**Chelle Destefano - Artist CV**

**Studies**  
**2001 – 2006** Bachelor of Visual Arts and Applied Design – O’Halloran Hill TAFE Campus

**Awards/Scholarships**  
**2018** Recipient of the Regional Arts Victoria Community Arts Grants for Bushfires 2009

**2018** Second prize winner in the major QLD Deaf arts exhibition **2018** Recipient of the microgrant for the Fringe Festival Melbourne

**2018** Regional Arts Victoria grant recipient for the Sydney Other Art Fair **2018** Selected for the judges panel to judge for Court Funds Inspire Awards - Visual Arts **2017** Selected as one of the five leading artists for the Berlin Arts Exchange, Berlin, Germany  
**2016** Australian Arts Council grant - funding for Paris and London exhibitions  
**2016** Richard Llewellyn Arts grant – funding for Wait of World Exhibition in Melbourne  
**2015** Arts SA Makers and Presenter’s Grant for Blue Ghosts Exhibition in Melbourne, March 2015  
**2014** Richard Llewellyn Arts grant – funding to attend Arts Activated Conference, October 2014  
**2014** Dawn Slade-Faull Award – Painting/illustration  
**2014** Public Exhibition Award by Art Images Gallery; Abandoned Room, Adelaide Art Show

**2012** Richard Llewellyn Arts Grant - funding for my solo exhibition at Urban Cow Gallery, Adelaide  
   
**Solo Exhibitions**  
**2019 March - ArtSpace Gallery, Wonthaggi, Victoria  
 Abstract works of the 2009 Bushfire, commemorating the 10 year anniversary of Black Saturday**

**2019 April - Selandra Community Hub Gallery, North Clyde, Victoria  
 Abstract works of the 2009 Bushfire, commemorating the 10 year anniversary of Black Saturday**

**2018 November - FernArtz Gallery, Coburg, Melbourne** The story of the Baby Moon - a collection of illustrations

**2018 September - Experimental Art Installation Exhibition of The Cot story**

Melbourne Fringe Festival, Avondale Heights Library Gallery space

**2017 October - Berlin Pop Up Exhibition of Enchanted Collection with Arts Access Australia**  
 Brotfabrik Art Gallery Space, Berlin, Germany  
 Workshop teaching, leading tour exhibition, studio work of Enchanted series and solo exhibition  
**2017 August - Volkys Collection in SALA Festiva**l  
 Dulwich Bakery, Dulwich, South Australia (matching the coffee cups they were printed on)  
**2016 October - Blue Ghosts Abroad**  
 Chapter One Hotel, Bath UK  
 Exhibition of Blue Ghost works including new works   
**2016 September - Chelle's Collections in Paris**  
 Galerie Metanoia, Paris, France  
 Exhibition of ranges of collections including the popular Blue Ghost works, Volky series & Wait of World work  
**2016 August - Wait of World in SALA Festival**  
 City Library, Rundle Mall, Adelaide South Australia  
**2016 May - June - Wait of the World**  
 Gasworks, Art Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria  
 Exhibition of works relating to the world changes and the perceptions within, A1 sized watercolour illustrations  
**2015 November - Venice Biennale, Italy, Ca' Zanardi Palezzo**  
 Collection of Blue Ghost artworks; 4 pieces  
**2015 October - November** - Art Images Gallery, Norwood, Adelaide, South Australia  
 Solo exhibition featuring **Volky’s Adventures II**  
**2015 June - Inking History, invited by Thebarton,** West Torrens Council Gallery  
 Solo exhibition of illustrations on the heritage buildings of Hindmarsh, Adelaide, South Australia  
**2015 March - April –** **Roam the** **Blue Ghosts I**  
 House of Bricks, Collingwood, Melbourne  
 Solo exhibition on ghosts in abandoned places in watercolour illustrations   
**2014 September - October - Semaphore Art Walk**  
 Semaphore Road (Semaphore’s main street) in conjunction with Semaphore Street Assoc. exhibiting my artworks in 7 different shops  
**2014 August -** **Rainbow Abstracts Series**  
 Adelaide Convention Centre – SALA Festival  
 Exhibition for Rainbow Abstract paintings on Wood for the SALA Festival  
 **2014 May - June -** **Port Noarlunga My Home Town**  
 Port Noarlunga Arts Centre  
 Solo exhibition of watercolour drawings of the town Port Noarlunga  
**2012 November - Vintage is Good, Urban Cow Studio, Adelaide**  
 A collection of watercolour illustrations of vintage items and buildings with a ghost or two in them  
**2011 Chief of Deaf Society's Exhibition for Deafness Awareness Week**  
 Showcasing new works of abandoned buildings and antiques   
**2010 Deaf Society Art Exhibition for Deafness Awareness Week - also winner of the exhibition**  
 Showcasing Dream Series I and II  
**2006 May - The Way In**  
 Taralye, Blackburn, Victoria Melbourne  
 *As a first solo showcasing all artworks created between 2001 and 2006*  
  
**Group Exhibitions**  
**2018 November - The Flow Festival**,The Cot Story Extended **2018 August - The Other Art Fair, Melbourne  
2018 May - The Skin Gallery show duo with Luke King. Exhibition of two Deaf artists**  
**2018 March - The Other Fair, Sydney, Australia**  
**2018 January to June - ArtSpace Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia**  
**2018 January - Mornington Art Show, Victoria, Australia**  
 Me & Baby Moon portrait  
**2017 October - Rome Arts Expo Exhibition with MUSA International Art Space**  
 Me & Baby Moon portrait  
**2016 Dec - Juried Art Show: A Single Grain of Rice, Gallery Metanoia, Paris**  
 Four watercolour illustrations  
**2016 July to September - The Healing Power of ART 2016 Exhibition**  
 Manhattan Arts International  
**2016** **July - Duo with Kathy Smith**  
 Artisan Framing Gallery  
**2015 December - Juried Art Show: A Single Grain of Rice, Gallery Metanoia, Paris, France**  
 Three watercolour illustrations  
**2015 November - Venice Biennale, Italy, in Ca' Zanardi Palezzo**  
 Collection of Blue Ghost artworks; 4 pieces  
**2014 Christmas Exhibition** - Art Images, Norwood, SA  
 Collection of illustrations of Taxi’s Adventures (3 watercolour works)  
**2014 October – Volky Adventures Collaboration**  
 Adelaide Convention Centre as a second invitation for Artbeat  
 Volky Adventures I in watercolour by me, and mosaics by new emerging artist Roberta Sassi

**2013 Exhibition showcasing Artists with Disabilities**  
 Port Noarlunga Arts Centre, SA

**Publications**

**2018** Write up on my exhibition in the Sydney Other Art Fair on Accessible Arts website  
<http://www.aarts.net.au/whats-on/the-other-art-fair/>

**2017** Feature article by art packing specialists Pack and Send as one of their customers

<https://blog.packsend.com.au/chelle-destefano>

**2017** Berlin Arts Exchange spotlight  
<https://artsaccessaustralia.org/international-spotlight-inclusive-arts-culture/>

**2017** My artwork on coffee cup from Dulwich featured in Herald Sun  
<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/envirofriendly-recyclable-coffee-cup-launches-in-melbourne/news-story/461f3c3b60d2d85a4691c3bc7fc5b3a6>

**2017** Chelle's artworks on coffee cups at Dulwich bakeries featured in Adelaide's Advertiser 24 May 2017  
<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/entertainment/arts/dulwich-bakery-outlets-feature-sala-art-works-on-collectable-coffee-cups/news-story/11f41005c54f93d19bf514711288605f>

**2017** Critique by International Confederation of Art Critics, UK

<http://international-confederation-art-critics.org/chelle-destefano-critique>

**2016** Newspaper article on my workshop in Bath, UK  
<https://www.bathecho.co.uk/news/community/deaf-artist-visits-action-hearing-loss-educational-art-workshop-bath-69390/>

**2016** Chelle as the Winner of the Featured Artist Award in 'The Healing Power of Art Exhibition', Manhattan, New York by Renee Phillips

<http://www.healing-power-of-art.org/chelle-destefano-award-winning-featured-artist/>

**2016** Chelle's upcoming exhibition in Paris - by WideWalls, a Paris Arts magazine  
<http://www.widewalls.ch/visual-narrative-chelle-destefano-art-galerie-metanoia-paris/>

**2016** Story on a Deaf Artist by Artsy Shark -<http://www.artsyshark.com/2016/06/16/a-deaf-artist-offers-inspiration/>

**2016** The Society Quarterly Magazine

My showcase of the Wheatsheaf artwork and about my winning in the Adelaide Royal  
Show in 2014 and 2015

**2015** Empty Easel online art magazine: article on my watercolour works, May 2015; <http://emptyeasel.com/2015/05/27/chelle-destefano-fantastically-quirky-watercolor-illustrations/>

**2015** Talking Points quarterly magazine of City of West Torrens, Adelaide, South Australia, Autumn 2015 Edition. One page featuring my artworks on the historical buildings of Thebarton, in the West Torrens area