

GAGGING IN DYSTOPIA

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**SPECIAL OPENING EVENT
02.02.17 6–8 PM**



INTERLUDE
GALLERY

Towards Dystopia, 2015

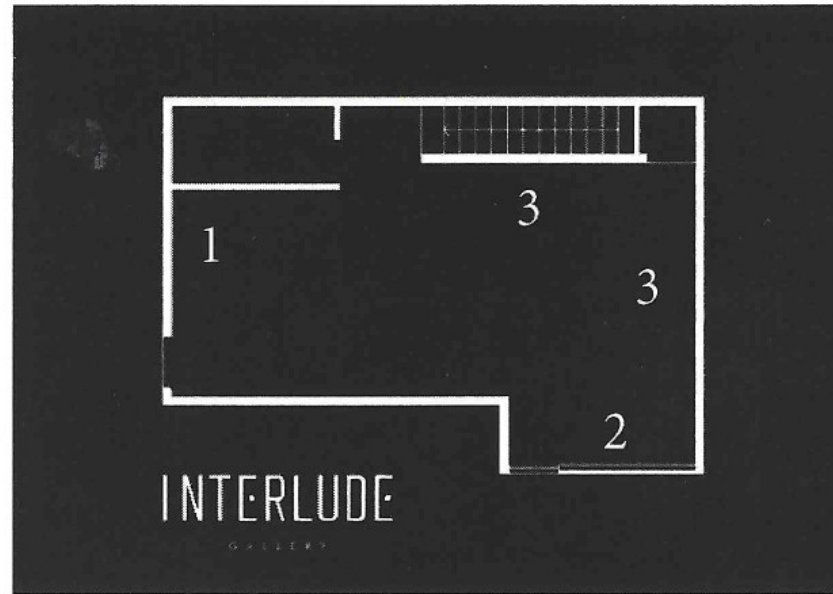
Towards Dystopia explores two islands (both of which I have visited) namely the Galapagos Islands and Lord Howe Island. Both groups of Islands are World Heritage listed with tourism restrictions and so should have in place mechanisms to maintain the best possible environmental future. This work explores how these two islands are impacted on by the Anthropocene and generally how humans and tourism are impacting on the local marine populations.

Corpses of the Everyday, 2015

This installation explores the discourse surrounding the Anthropocene, climate change and the evolutionary impact this time will have on the planet and our biosphere. This work uses connections of art alongside science to explore these impacts by identifying areas for concern to the future of human existence. Corpses of the Everyday is a large scale the litany of debris of just one day, one collection, from 3 beaches on Lord Howe Island. Its continuous stream of text on translucent plastic reflects the constant flow of garbage from our contemporary lifestyles that washes up on beaches worldwide.

Gagged, 2015

Gagged is a video installation based on the writings of Carl Safina, (copyright permission has been given by Mr Safina to include the specific text in this artwork). This translation of a bird in distress to a human in distress, gives emphasis to the slow torment here. Birds are not only gagged by our rubbish, but gagged by the remoteness of place where these experiences happen, gagged by their inability to assimilate our creation of a new debris that floats on the ocean waves, not organic but of indigestible rubbish. We are taught that plastic is not food, putting your head in a plastic bag is not healthy and ultimately, we pass this information on to our young. The diversity of life that surrounds us and co-exists on this earth has been left to fend for itself... The repeated image of the gagging woman, like this diversity, surrounds us and simultaneously acts as a reminder that this (the choking) is not a unique occurrence.



1) Towards Dystopia, 2015 1 of 3, Water Installation, film and sound; 1 min looping video projection, ceramics - high fired with decals, Perspex Petri dish 1200x300mm, Perspex fish tank 1500x200x150mm, transparent piping, fountain pump, milk crate, beach debris collected from Lord Howe Island, highly salted water and a tea urn., Size Varies
\$30,000

2) Corpses of the Everyday, 2015 1 of 3, Measured, colour coded and catalogued plastic debris from Lord Howe Island, hand stencilled in acrylic on clear builders plastic, 3600 x 5000 mm
\$5,000

3) Gagged, 2015 1 of 3, Video and Sound Installation, projection 14:00 looped - performed by Molly Morphew, choreography and directing by Lea Kannar-Lichtenberger with written text by writer Carl Safina 2015, Size Varies
\$9,000

Reflections on the Anthropocene

A new epoch has been violently born. It's conception: the slow violence of liquefying and rotting the earth past recognition. A dawn of apocalyptic horrors.

We face a cumulative paralysis. Asphyxiated by the Pyrex that surrounds our cells, and collagen that courses through them.

Humans and nature are sickly intertwined. A pairing of constant abuses. Barriers constructed to shield us from the perverse.

Everything sealed, encapsulated. Human interaction is sterilized. Wet grass under foot, soil caked on

bodies of the young and old. It seems a dream obsolete.

The irreversible gluttony. The body of the Earth willing us to repent.

The insurmountable dread is the death of our self-determination. Our hubris is our extinction.

Adaptation. A word I know to be non-human.

If the root of all life has entered a new epoch, so can our collective minds.

The Anthropocene, it is the current, the apogee of human and earthly interplay. The cause and effect.
The inevitable.

-Mo Johnson

Interlude writers program

~please recycle these words or use this paper to create your own art~

HOWE ISLAND BEACH COLLECTION SETTLEMENT BEACH PLASTIC PIECE 60MM 2 GREEN PLASTIC PIECE 50MM 1
BLACK PLASTIC PIECE 40MM 1 BLUE 1 WHITE PLASTIC PIECE 30MM 2 BLUE 1 TRANSPARENT PLASTIC PIECE 20MM 1 RED 1 BLUE 1
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BIRTHDAY BALLOON 1 ORANGE 1 CIGARETTE BUT PLASTIC ROPE 110MM 1 BLUE PLASTIC ROPE 370MM 1 BLUE FISH
PYLONANTS PLASTIC BAGS 2 BLACK SHOE SIZE 9 INNER LINING 170MM 1 BOTTLE LABEL XXXX 1 STYRAFOAM PACK
MIKEATE KACOTTON TOWEL 1 RED AND WHITE BROOM PLASTIC BRISTLES 270MM 4 BLACK BOTTLE CAP METAL
HIP PLASTIC 1 GREEN BUCKEL PLASTIC 55MM 1 BLACK COAL FROM LAGOON WRECK 40MM 2 BLACK CORRODED METAL
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