



Brisbane artist Amelia Batchelor, aka Mealie, is surrounded by her work for her exhibition.

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Send in the clowns for a big finish to the year

There will be lots of tomfoolery at Ric's Bar next week.

And that's not just because it's Christmas time.

Brisbane artist Amelia Batchelor – known as Mealie – is staging Tom Foolery, an

exhibition of her harlequin clowns.

Each has its own personality and name and was created because of a childhood interest. "I've always liked clowns, particularly jokers," she says.

As well as clown paintings and sculptures, Mealie – who has been a graphic designer for the past 25 years and a full-time artist for 12 months – says a lot of her work is focused on faces.

The artist also likes to work with recycled materials from nature and she has made some 3D sculptures.

Tom Foolery is at Ric's Bar, Brunswick St Mall, Fortitude Valley, until December 31.