Gallery 1 13 October - 26 November

Mantle II Nga + Antoinette

Nqa Blayed lives on unceded Gadigal land. She is an active contributor and organiser in the Inner Wests' art and noise communities. With a background in critical theory, autonomous arts, and underground culture she embraces a collaborative ethos. Her recent output includes exhibitions, gigs and workshops.

After graduating from UNSW with a BFA w/ honours she moved her practice to the UK. Her research-based MFA at Central St Martins (UK) related the effect of precarity to social and environmental dynamics through the lens of critical theorists. This sustained inquiry has informed her socially engaged art forms and expanded her studio practice to include the disciplines of sculpture, noise, installation and performance. She encourages her friends and audiences to be creative in their critical reflection of the world around them.

Antoinette O'Brien is an established ceramicist, with her artistic expression extending beyond traditional mediums that include concrete, ice, frozen milk, beer and immersive intervention-style installations. She is deeply committed to strengthening the connection between people and their environment by celebrating them as she experiences them. Arresting faces of figurative works gaze out with a lifelike intensity, revealing a consideration of painterly techniques with a signature style and palate which awarded her the Hurford Hardwood Portraiture Prize judged by Abdul Abdullah in ('19). Antoinette had a solo show at Lismore Regional Gallery ('21) was recently a keynote speaker at Ceramics Triennale ('22), a finalist in the Woollahra Art Prize ('22), and awarded a residency at the Corridor Project Cowra ('23) and Expansive Encounters Exchange Program, Otautahi Christchurch ('23).

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Nqa+Antoinette / Ulterior Noises *Plush*, 2023 ceramics, found objects, circuit board and electronics, power supply and cables, amplifier and loop pedal dimensions variable ceramic: Antoinette O'Brien, circuitry and

engineering: Mick Rodley and Billy J Burke

Antoinette O'Brien
Windswept, 2023
high fired ceramic
150 mm x 190 mm x 150 mm
\$900

Antoinette O'Brien Cyril, 2023 high fired ceramic with lustre 165 mm x 260 mm x 130mm \$1,700

Antoinette O'Brien Blood Cunt, 2022-23 high fired ceramic 95 mm x 150 mm x 100mm \$400

Antoinette O'Brien Linked, 2023 raw unfired terracotta 210 mm x 405 mm x 120 mm \$800

Antoinette O'Brien Francis, 2023 high fired ceramic ring, lustre 210 mm x 405 mm x 120 mm \$800

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firstdraft gadigal land 13-17 riley street woolloomooloo nsw 2011 +61 2 8970 2999 firstdraft.org.au Nqa Blayed Stilt I, 2023

Steel, found objects, steel, reclaimed wood, ply, flyscreen, cardboard, adhesives, mesh dimensions variable

Nqa Blayed *Grounded*, 2023 Plaster, steel, brick, mortar, cardboard, ply, reclaimed wood, adhesives, copper, found objects dimensions variable

Nqa Blayed Seat, 2023 Steel, found objects, reclaimed wood, ply, adhesives dimensions variable

Nqa+Antoinette / Ulterior Noises Vessel, 2023
Found objects, contact mics, electronics, power supply and cables, amplifier dimensions variable installation: Nqa Blayed + Jason Zoidberg kinetics: Jason Zoidberg, noise: Billy J Burke

Nqa+Antoinette
No Case, 2023
ceramic, plaster
dimensions variable
ceramic: Antoinette O'Brien
bespoke support: Nqa Blayed

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Nqa Blayed Hoard, 2023 Steel scaffolding and Nqa Blayed couplers, found objects, epoxy putty dimensions variable

Antoinette O'Brien Blue Freckle Boy, 2023 high fired ceramic, lustre, mixed media dimensions variable

Antoinette O'Brien Cowra, 2023 earthernware, low fired ceramic dimensions variable \$500

Antoinette O'Brien Fuck Ugly, 2023 high fired ceramic 240 mm x 310 mm x 240 mm \$400

Antoinette O'Brien Mullet, 2023 high fired ceramic, lustre, mixed media 140 mm x 250 mm x 200mm \$900

Antoinette O'Brien Sea Spume, 2023 high fired ceramic, lustre 300 mm x 210 mm x 150mm \$2000 Antoinette O'Brien Coastline, 2023 high fired ceramic 195 mm x 115 mm x 80mm \$770

Antoinette O'Brien

Mattress Knuckle duster, 2023
glazed ceramic ring
55 mm x 35 mm x 45 mm
\$400

Antoinette O'Brien

Cards To Your Chest, 2022

high fired ceramic

160 mm x 175 mm x 85 mm

\$700

Antoinette O'Brien

Post-Flood Mattress, 2022
high fired ceramic
145 m x 190 mm x 85 mm
\$600

Antoinette O'Brien

Milk Crate, 2023

high fired ceramic
210 mm x 190 mm x 210 mm
\$1400

Antoinette O'Brien Fecund, 2023 mixed media, high fired ceramic dimensions variable

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Antoinette O'Brien Franklin, 2023 high fired ceramic ring, gold necklace 35 mm x 75 mm x 50mm \$450

Antoinette O'Brien Pearl, 2023 raw unfired clay 155 mm x 355 mm x 115 mm \$900

Antoinette O'Brien Sea Sponge, 2023 high fired ceramic, lustre, mixed media 235 mm x 330 mm x 130 mm \$1400

Antoinette O'Brien

The Grassy Knoll, 2023
high fired ceramic, lustre, mixed media dimensions variable

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Held, 2023
ceramics, plaster, marble, steel
dimensions variable
ceramic: Antoinette O'Brien
plastic + installation: Nqa Blayed

Antoinette O'Brien
Us On The Grassy Knoll, 2023
high fired ceramic, lustre, mixed media
220 mm x 640 mm x 220mm
\$4,500

The purchase of *Us On The Grassy Knoll* refers to the ceramic only. The ceramic aspects for sale are a breasted figure sitting upon a ceramic blue/green pot. It does not include the structure it sits on or the casted leg sculptures surrounding it.

Antoinette O'Brien Crush, 2023 glaze and lustre fired ceramic car with ice including Lismore river water, chamomile tea, Wolli Creek river mud and water \$4,500

The purchase of 'Crush' would include the addition of a resin block in place of the ice aspects of this work which can be viewed on @antoinette.art's Instagram. Please contact the artist for further information.

Antoinette O'Brien *Ice Skull*, 2023 ocean water from the grassy knoll, leftover red win, chamomile tea, menstrual blood, lismore river water dimensions variable

For sales enquiries, please contact: Antoinette O'Brien at; anoinette@asia.com or 0449 054 341 only artworks with an attached price are for sale

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