

# Stella Downer Fine Art

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### Artist Statement

#### The Imari Plate

In her inaugural solo exhibition, Holly Guinness presents a charming series of small – scale artworks, meticulously drawn in coloured pencil on paper. Each piece offers viewers a familiar glimpse into the world of fruit and vegetables viewed from an aerial perspective.

Central to the collection of the three plates depicted is “The Imari Plate” a title inspired by Holly’s own 18th-century Arita ware plate, distinguished by its iconic blue and white motif. The plate reflects Holly’s personal connection to history and tradition infusing the exhibition with a sense of nostalgia.

Drawing from her background as a paper conservator, Holly demonstrates her attention to detail and love of colour. Each artwork is a testament to her exceptional skill, with every luscious curve of a ripe apple and intricate pattern of a pears skin rendered with precision and care. Through her delicate drawings, Holly invites viewers to rediscover the beauty and complexity of nature, celebrating the inherent artistry found in everyday objects.

“The Imari Plate” is a celebration of Holly’s artistic talent and her ability to evoke a sense of wonder and appreciation for the world around us. Through her thoughtful compositions and skilful execution, she invites you to pause and contemplate the beauty that surrounds them, finding joy in the simple pleasures of everyday life.

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