickers in situ around New York city, and postal package from the artist stickers in two sizes
7.6cm and 4.5cm diam
courtesy the artist

Michael Leunig

born 1943 Melbourne, VIC
lives in Melbourne, VIC

04 One Happy Cloud 2011
100% New Zealand wood rug
300 x 200cm
courtesy the artist, Designer Rugs and Roslyn Odey Gallery, Sydney

05 Sweet Nature 2015
Australian clay, glass, local plants
installation dimensions variable
courtesy the artist

06 Self Portrait in Texta Rainbow 2011
cello glazed, full colour, box and offset printed playing cards, with zineograph printed booklet (biographies and information on each Texta model) standard size box of 54 cards
courtesy the artist, and Sullivan + Strumpf, Sydney

07 J Million Stars to End Violence 2012 – 2018
mixed media installation
dimensions variable
courtesy the artist

08 City from Tree Boat n.d.
ink on paper
26.5 x 26cm

09 Sunspot 2012
video documentation of an event, Mexico
02:09 minutes

10 Stealing Joy 2015
oil on linen
153 x 107cm

11 A year with my grandmother 2015
single channel video
8:06 minutes
courtesy the artist

12 A Herd Ready for Lifesize n.d.
ink on paper
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13 Truth and Beauty n.d.
ink on paper
21 x 25.4cm

14 The Seven Types of Ordinary Happiness n.d.
digital print on paper
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15 Maryann Talia Pau
born 1978 Aps, Samoa
lives in Brisbane, QLD

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collection Maitland Regional Art Gallery, purchased 2004

17 Toy Story 2011
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43 x 80 x 30cm

18 Friend 2012
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59 x 22 x 17.5cm
courtesy the artist and Martin Browne Contemporary

19 Rowena Foong
born 1977 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
lives in Newcastle, NSW

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single channel video
8:06 minutes
courtesy the artist

Nell

born 1975 Maitland, NSW
lives in Sydney, NSW

21 Love crisis out from each brick in the wall 2013
concrete brick, gold leaf, varnishes
22.5 x 11 x 6.5cm
private collection, Sydney

22 One Happy Cloud 2011
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300 x 200cm
courtesy the artist, Designer Rugs and Roslyn Odey Gallery, Sydney

23 Self Storage n.d.
digital print on paper
21 x 29.5cm

24 Update down in bath n.d.
ink on paper
26.5 x 26cm

25 City from Tree Boat n.d.
ink and watercolour on paper
16.5 x 23.5cm

26 Heart Song n.d.
ink on paper
20 x 29cm

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Justy Phillips

born 1975 Haddfield, England
lives in Hobart, TAS

71 When you and I catch sight of a Great Yellow Owl in a forest 200 kilometers north-west of Adelaide, the absurd experience of our fighting makes felt the number of our living 2014
video documentation of an event, Australia
02:07 minutes

72 Sunspot 2012
video documentation of an event, Mexico
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73 Waveform 2012
video documentation of an event, Mexico
04:07 minutes
courtesy the artist

74 Liane Rossler
born 1965 Sydney, NSW
lives in Sydney, NSW

75 Sever Nature 2015
Australian clay, glass, local plants
installation dimensions variable
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76 Darren Sylvester
born 1973 Sydney, NSW
lives in Melbourne, VIC

77 If All We Live Is Each Other Then That's OK 2003
lambda print
edition of 6
90 x 120cm
private collection,
courtesy Sullivan + Strumpf, Sydney

78 TextaQueen
born in 1975 Perth, WA
lives in California, USA

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