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## *Arms Open Wide*

Morgan Blue

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**Lamington Drive is pleased to present  
*Arms Open Wide* – new paintings by Morgan Blue.**

*Arms Open Wide* explores the intersection between imagination and adversity. Morgan reflects on creativity as a way of building resilience, healing and self discovery.

*“The lead up to a major life altering surgery looms ahead of me and propelled me to paint as much as I could fathom; in fear that I would not again. I wonder whether this is a common feeling for other artists regardless of disablements or illness, this fragile sense that there may not be many opportunities to sing your loudest into a blank page and proclaim that lovingly, you were once here.*”

*My experience with a delicate mortality has continuously led me back into the imaginary. Here I can psychologically and actually put pen to paper, pick up my overwhelming assumptions and experiences and discover that all paths lead back to, awe.”*

*Arms Open Wide* is a body of work consisting of a tapestry of expressive large and small scale acrylic paintings – a joyful exploration of creativity as a refuge for navigating hardship.

**Morgan Blue** is an emerging artist living and making on Bundjalung Country (NSW). Graduating with a BA in Fine Art at RMIT (2015), Morgan has exhibited locally and internationally. Her works explore the re-understanding and experience of illness through the refuge of creativity within art-making and its origins in childhood. Morgan’s paintings draw from personal memory and obsession in an attempt to tease out a way of seeing and investigate the capacity to imbue the everyday with a sense of magic.

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