

Not a shadow of a doubt

By JAMES BRINDLEY

WAYNE Howie Outsider (aka WHO) has been many things in his life from a chef to a local political candidate, but it was at the age of 49 that he took up the paintbrush, created his alter-ego Shadowstan and is making a name in international modern art.

The Wynnumite's modern pieces, inspired by graffiti and other urban artwork will be shown in Chicago from June 17, follow exhibitions in Australia, the United States and Europe, billing his work as the next best example of cottage-industry art.

Mr Howie said his success producing T-shirts, magnets, postcards, mousepads, skateboards along with larger paintings and works represent his need to connect with local youth and express his world perspective.

"I don't fit into any known category, meaning I have little inhibition," said Mr Howie.

"I paint what comes out of me and people



WHO'S THE MAN: Wayne Howie Outsider with some of his work.

seem to relate to it."

The majority of Mr Howie's work is based around the misadventures and life of his character Shadowstan, a figure based on his lifestyle and personality that enables his

ability of expression.

"Shadowstan is my way I can say things that usually can't be said," he says.

Karleen Gwinner, curator of last year's Artist Citizen at Metro Arts said Mr Howie's

work was honest and direct.

"Wayne Howie Outsider has something to say and he is not shy to say what he thinks," Ms Gwinner said.

"Through an interdisciplinary approach

encompassing painting, collage and sculptural forms his paintings explode with a figurative nature."

■ Learn more about the artist at waynehowieoutsider.com or www.shadowstan.com

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