



JENNIFER
MILLS

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Jennifer Mills was born in 1966 and currently lives and works in Melbourne.

Mills is known for her technical mastery of watercolour with which she intricately renders her subjects. Often basing her works on found photographic images, she produces works exploring subjects such as childhood, cult television shows, costumes and disguise, and disability.

Her current exhibition, *bite me* includes over 70 watercolour and gouache works, some in collaboration with her son, Darcy Luker. This series of drawings are based on found photos, some literally found in a laneway in Carlton, Melbourne, others gifted to the artist or purchased second-hand. Some came into her possession pre-damaged, others she used scissors to cut and remove characters or elements. The 'original' narrative of the complete image is disrupted and a new story unfolds.

This process of removing and subtracting elements in the image has been at the core of Mills' practice for nearly 30 years. The scissors have temporarily replaced the application of oil pastel over the watercolour images of earlier works to redirect the focus.

"To a point, serendipity plays a part in the choice of subject and the editing. I work with what I find and my current mood. I have thousands of photographs in my collection. The subjects and photographers' identities are anonymous. I often wonder how they came to be discarded, disconnected from the people they once belonged to, but I can never know. No doubt, their anonymity makes it easier to cut them out." (Jennifer Mills, March 2023)

Between 2009 and 2011 Mills produced a major work, *What's in a name...* in which she gathered together 325 other women named Jennifer Mills from across the globe found through the internet. These Jennifer Mills were transformed from their original internet images through the artist's tender watercolour paintings, which were equally attentive and non-judgemental. This work of 325 pieces was purchased by the Queensland Art Gallery/GOMA in 2011.

Jennifer Mills has exhibited regularly with Darren Knight Gallery since 1997. She has been a finalist in the Geelong Art Prize, the Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize, the Jacaranda Art Prize and the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery's National Works on Paper Prize on numerous occasions. In 2018 she won the Splash: McClelland Contemporary Watercolour Award.

In 2012 she was included in *Contemporary Australia: Women*, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane. Her work has also been included in group exhibitions including *Contemporary Australian Drawings 1*, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne, Australia (2010), *Magnetic Islands*, RMIT Project Space / Spare Room, Melbourne, Australia (2010), *Darwin's bastards*, Verge Gallery, University of Sydney, Australia (2009), *All in an afternoon*, Monash University Faculty Gallery, Melbourne (2007); *Polar mark*, RMIT Project Space / Spare Room, Melbourne (2007); *Strange beauty*, Linden Centre for Contemporary Arts, Melbourne (2007); and *Getting on Mother's Nerves*, Mother's Tankstation, Dublin, Ireland (2006).



Missing in action # 5 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
41.5 x 28 cm
\$1,500.00



Chomp 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
40 x 27 cm
\$1,500.00



Chomp, apple core 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
40 x 27 cm
\$1,500.00



Missing in action #2 2020

watercolour on paper

41 x 28 cm

\$1,500.00



Missing in action #3 2020
watercolour on paper
41 x 28 cm
\$1,500.00



Missing in action #4 2020

watercolour on paper

41.5 x 28 cm

\$1,500.00



Missing in action 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
41 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Money in the bank 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
28 x 41.5 cm
\$1,500.00



Money in the bank #2 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
27.3 x 41 cm
\$1,500.00



OM 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
28.5 x 38.5 cm
\$1,500.00



Where's the party 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
20 x 29.5 cm
\$1,250.00



True Blue 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
20 x 29.5 cm
\$1,250.00



A-ha 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
20 x 29.5 cm
\$1,250.00



Bombshell 2019
watercolour and gouache on paper
28 x 39.5 cm
\$1,500.00



Slither 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
24.5 x 17 cm
\$1,250.00



Fossicking finger 2020
watercolour on paper
41.5 x 28 cm
\$1,500.00



Crime scene clean-up 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
25 x 38 cm
\$1,500.00



XD Wagon 2019
watercolour and gouache on paper
approx. 34 x 50 cm (with border)
\$1,500.00



REWARD TOMAHAWK 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
33 x 25 cm
\$1,250.00



Merle & Ted's stuff 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 42 cm
\$1,500.00



Wolf in wolf's clothing 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
33 x 22 cm
\$1,250.00



Mismatch, tree fell 2021
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 41 cm
\$1,500.00



1'99 2019
watercolour and gouache on paper
33 x 40 cm
\$1,500.00



Locked gaze 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
45 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Tempting #2 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
20.2 x 25.2 cm
\$1,250.00



Tempting #3 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
19.5 x 24.7 cm
\$1,250.00



Tempting 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
20 x 24.5 cm
\$1,250.00



I heart you 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
34 x 24 cm
\$1,500.00 (framed)



I unheart you 2021
watercolour and gouache on paper
34 x 24 cm
\$1,250.00



Two's company 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
28.5 x 41.5 cm
\$1,500.00



Modern Olympia #2 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
28 x 40 cm
\$1,500.00



Woody's eggs 2020
watercolour on paper
approx. 23.5 x 29 cm
\$1,250.00



102nd dalmation 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
17.5 x 29 cm
\$1,250.00



George & Jane 2021
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 41.5 cm
\$1,500.00



Boo-boo 2021
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 45 cm
\$1,500.00



Power Puff girls 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
45 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Grumpy 2022
watercolour on paper
29 x 45 cm
\$1,500.00



Wannabe clown 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 20 cm
\$1,250.00



Harvey, pink bow 2021
watercolour and gouache on paper
41 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Harvey, pepsi 2021
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 41 cm
\$1,500.00



Harvey, ventriloquist 2023
watercolour and gouache on paper
45 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Harvey, closed door 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
45 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Harvey, spare ears 2021
watercolour and gouache on paper
45 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Cake, big bite 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
38 x 28 cm
\$1,500.00



Head down, big bite 2021
watercolour and gouache on paper
20 x 29.3 cm
\$1,250.00



Big bite, croc 2019
watercolour and gouache on paper
26.5 x 40 cm
\$1,500.00



Cake, two bites 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
27.5 x 37 cm
\$1,500.00



Cake, big bite (violet toned) 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
23 x 42 cm
\$1,500.00



Miniature pony, two bites 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 45 cm
\$1,500.00



Giant spoons (lost) 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 45 cm
\$1,500.00



Giant spoons (found) 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 45 cm
\$1,500.00



Mouse, fox, cat, pig, rabbit, bull & monkey (lost) 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 45 cm
\$1,500.00



Mouse, fox, cat, pig, rabbit, bull & monkey (found) 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 45 cm
\$1,500.00



Unsuitable pairing (Prince John & Harvey) 2022

watercolour and gouache on paper

45 x 29 cm

\$1,500.00



Rattus rattus 2023
watercolour and gouache on paper
45 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Unsuitable pairing (Kong & Santa) 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
45 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Jennifer Mills and Darcy Luker
Adam & Eve (Darcy & Patrick) 2023
watercolour and compressed charcoal on paper
29 x 38 cm
\$1,500.00



Jennifer Mills and Darcy Luker
Monkey man (no monkey man) 2023
watercolour and compressed charcoal on paper
38 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



Jennifer Mills and Darcy Luker

Famous Five 2022

watercolour and compressed charcoal on paper

29 x 38 cm

\$1,500.00



Jennifer Mills and Darcy Luker
Marge & Homer 2022
watercolour and compressed charcoal on paper
40 x 28 cm
\$1,500.00



Jennifer Mills and Darcy Luker
Rock on (2 Darcies, 2 Patricks) 2020-22
watercolour and compressed charcoal on paper
28.5 x 41.5 cm
\$1,500.00



Jennifer Mills and Darcy Luker

Choke hold 2023

watercolour and compressed charcoal on paper

38 x 29 cm

\$1,500.00



Snap 2021
watercolour and gouache on paper
26 x 37.5 cm
\$1,500.00



ALERT 2021
watercolour on paper
26 x 33 cm
\$1,250.00



Sister's self portraits 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 29 cm
\$1,250.00



Crossbar 2020
watercolour and gouache on paper
27 x 27 cm
\$1,250.00



TERMINAL MORaine 2020

watercolour on paper

31.5 x 23 cm

\$1,250.00



NO FART ZONE 2019
watercolour and gouache on paper
29 x 38 cm
\$1,500.00



Drawing blind 2022
watercolour and gouache on paper
45 x 29 cm
\$1,500.00



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