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Gallery 2 6 Jan – 14 Feb 2021

EGG April Phillips

EGG is an exhibition of virtual works and bitmap screen prints exploring figures that hatch in speculative futures. The series is informed by the natural systems and projections of tomorrow, with a focus on transformation and potential of life. Each digital drawing is converted into 2D versions from 3D OBJ media as a static form that promises flux. Using character design as the basis of development and a curiosity-driven approach, the exhibition features works that are at once fun, bold, familiar, strange and haunting.

April Phillips (@_april.p_) is a Wiradjuri-Scottish woman of the Galari peoples. Her arts practice is cemented in digital arts, illustraton, VR + AR research and in her role as a peer mentor for the next generation of artists. April leans into character design as a narrative tool to explore empathy, fun and form. Her use of vivid colour and unlikely digital processes celebrates the potential of computer art for a new world.

Special thanks to Megalo Print Studio for hosting me, especially Alex Lundy and Elise Stanley for teaching me how to print; Isaac Lynnah for working with me on the VR work that couldn't be shown during COVID; my family – Thierry, Elodie and Meadow Leclerc; Sophie Penkethman-Young for the encouragement and little push; gratitude to digital tool developers Nga Nguyen and David O'Reilly who created the tools I used to make this body of work; Julie Montgarrett for supporting my creative journey; and my Wiradjuri Elders and friends, especially Letetia Harris for teaching me language on country.

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Artworks (clockwise from left) For sales enquiries, please email helloaprilphillips@gmail.com

Disc, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 89.5×63.2 cm, 15 seconds unique state A\$980

Cave, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 87×77.2 cm, 15 seconds edition 1 of 5 A\$790

Scoop, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 77.2×83.1 cm, 15 seconds edition 1 of 5 A\$790

Flower, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 66.7×77.2 cm, 15 seconds edition 1 of 5 A\$790

Spike, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 99.6 \times 77 cm, 15 seconds edition 1 of 5 A\$790

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Sky, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 99.8 \times 77 cm, 15 seconds. edition 1 of 5 A\$790

Dog Beetle, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 770×40 cm, 15 seconds edition 1 of 5 A\$690

Egg Cluster, 2020 LED lights, sand dimensions variable NFS

Sprout, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 94.5×77 cm, 15 seconds edition 1 of 5 A\$690

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Clumped Leaf (2 colour), 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 38.5×55.7 cm unique state A\$190

Clumped Leaf (3 colour), 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 38.5×55.7 cm edition 1 of 5 A\$190

Slump Arm, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 38.5×55.7 cm edition 1 of 5 A\$190

Little Ones, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 38.5×55.7 cm edition 1 of 5 A\$290

Mushroom Family, 2020 screenprint on paper with AR overlay 77.3×45.1 cm edition 1 of 5 A\$390

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