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EXHIBITION OF NEW WORK INSPIRED BY THE LANDSCAPE  
AND THE GEOLOGY OF SOUTH COAST OF CORNWALL

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# Tor Lands

Two years ago, I moved with my partner Jamie from the North West of Scotland to the South coast of Cornwall.

Tor Lands focuses on the unique geology and ecology of the region in which I now live. Sculpted Tors of granite rock balance precariously, hardened and crystallized over hundreds of millions of years; worn by time and weather and broken down to become sedimentary clay.

Focusing closer on crystalline surfaces of granite, there exists a microcosm of growth. Lichens and mosses; descendants of cyanobacteria find a foot hold upon the feldspar. Great man-made pits delve deep into the land and offer a glimpse through geological time at layers of minerals and rocks.

Through processes of chance and control my aim is to create works which appear to have formed naturally over time. I like to experiment with scale and altered perspectives, concentrating on close-up biological and geological structures as well as rising up above vast aerial landscapes. Last summer I flew over the sprawling clay country of Cornwall in a tiny two man plane. From above the deep scars of the clay pits the vast scale of Cornwall's mining history becomes apparent.

The many disused clay pits have long been barren and empty, devoid of life. But nature is beginning to take hold once more. Turquoise kaolin rich lakes are forming at the base of each pit and slowly, tentatively, mosses, lichens, insects and birds are re-claiming these wild places.

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"Delve" Oils, ink, salt, china clay and iron on board, 60 x 90 cm 2014 £1100



"Excavation"

Oils, ink, salt, china clay and iron on board

120 x 90 cm

2014

£1800





"Weathering" Oils, ink, salt and copper crystals on board, 90 x 60cm 2014 £1100



"Weathering Form" Oils, ink, salt, china clay and iron on board 120 x 90cm 2014 £1800



"Rift" Oils, ink, salt, iron and copper crystals on board, 24 x 26cm 2014 £500





"Cyano" Oils, ink, salt, iron and copper crystals on board 25 x 25cm 2014 £500



"Granite and Moss"    Oils, ink, salt, iron and copper crystals on board    25 x 25cm    2014    £500



"Tor Stack" Oils, ink and salt on board 100 x 75cm 2014 £1200





"Balancing Form" Ink, pencil and salt on paper 27 x 40cm 2013 £400



"Clay Country Study 1"    Resin, clay, oils, copper crystals, moss on glass,    16.5 x 16.5cm (Framed)    2015    £ 300



"Clay Country Study 2"

Resin, clay, oils, copper crystals, moss on glass,

16.5 x 16.5cm (Framed)

2015

£ 300





"Clay Country Study 3"    Resin, clay, oils, copper crystals, moss on glass,    16.5 x 16.5cm (Framed)    2015    £ 300



"Rock Hollow I"

porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin. 10 x 8 x 3 cm 2015 £ 150



“Rock Hollow II “

porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin

6 x 5 x 3 x cm

2015

£ 90





"Rock Hollow III " porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin 10 x 10 x 3 cm 2015 £ 150



"Rock Hollow IV " porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin 6 x 5 x 2 cm 2015 £ 90

"Rock Hollow V " porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin 9 x 7x 2 cm 2015 £ 100



"Rock Hollow VI"

porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin

7 x 6 x 3 cm

2015

£ 90





"Rock Hollow VII"

porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin 7 x 5 x 3 cm

2015

£ 90



"Rock Hollow VIII"

porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin 12 x 10 x 4 cm

2015

£ 150



“Rock Hollow IX ”

porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin

7 x 5 x 3 cm

2015

£ 90



"Rock Hollow X "    porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin    6 x 6 x 3 cm    2015    £ 90





"Rock Hollow X I " Resin, clay, oils, copper crystals, moss 10 x 10 x 4 cm 2015 £ 150



"Rock Hollow XII "

porcelain with iron, copper crystals, moss and liver wort set in resin 11 x 9 x 4 cm

2015

£ 150

# Rhiannon Van Muysen (b. 1984)

## Exhibitions

2014- "Clay Country" solo show, Lostwithiel Library Gallery, Lostwithiel, Cornwall

2014- "5 Artists", The Red Store, Lerryn, Cornwall

2014- The Penwith Society of Artists Members Show, Penwith Gallery, St Ives

2014- The Plymouth Society of Artists, Members Show, Plymouth City Museum and Gallery

2013- "St Ives Society of Artists, Winter Show", St Ives, Cornwall

2013- "Mortagne Du Perche Biennale", with RhueArt, Normandy, France

2013- "Lay of the Land", solo show, RhueArt, Ullapool

2012- "Mineral Landscape", solo show, Mountain Gallery, Gairloch

2012- "Littoral Zone", 2 person show, Djupavik, Iceland

2012- "Members at Eden", Eden Court Inverness

2011- "Members Show", An Talla Solais, Ullapool

2011- "Retrace", An Talla Solais, Ullapool

2010- "Fabric of The Land", Aberdeen University

2010- "Miscellaneous Enquiries", Collaborative project in association with Dundee Artist's in Residence

2010- "Generator Project, Members show", Dundee

2010- "Sweet F.A.", Roseangle Gallery, Dundee

2004- "Off The Wall", Smoo Cave, Durness.

2002- "Cityscapes", Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow

## Education

- 2000-2001 Bridgehouse Art, Ullapool.
- 2001-2002 Glasgow School of Art.
- 2004-2005 Bridgehouse Art Ullapool.
- 2006-2010 Duncan Of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee, B.A. Hons Fine Art.
- 2009- San Diego State University, Transatlantic Exchange Program.

## Awards

- 2011- Hi-Arts, Visual Art Award.
- 2010- Wasps Studios Dundee, New Graduate Runner up.
- 2009- Centenary Trust Scholarship.

## Societies

- 2013 - Plymouth Society of Artists

## Residency and Work Experience

- 2014- 3 Month Residency- The Old Press, Cornwall
- 2004- Trainee/Artist's Assistant, New Dynamics, Time Based Media Residency, Durness, Scotland.
- 2002- Assistant to Lotte Glob- Sculptor and Ceramicist.

## Selected for Participation

- 2010- Roche Continents 2010, Salzburg, Austria.



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