

International artists set to paint the town **red...and blue, yellow, pink, green...** at Benalla's *Wall to Wall* 2017

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Bringing together 27 leading international and local artists to create new murals over three days, *Wall to Wall* is set to bring art on a massive scale to the streets of Benalla when it returns from 7 to 9 April.

This significant celebration of street art, backed by Creative Victoria, Festivals Australia and the Benalla Council, will be complemented by a career survey of two of Australia's most admired street artists, **Adnate** and **Rone** at the **Benalla Art Gallery** as well as the *Wall to Wall* Workshop Series and a *Twilight Painting* program and street art tours with well-known Melbourne street art tour guide, David Russell.

The 2017 program, in its third year, also sees the return of the popular *Paint by Numbers* community mural which sees one of the festival's talented artists join community members to create a permanent, large-scale mural for the town. *Wall to Wall's* legacy of large-scale murals already cover 28 Benalla buildings.

The *Adnate and Rone* exhibition, covering the journey between artist and collector, brings together two of Australian street art's most active collectors and community advocates – Sandra Powell and Andrew King. Their exhibition, the most significant survey of the artists' work to date, traces the history of Adnate and Rone, from their rebellious beginnings on the streets of Melbourne to international acclaim from Europe to the USA.

To coincide with the exhibition, **Adnate will take over the interior of the Goorambat Uniting Church to create an artwork of massive proportions.**

"This year's program, which partners with the Benalla Art Gallery, one of Australia's most respected regional art galleries, shows just how far the *Wall to Wall* festival has come," according to Artistic Director, Shaun Hossack. "Whether you're a staunch enthusiast or just plain curious about this ever-evolving art form, *Wall to Wall* is your chance to skill up, take in new work, and get up-close and personal with some of Australian street art's biggest names," said.

Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes, said she was "proud to have secured Victorian Government funding for *Wall to Wall* 2017. It will help take this fantastic festival to the next level and create another reason for visitors to spend time in my beautiful hometown Benalla."

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Pictured above: From left to right – Guido Van Helten, Adnate, Rone – Photo by Ed Whitfield