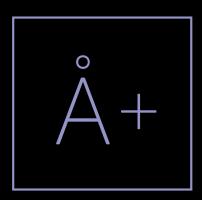
Philip Newcombe mosquito



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Today I have been thinking about buying a car.

Since yesterday, when you told me that you are homeless, and that you live in a van, I am too.

As the planks passionately burned, they were no longer my house, no longer my floor, my bed, my chair, now they are the beauty of the elements finding together again, the archaic cry of love as the carbon that once was the walls of my shelter, again penetrate and surrender to the oxygen that surrounds it in a muted explosion of light and heat. As I woke up to my 07:20 alarm this morning, the summer sun sliding along the parquet flooring in my rental apartment, I am not surprised to see my walls still standing. The songbird only dead. I think we mostly relate to our dreams like this, undoing their impact with a cup of coffee. Other things are not as easily undone. When microorganisms die for example, they turn into oil; when huge timbers fall, they turn into coal; and from the day you were first called by your name, you also irrevocably changed forever.

I think we have names for almost all things nowadays. Hegel writes in his Theory of Imagination that to enter the world of names is to wake up from the kingdom of images, from the realm of the dreaming Spirit. I think being in your spaces might help us remember that first kingdom, help us remember that a dream is not a stolen pause from the true world, but rather a glimpse into an underlying namelessness.

Be it a negative revival of the dead, or a fresh baptizing of qualities. Those are the facts, deal with them as you please, so the messenger to the king.

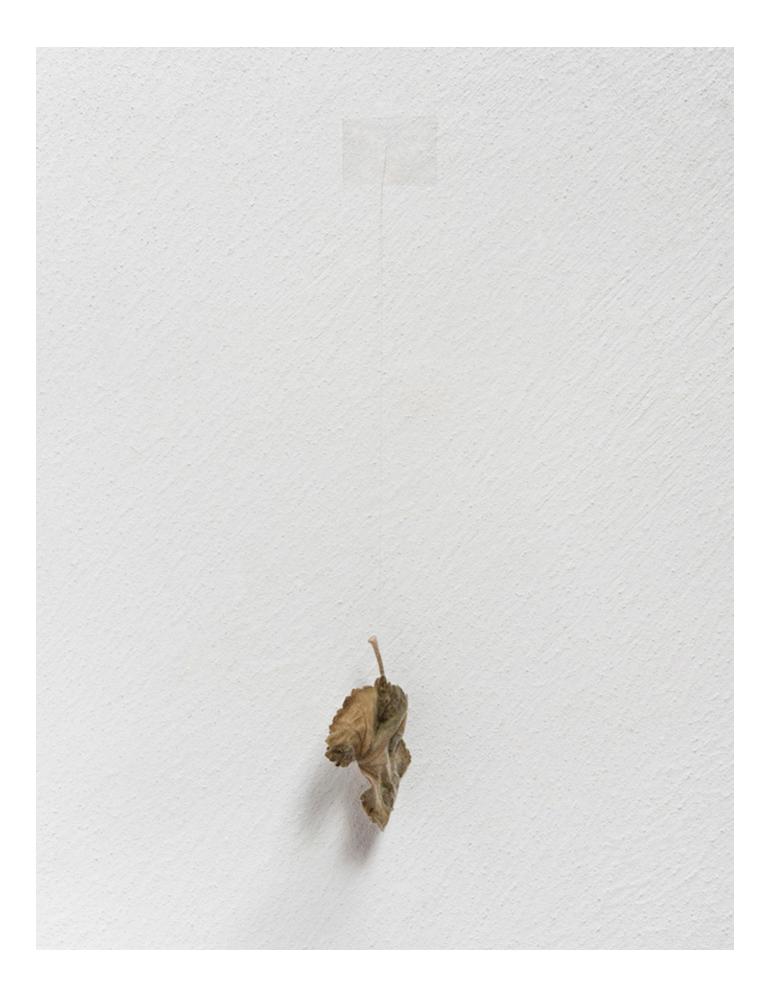
I think it's a good idea to be reminded of the undisclosed past of our lives, and the defining importance of the names we use for the things around us. I think we should thank you for reminding us about that.











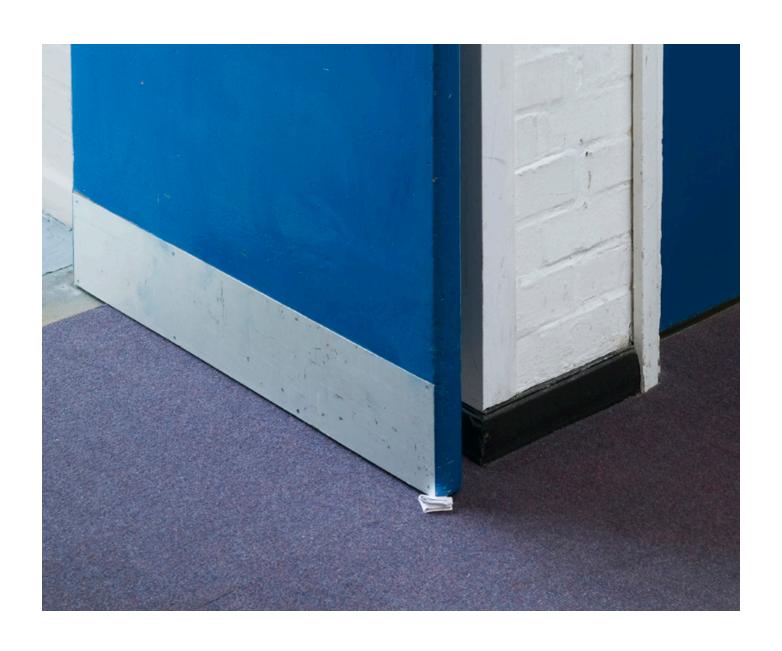
Stolen at Dusk, 2016 tape, hair from my head, a leaf never to have fallen to the ground Approx 23 cms



















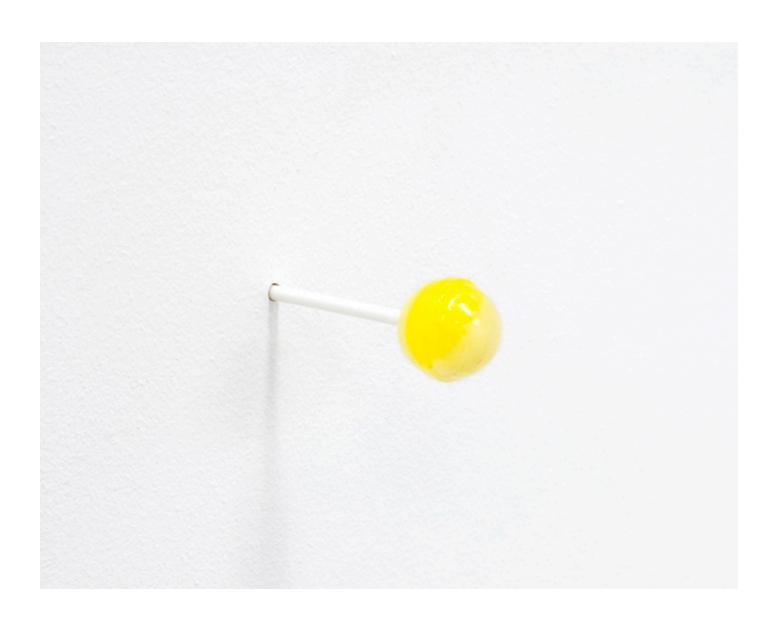








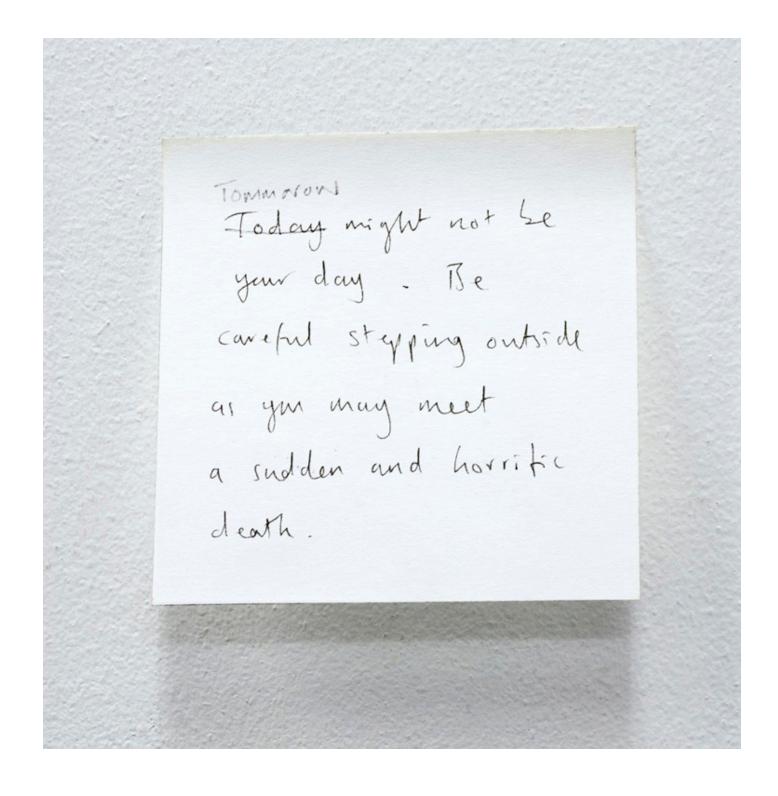
Sirens, 2016. Two foam ear plugs





6 pink gym balls liberated from a lifetime of physical abuse, 2014. 6 gym balls, 65 cm, diameter installationview: COMPANY, Maria Stenfors, London. 2014





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exhibitions (selected):

2017

mosquito, Å+, Berlin (solo) Studio residency: CCA Andratx, Mallorca

2016

12 page supplement for Sluice magazine, launch at Bushwick, Brooklyn, NY Quiz 2, MUDAM, Musée d'art Moderne, Luxembourg

2015

Kosmografia, Croxhapox. Ghent 'Inte,lu:d, Maria Stenfors, London (solo) The Whole Wide World, The International 3. Manchester

2014

Quiz, Galeries Poirel, Nancy. France
Dolph Projects, London
Morphisisation, APT Gallery, London
démocratie, Tripode, Rezé, Nantes. France
COMPANY, Maria Stenfors, London (solo)
El Hotel Électrico, M HKA, Museum of Contemporary Art, Antwerp
Truly Flabby Preludes (for a dog) 1/3: Pink noise, La Maison Populaire centre d'art contemporain, Montreuil, France
Art Rotterdam (with Maria Stenfors)

2013

Pollen, CAPC, Musée d'art contemporain, Bordeaux (solo) Curated by Alexis Vaillant The 5th Dimension, Ricou Gallery, Brussels Drunk vs Stoned III, Neon Parc, Melbourne. Aus Biopic, Maria Stenfors. London Butterfly, Artangel 100. London Spilt Milk, FORT. London (solo) Mostyn 18, MOSTYN. North Wales

Recent Selected:

The One Show, FORT Gallery, London; BigMinis: Fetishes of Crisis, CAPC, Musée d'art contemporain, Bordeaux; You've got a face like a sack of spuds falling to the floor, Performance at the International Rotterdam Film Festival (De Player); Sphinxx, Stuart Shave / Modern Art, London; New York Art Book Fair, with Jessica Silverman Gallery. San Francisco; Legend, Centre d'art Contemporain, Chamarande. France; Pilot 3, Venice (nominated by Marc Camille Chaimowicz)

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