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Your Names on the Door

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intelligent animal and the Darlington Installation Project (DIP) present Your Names on the Door: Niki McDonald

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ARTIST STATEMENT

Textiles, particularly needlepoint tapestry, have always been central to my creative practice, allowing me to explore the intersection of tradition and raw emotion. In the dimly lit pubs of the 1970s and 1980s, where beer-soaked carpets met swirling cigarette smoke and raucous crowds, Australian rock bands belted out anthems that echoed through the era. My artistic exploration delves into the heart of Australian pub rock culture, merging tranquil vistas captured in needlepoint tapestries with the gritty, unadorned lyrics of pub rock. Through this fusion, I seek to navigate the complex interplay of cultural narratives—the clash between idealism and the unvarnished realism of working-class life.

How we sailed into Sydney
Harbour, saw an old friend
but couldn't kiss her
She was lined, and I was
home to the lucky land.

Cold Chisel - 1978

ARTIST BIO

Niki McDonald uses contemporary needlepoint tapestries to explore the urban landscape and experience. 'Faces, spaces and attitudes,' are all themes in work, which often depict strong women against a colourful background that includes cultural references to today's society. She has a Bachelor of Creative Arts with a Major in Textiles and a Minor in Printmaking at Wollongong University. For more information please visit the artist's official website: https://tapestrygirl.com/

YOUR NAMES ON THE DOOR: NIKI MCDONALD







Don't Worry

42cm x 55cm \$600

Too Many Times

32cm x 45cm \$600

Your Arms around me

75cm x 55cm \$600







I Love Myself

60cm x 90cm \$900

Don't Change a Thing

36cm x 36cm \$600

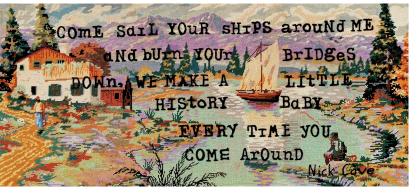
All the Boys in Town

60cm x 45cm \$850



The Lucky Land

80cm x 45cm \$850



Come Sail your Ships

110cm x 50cm \$850



Bad Boy for Love

21cm x 30cm \$550

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