

# LONE GOAT GALLERY

**BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL ART SHOW 2018**

**Ozzie Wright**

**23 February until 21 March 2018**

**Lone Goat Gallery - 28 Lawson St, Byron Bay NSW 2481**

Byron Bay Surf Festival Art Show returns to Lone Goat Gallery for 2018 with a Otis Carey, Tim Kerr and Ozzie Wright, a trio of highly influential artists with wildly individual histories spanning avant-garde surfing, activism, DIY culture, collaborative street murals and hardcore, garage, folk & punk music.

These artists share little in common aesthetically, but they do share a Just Do it, do it yourself, live it now, freeform approach to creativity and collaboration, and all of them work at the highest levels across more than one arena of the arts – as pro surfers, visual artists, musicians, producers, designers, public artists.

Otis, Tim and Ozzie might best be described as human catalysts, and each of them play an inspirational and influential role in their fields.

## **OZZIE WRIGHT**

Australian professional surfer, artist, filmmaker and musician Ozzie Wright is renowned for his radical surfing innovation and punk rock aesthetic.

Like Egon Schiele, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Carl Sagan, David Suzuki and Banksy in a blender, Ozzie fuses graffiti, pop art, autobiography, cosmic psychedelia, eco-political activism and self-help into an eyeball-searing mix all of his own. Using every media available and painting anything that will stand still long enough, Ozzie's work has featured on innumerable surfboards, record covers, band flyers, a range of ready-to-wear fashion, and in art exhibitions worldwide. Most recently Ozzie staged a sell-out solo show at Byron Bay's own Spot of Genius gallery, alongside collaborative murals up and down the East Coast and across the Pacific in Hawaii.

Wildly prolific, Ozzie also creates artwork for his garage punk band The Goons of Doom. As bass player of the Goons, Ozzie mixes his surfing career alongside both his art and musical commitments. To date the Goons have released such cult classics as the EP Bikey Zomby (2005) the 16-track album The Story of Dead Barbie & Ghost (2007) and I Hate My Hair & I Want to Die (2008). The band have toured extensively in Australia, New Zealand and the USA