Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation



Celebrating 40 Years of Acquisitions

The Art Gallery of New South Wales acknowledges the Gadigal of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of the Country on which it stands.

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Director's message

Our collection lies at the heart of the Art Gallery of New South Wales, forming the catalyst for a vibrant art museum that inspires curiosity and provokes new ways of thinking about the world.

The Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation, established in 1983, is the major art acquisition fund of the Art Gallery. By investing donations and bequests, the Foundation provides essential funds to support the purchase of collection highlights, many of which are on display today. Expertly managed and stewarded by the Foundation Board, these funds have established a corpus that leaves a lasting impact on our state's art collection.

Since the Art Gallery receives no government funding for art acquisitions, the generous support of our Foundation donors and bequestors enables us to continually develop our collection, maintain our leadership in the field of contemporary art, and expand our commitment to historical art.

The 73 major works of art acquired with the assistance of the Foundation over the past 40 years – now valued at over \$307 million – are a phenomenal investment in our cultural heritage. I take immense pride in the legacy these works of art provide for the State of NSW and look forward to future acquisitions that will ensure the continued enhancement of our collection and exhibitions.

The recent expansion of the Art Gallery saw one of the most generous and transformational contributions by the Foundation to date. In December 2022, the Art Gallery had the privilege of unveiling nine major site-specific works that were commissioned as part of the Sydney Modern Project through a \$15 million pledged donation from the Foundation. These magnificent works of art feature within our new building (named Naala Badu, meaning 'seeing waters') and the original building (named Naala Nura, meaning 'seeing Country'), as well as our art garden.

The Foundation has also helped us build upon our existing strengths as we envision the future direction of the Art Gallery. In 1958, we became the first art museum in Australia to commission and exhibit Aboriginal art as art, and our collection of Australian Indigenous art has since become one of the most comprehensive in the nation. In the last few years there has been a significant transformation of our displays, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander works included at the centre of visitor experience across our museum campus. We have also placed the Yiribana Gallery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art in a respectful and symbolically meaningful manner at the entrance of our new building.

Like all historically formed collections, there has been a bias towards male artists since we were founded in 1871. Works acquired with Foundation funds reflect the Art Gallery's focus on addressing this imbalance, including the recent acquisitions of significant works by Louise Bourgeois, Lorraine Connelly-Northey, Simryn Gill, Yayoi Kusama, Sally Mann and Lisa Reihana.

A stringent internal curatorial process is applied to all proposed art acquisitions, and formal submissions are only made after lengthy research and review. This scholarship and expertise ensures that key works of art are identified, sourced and negotiated for the collection.

The acquisition of a group of spectacular historical Aboriginal shields from Australia's south-east are just one example of new scholarship, where curators are seeking to establish connections between the designs on the shields in an effort to identify makers. This research is also reflected in the major living artwork bridging our two buildings that was commissioned with Foundation support – Jonathan Jones's bíal gwiyúŋo (the fire is not yet lighted) – which foregrounds Indigenous knowledge at the core of a remarkable concept.

The depth of research that goes into the acquisition of major works is also of fundamental importance to our exhibition programs. Following a Foundation tour to New York in 2015, we were able to acquire the sculpture *Arched figure* by Louise Bourgeois – one of the greatest artists of the twentieth century. This purchase assisted in securing the largest-ever exhibition of her work in Australia, hosted exclusively at the Art Gallery from 25 November 2023 to 28 April 2024.

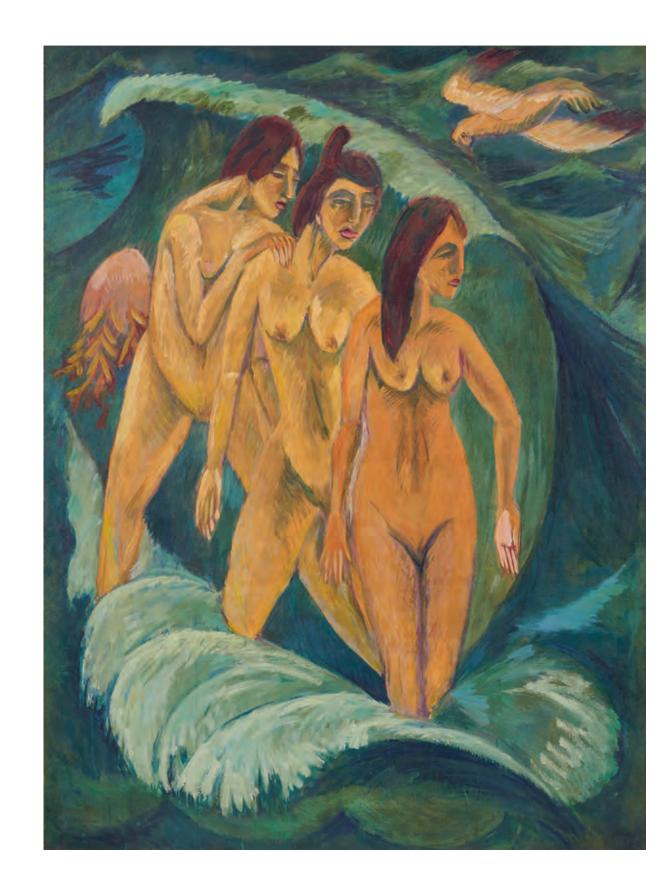
International stature is affirmed by each addition to the collection we make through Foundation support at the Art Gallery. Not only are we building a collection of ongoing relevance, we are also contributing to the cultural capital of our state and contributing to international heritage, with works often featured as highlights of major exhibitions abroad.

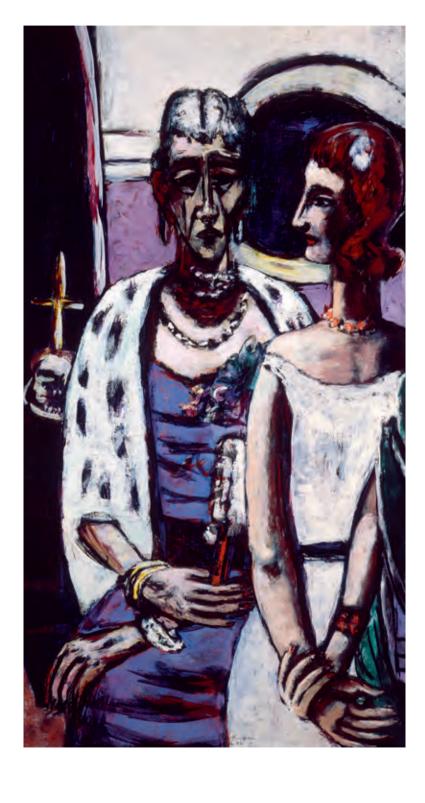
Ernst Ludwig Kirchner's *Three bathers* 1913 was the first acquisition made by the Foundation in 1984 and plays a crucial role in conveying the story of European modernism. It was loaned to Museum Kunstpalast in Düsseldorf and the Kunsthaus in Zürich in 2017. Other Foundation-supported works loaned to major international public institutions over the last decade include Paul Cézanne's *Banks of the Marne* c1888 (Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum, Madrid, 2012), and Agnolo Bronzino's *Cosimo I de' Medici in armour* c1545 (Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 2021).

Many of the artworks acquired through the Foundation possess an immense stature in the canons of art history. Our rich and varied collection of paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs and objects offer a panoramic overview to stimulate the public enjoyment and understanding of art, ideas and issues through centuries.

The Foundation has been essential to the Art Gallery in making contributions to the collection over the past 40 years that are relevant to the twenty-first century and beyond. It has provided the people of New South Wales, and indeed Australia and beyond, access to works of art that will continue to provide joy and inspiration worthy of our past, present and future. For this, I am deeply grateful.

Michael Brand
Director
Art Gallery of New South Wales





Miyagawa Chōshun Japan 1683–1753 Standing figure of an actor 1713 hanging scroll; ink and colour on paper, 110 × 53 cm image; 209.3 × 75 cm scroll overall 1987



1988

Philip Guston USA 1913–80 East Tenth 1977 oil on canvas, 203.2 × 255.3 cm



China

Tang dynasty (618–907)

A pair of tomb guardian figures
late 500s – early 600s
earthenware with traces of red
and orange pigment over white slip
93 × 39 × 23 cm; 92 × 39 × 23 cm

1990

Vincent van Gogh Netherlands 1853–90 *Head of a peasant* 1884 oil on canvas, 39.4 × 30.2 cm









Domenico Beccafumi Italy 1484–1551 Madonna and child with infant John the Baptist c1542 oil on panel, 90.5 × 69 cm

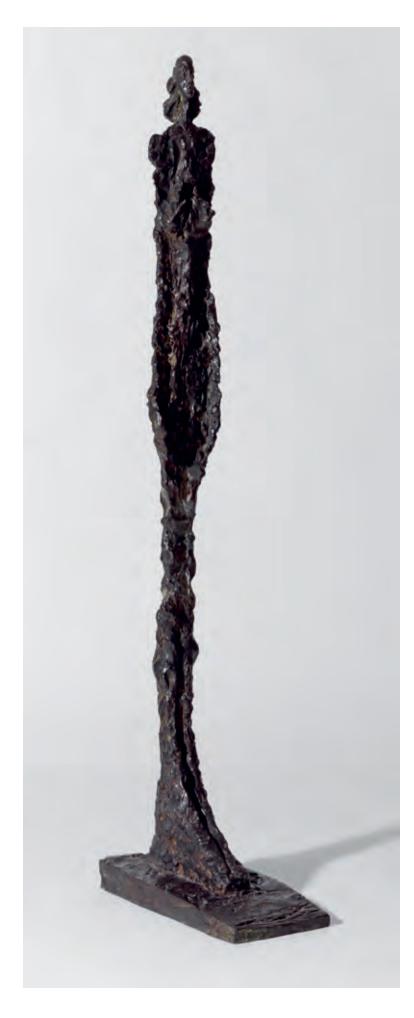
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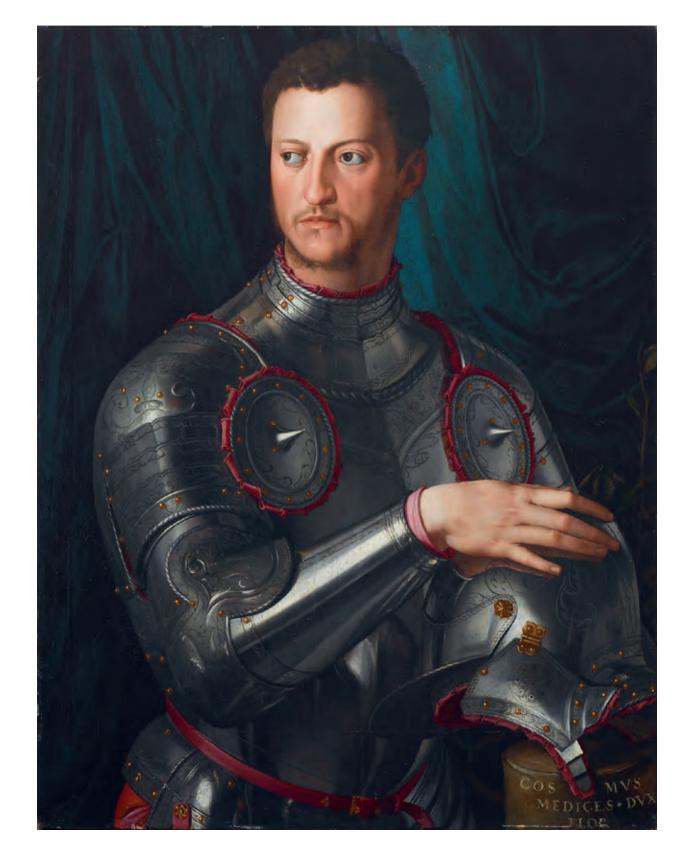
Kanō Einō Japan 1631–97 *Pine, bamboo and plum blossom* 1600s pair of six-panel screens (*byobu*); colour and gold on paper, 182.5 × 376 cm each











Wongu Munungurr (attrib)
Australia 1884–1958
Djapu, Arnhem region
Untitled c1930s
natural pigments on bark
69.5 × 72 cm

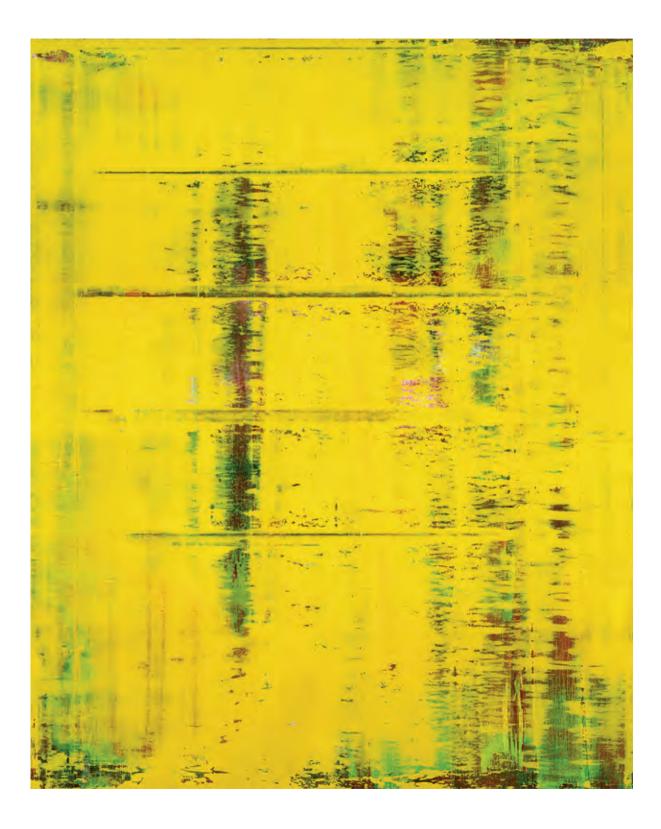




China, Hebei province Sui dynasty 581–618 Standing Buddha marble, 210 × 81 × 42 cm 1998

d Richter

Gerhard Richter Germany b1932 *Abstract painting (812)* 1994 oil on canvas, 250 × 200 cm



19 **1999**

Rachel Whiteread
England b1963
Untitled (elongated plinths) 1998
3 plinths; plastic and urethane foam
67.3 × 77.2 × 221 cm each



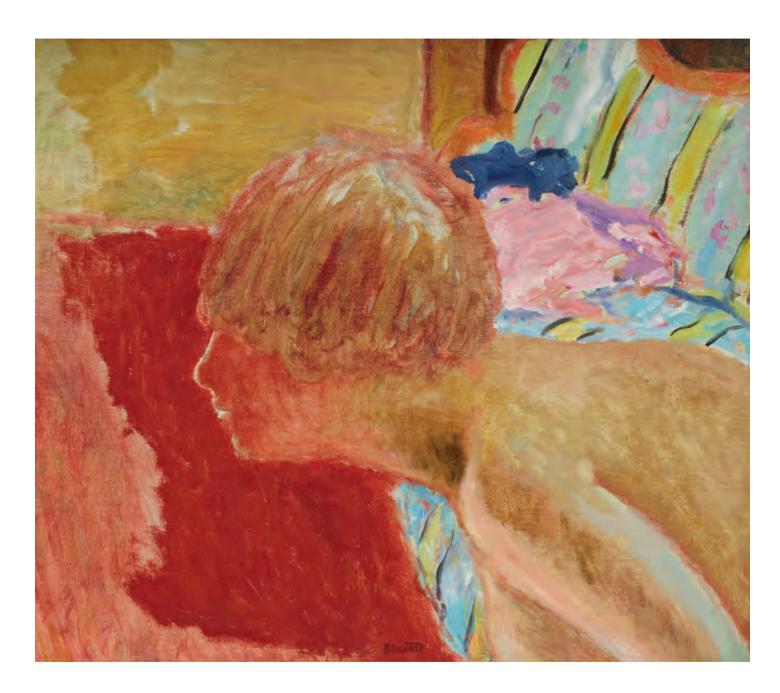
Japan
Edo (Tokugawa) period (1615–1868)
The plain of Musashi late 1600s–1700s
pair of six-panel screens (byobu);
ink, colour and gold on paper
156 × 360 cm each





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Pierre Bonnard
France 1867–1947
Bust in profile, red background
(study) c1920
oil on canvas, 46 × 52 cm
Purchased with funds provided
by the Art Gallery of New South
Wales Foundation and the Margaret
Hannah Olley Art Trust 2000



Russell Drysdale England/Australia 1912-81 Group of Aboriginal people 1953

oil on canvas, 50.8 × 61 cm

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2004 Andrea Boscoli

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Italy c1560-1608

Clorinda learns the fate of Sophronia and Olindo c1580

pen and brown ink, and brown wash over traces of red chalk

underdrawing 24 × 17 cm

Purchased with funds provided by the Art Gallery of New South

Wales Foundation and the Italian community of Sydney 2004



Cy Twombly
USA/Italy 1928–2011
Three studies from the
Temeraire 1998–99
triptych; oil on canvas
265 × 761 × 5.6 cm

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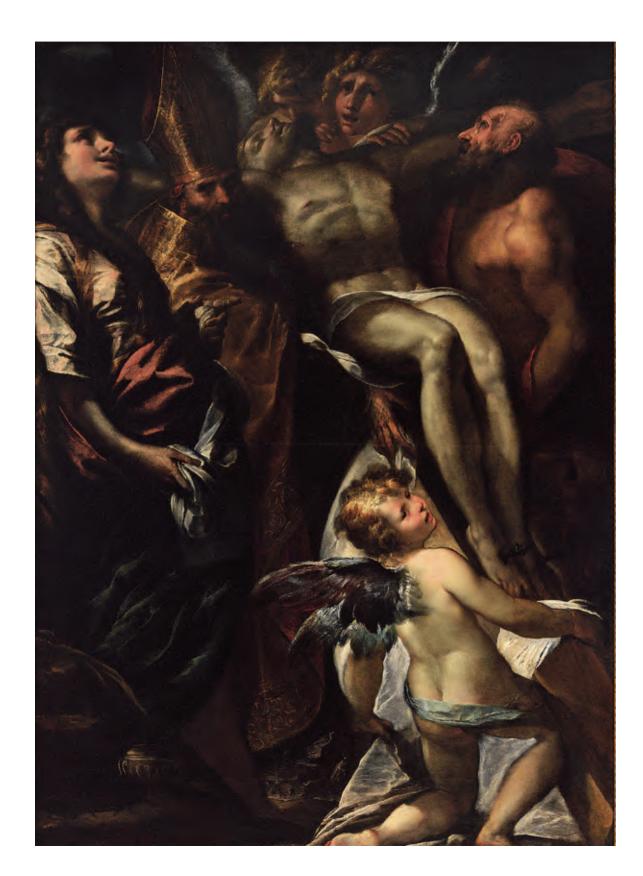






Giulio Cesare Procaccini
Italy 1574–1625
The dead Christ on the cross with Saints
Mary Magdalene, Augustine and Jerome,
and angels c1618
oil on canvas, 238 × 171.7 cm
Purchased with funds from the estate of

Mr Walter Hartwig through the Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation 2005



2006

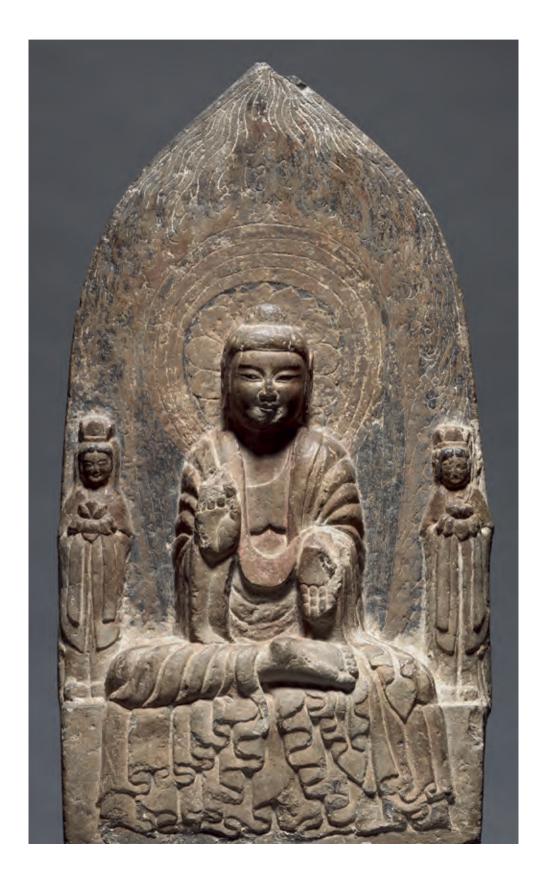
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Maurice de Vlaminck
France 1876–1958
Sailing boats at Chatou 1906
oil on canvas, 58 × 71 cm
Purchased with funds provided
by the Art Gallery of New South
Wales Foundation and the Margaret Hannah Olley Art Trust 2006



China Northern Wei (386–535)/ Northern dynasties (420–589) Stele of a Buddha flanked by two bodhisattvas 500s limestone with traces of pigment, 76 × 38.2 × 13 cm

Purchased with funds provided by the Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation, the Mary Eugene Tancred Bequest, Jim & Janette Bain, Nick Curtis, Rowena Danziger AM & Ken Coles AM, Chum & Belinda Darvall and Isaac & Susan Wakil 2006



2007

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Sidney Nolan
Australia/England 1917–92
Hare in trap 1946
Ripolin enamel on hardboard, 90.5 × 121.5 cm
Purchased with funds provided by the Nelson
Meers Foundation, the Margaret Hannah
Olley Art Trust, and the Art Gallery of New
South Wales Foundation 2007



David Hockney
England b1937
A closer winter tunnel, February–March 2006
6 panels; oil on canvas, 190.5 × 381 cm overall
Purchased with funds provided by Geoff and
Vicki Ainsworth, the Florence and William Crosby
Bequest and the Art Gallery of New South Wales
Foundation 2007



Paul Cézanne France 1839–1906 Banks of the Marne c1888 oil on canvas, 65 × 81.3 cm

Purchased 2008 with funds provided by the Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation, the Art Gallery Society of New South Wales, and donors to the Masterpiece Fund in joint celebration of the Foundation's 25th anniversary and Edmund Capon AM, OBE's 30th anniversary as director of the Gallery



2008

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Antony Gormley England b1950 Haft 2007 mild steel blocks 165 × 48 × 60 cm



Nepal, Kathmandu Valley Padmapani 1200s gilt copper, lapis lazuli, gems, stones, 91.4 × 35 × 15 cm

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2011

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Richard Serra USA b1939 Floor pole prop 1969, 1983 hot rolled steel, 240 × 240 × 100 cm Purchased with funds provided by the Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation and the Ruth Komon Bequest in memory of Rudy Komon 2011



John Brack Australia 1920-99 The breakfast table 1958 oil on canvas, 122.2 × 68.7 cm

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37 2013 Tony Tuckson Egypt/England/Australia 1921–73 *Untitled* 1973 synthetic polymer paint and charcoal on hardboard, 214 × 122.5 cm



Sydney Ball
Australia 1933–2017
Great falls 1975–76
from the series Stain
synthetic polymer paint
and enamel on cotton duck,
273 × 585 cm



Jeff Wall
Canada b1946
Summer afternoons 2013, printed 2014
diptych; type C photographs face-mounted
with Diasec, 183 × 212.4 cm left image;
200 × 251.5 cm right image





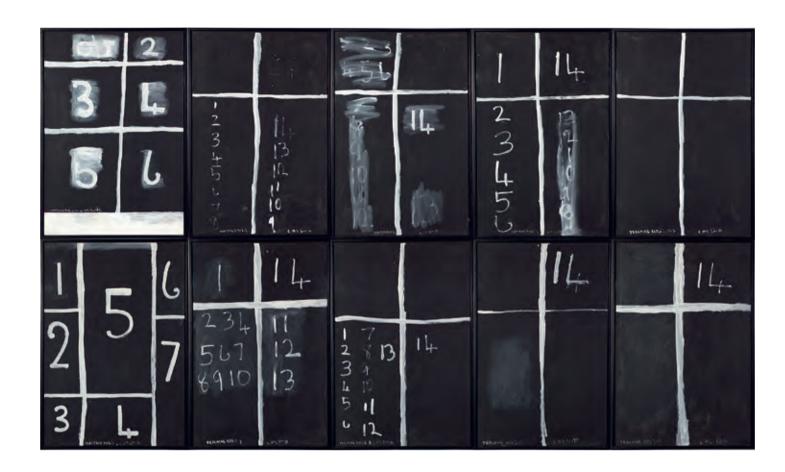
Doug Aitken
USA b1968
Start swimming 2008
aluminium lightbox, neon,
acrylic, 208.3 × 213.4 × 24.1 cm



Colin McCahon
Aotearoa New Zealand 1919–87
Teaching aids 2 (July) 1975
from the series Teaching aids
10 panels; acrylic on paper
109.2 × 72.8 cm each sheet

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2014





top row, from left:

I: Kneeling before Velázquez's casket

II: Finding a tiny waver within silence

III: Opening the door in the depth of the painting

IV: Peering at the secret scene behind the artist

bottom row, from left:

V: Drawn by a distant light, awaken to the darkness

VI: Kingdom's painting, painting's kingdom

VII: In fact, nothing really happened

VIII: And then there were none

Morimura Yasumasa
Japan b1951
Las meninas reborn in the night I–VIII
2013, printed 2016
type C photograph, 148 × 167 cm
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Foundation acquisition with support from
the John Fairlie Cuningham bequest 2016





















Kimsooja
Korea b1957
Archive of mind 2016–ongoing
participatory installation with
clay, wooden table and stools;
Unfolding sphere 16-channel
sound performance, 15:28 min,
display dimensions variable



Riverine/Spencer artist Australia Parrying shield 1800s hardwood 57.6 cm height

2018 Riverine artist Australia Broad shield 1800s natural pigments on hardwood, cane handle, 89.5 cm height

Riverine artist Australia

Broad shield early 1800s
hardwood, cane
handle and natural pigments
93.4 cm height

2018

2018

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Southeast artist Australia A Sydney shield 1800s natural pigments on wood, cane handle, 82.5 × 31 cm

2018

Riverine artist Australia Narrow shield early to mid 1800s hardwood 64.5 cm height











Kawanabe Kyōsai
Japan 1831–89
Hell Courtesan (Jigoku-dayū)
early to mid 1880s
hanging scroll; ink, metallic pigments,
and colour on silk, 54.6 × 98.1 cm
Purchased with funds provided by
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Foundation and the Jean Milner
and Mary Tancred Bequests 2019

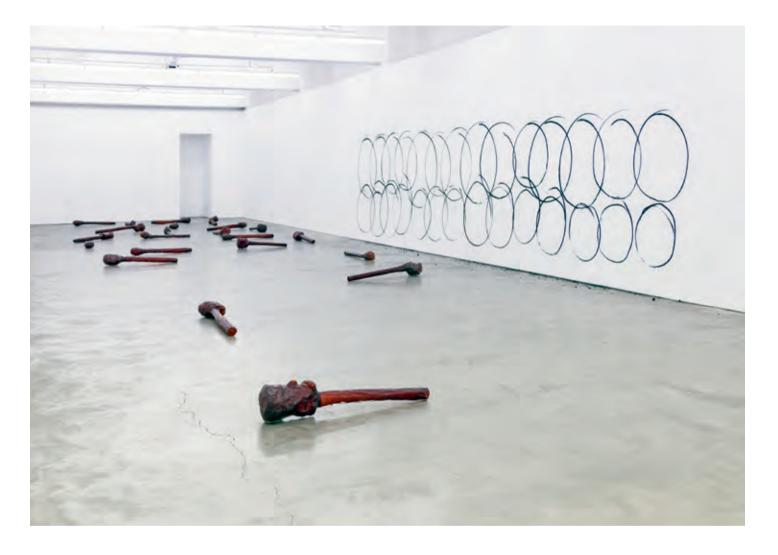


Simone Leigh USA b1967 Sentinel 2019 bronze, raffia 205.7 × 185.4 × 102.9 cm 2019

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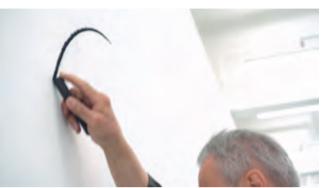
Mike Parr
Australia b1945
KINDNESS IS SO GANGSTER 2018
22 glass sculptures, two
dual-channel performance
documentation digital videos, wall
drawing, display dimensions variable

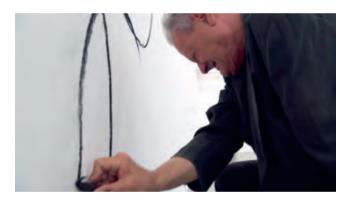










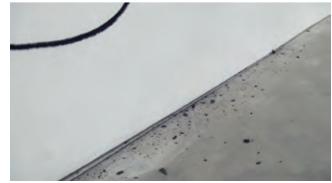












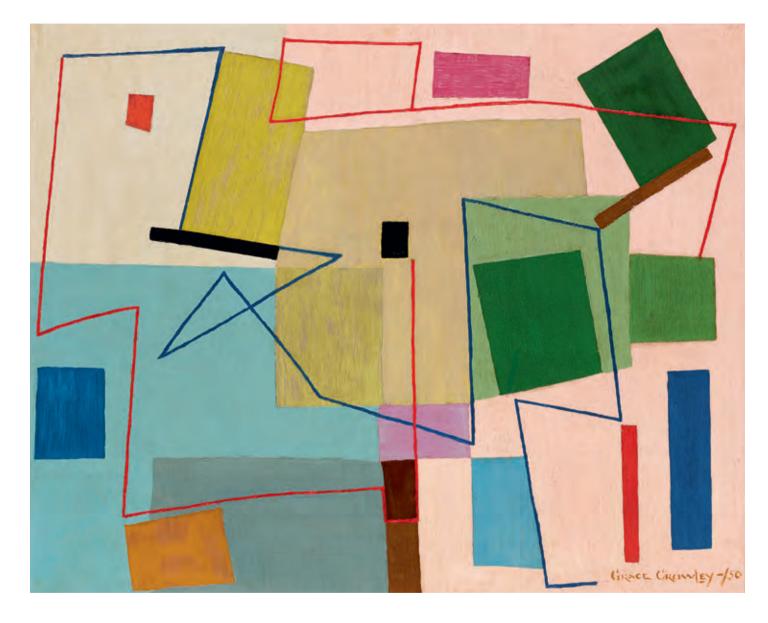
Takashi Murakami Japan b1962 Japan Supernatural: Vertiginous After Staring at the Empty World Too Intensely, I Found Myself Trapped in the Realm of Lurking Ghosts and Monsters 2019 acrylic, gold leaf and glitter on canvas, 300 × 1000 cm



Grace Crowley Australia 1890–1979 Abstract painting 1950 oil on hardboard 59.5 × 74.5 cm

2019

Mika Rottenberg Argentina/Israel/USA b1976 Lips (study #3) (smoky lips variant) 2016–19 (video stills) mixed media, single-channel video installation, colour, sound, duration: 1:28 min





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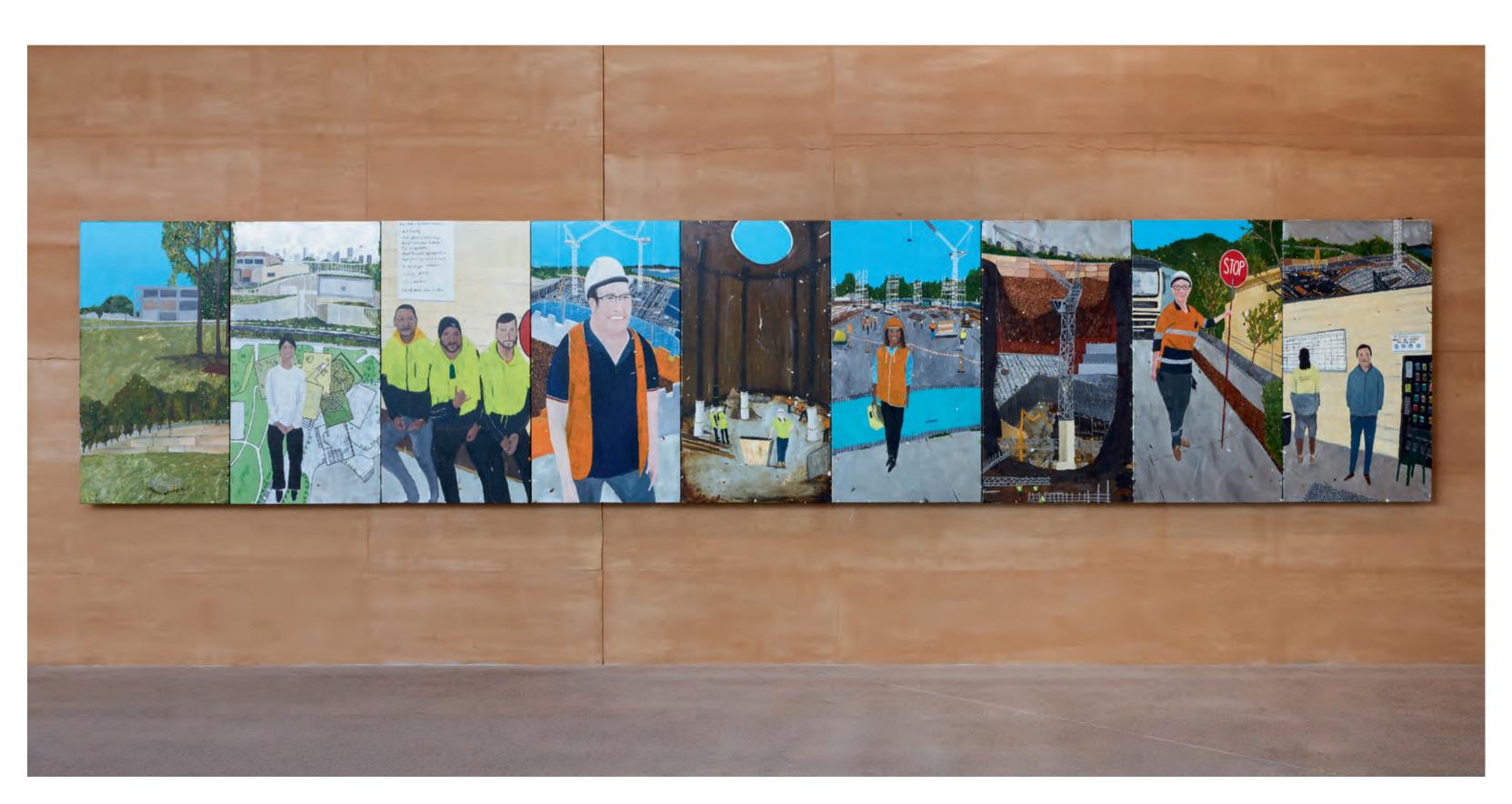




Richard Lewer Anteard Lewer
Aotearoa New Zealand/Australia b1970
Onsite, construction of Sydney Modern
which resides on the lands of the Gadigal
of the Eora Nation (drawings 1–14) 2020–21
archival ink marker pen on museum rag board
37 × 29 cm each



Richard Lewer Acteard Lewer
Actearoa New Zealand/Australia b1970
Onsite, construction of Sydney Modern
which resides on the lands of the Gadigal
of the Eora Nation 2020–21
9 panels; oil on aluminium, 153 x 81 cm
each panel; 153 x 729 cm overall



Jusepe de Ribera
Spain/Italy 1591–1652
Aesop c1625–31
oil on canvas, 125 × 92 cm
Purchased 2021 with funds
provided by the Art Gallery of
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Foundation gala dinner

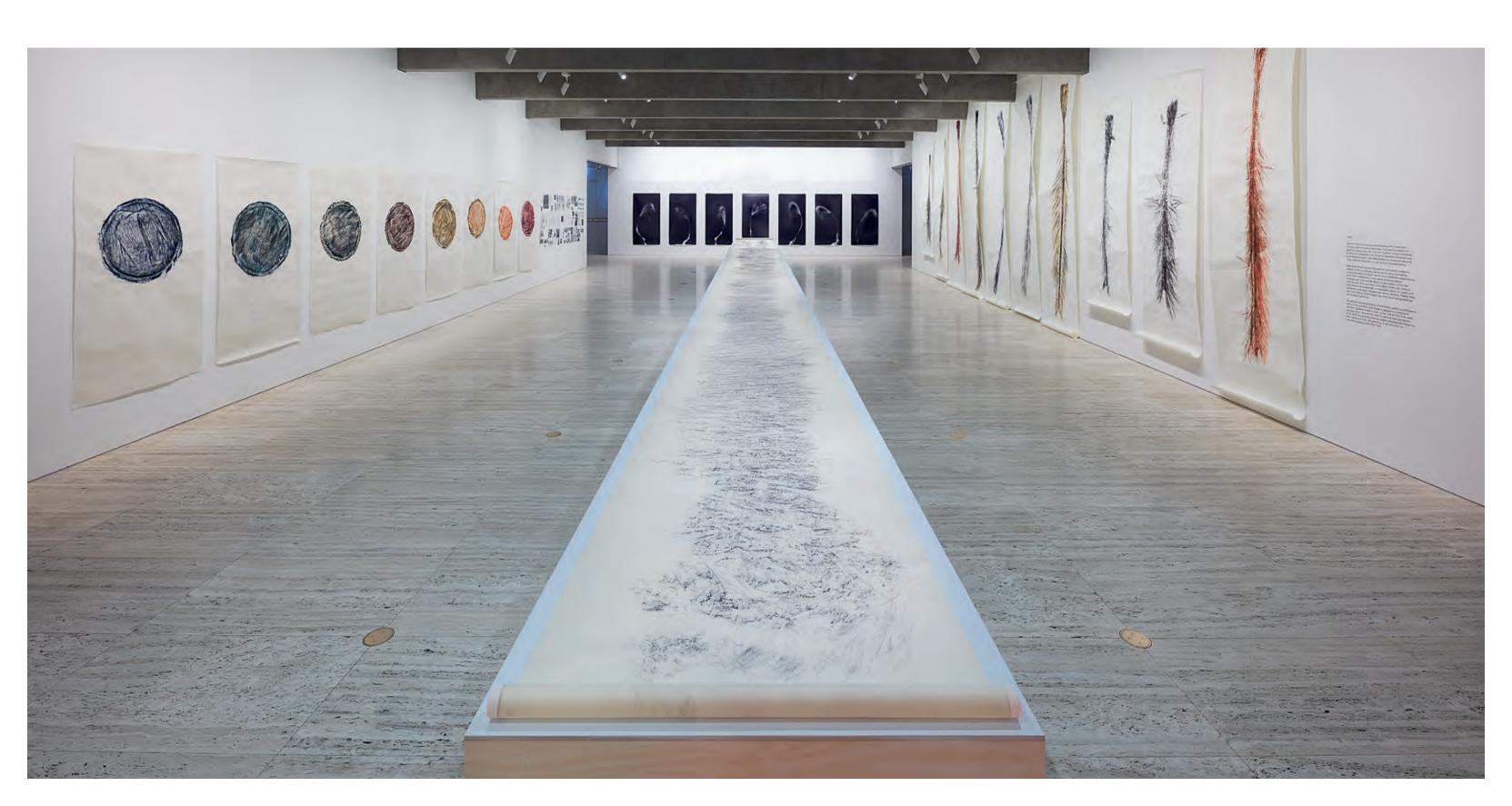








Simryn Gill Singapore/Malaysia/Australia b1959
Clearing 2020–22 (installation view)
ink on paper; unique type C photographs;
graphite and wax crayon on paper; book,
dimensions variable



Simryn Gill Singapore/Malaysia/Australia b1959 Selected works from the series *Clearing* 2020

this page, clockwise from top: (Tree trunk cross-section print #6) ink on paper, 197 x 107 cm

(Bark print #24) ink on paper, 38 x 28.5 cm

(Bark print #25) ink on paper, 38 x 28.5 cm

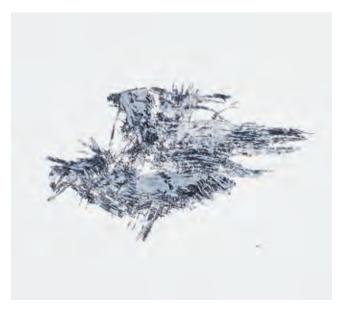
opposite, from left: (*Palm frond print #1)* ink on paper, 520 x 97 cm

(Palm frond print #17) ink on paper, 293 x 97 cm

(Palm frond print #16) ink on paper, 394 x 97 cm

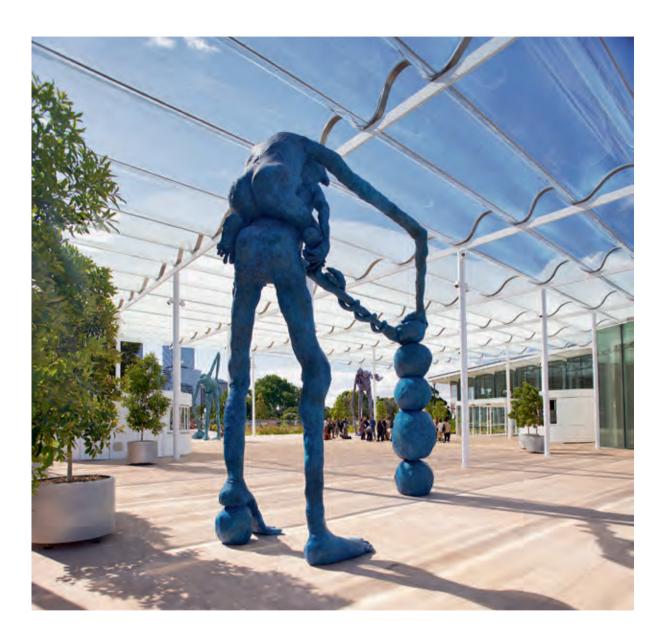








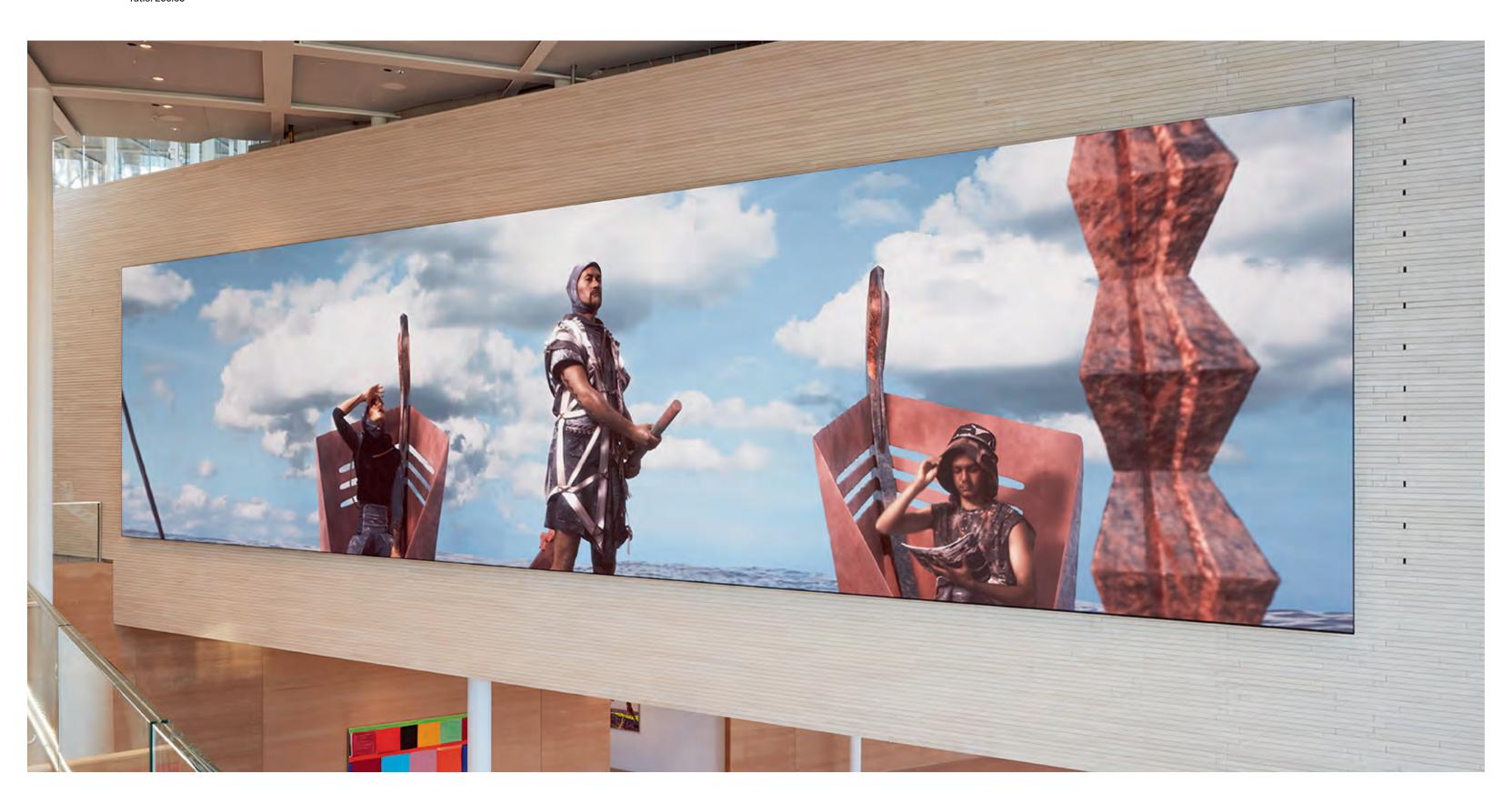
Francis Upritchard
Aotearoa New Zealand/England/Italy b1976
Here Comes Everybody 2022
3 cast bronze sculptures with patina
Commissioned with funds provided by Peter Weiss
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Wales Foundation 2022







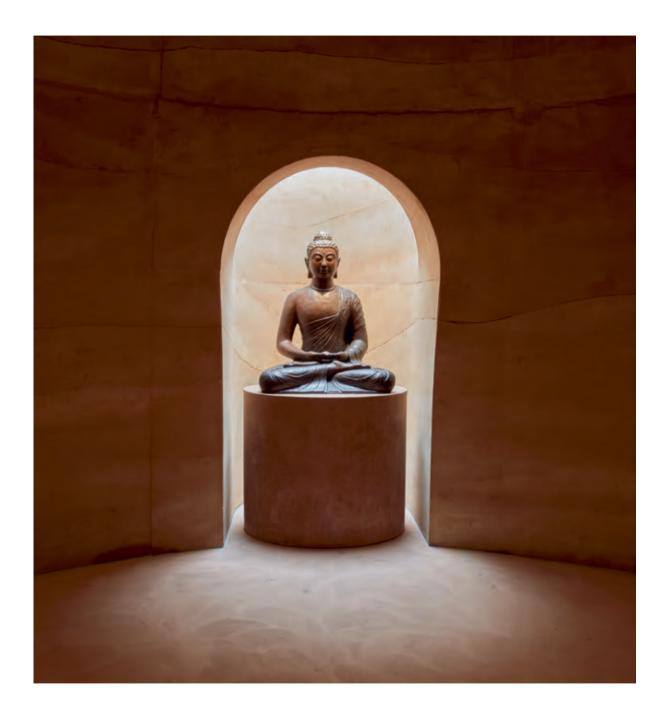
Lisa Reihana Lisa Reihana
Aotearoa New Zealand b1964
Ngā Puhi, Ngāti Hine, Ngāi
Tūteauru, Ngāi Tūpoto
GROUNDLOOP 2022
single-channel digital video
with multi-layered audio,
duration: 21 min, aspect
ratio: 256:63 Commissioned with funds provided by the Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation, Creative New Zealand and the following visionary donors: Anna Dudek and Brad Banducci, Simon Johnson and David Nichols, Michael Martin and Elizabeth Popovski, The Papas Family, Bill and Karen Robinson, Rae-ann Sinclair and Nigel Williams, and Jenny and Andrew Smith 2022



2022

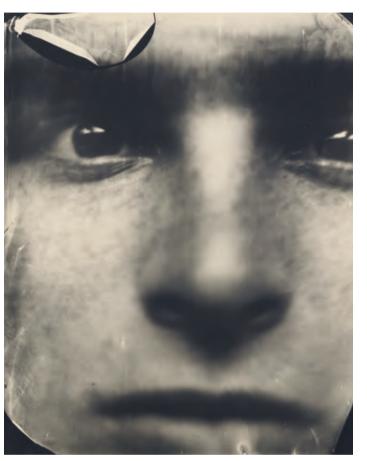
Lee Mingwei 李明維
Taiwan/France/USA b1964
Spirit House 光之屋 2022
bronze, concrete, rattanwrapped stones, rammed
earth, timber, lighting,
glass oculus

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Sally Mann
USA b1951
Emmett #3 2004, printed c2005
Jessie #25 2004, printed c2005
from the series Faces
gelatin silver photographs
with varnish, 127 × 101.6 each





Sally Mann
USA b1951
Battlefields, Wilderness (solarised trees) 2002, printed c2003
Battlefields, Manassas (icy stump) 2001, printed c2003
Battlefields, Chancellorsville (Rever's Turn) 2002, printed c2003
Battlefields, Manassas (airplane) 2000, printed c2003
Battlefields, Antietam (black sun) 2001, printed c2003
from the series Battlefields
gelatin silver photographs with diatomaceous earth varnish
101.6 × 127 cm each



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