

# Sonya Lacey

Born Hastings, 1976

Lives and works in Tauranga

## *Weekend* 2018–21

Nā te whakamatemate mo ngā wāhi takakau i Rānana mai ngā rautau 19 i pupū ake ai te whakaaro ki a Sonya Lacey ki te hanga i ēnei momo toi whakaataata, toi kiriata, toi whakairo. I tātā mahinga i Fleet Street (he wāhi rongonui mo ngā mahi tā kōrero, tā niupepa), i tūtaki atu a Lacey ki te St Bride Foundation, he wāhi takakau mo ngā kaimahi mātau, arā he wahi i whakatūria te puna kaukau tuatahi i Rānana hoki. I reira i kite atu i ngā whakaputunga me ngā tukunga kōrero a te St Bride Foundation e pā ana ki te ngākauatanga mo te akuaku o te puna kaukau, ngā tohe e pā ana ki te whakamahinga o te wai, me ngā maharatanga katoa e pā ana ki te whare ake. I roto i tēnei toi a *Weekend*, 2018–21, e whakaatu atu nei a Lacey i te tino wāriu o tēnei momo tūāhua te whakatā, te noho takakau me te kumukumutanga o ngā pāpāho tā.

I waihangatia tēnei toi kiriata a *Newspaper*, 2018 i ngā whārangi niupepa i horoia, i whakapaitia, ā, i whakahoutia hei pepa anō, hei toi piripiri anō. Ka whakamahia ko ngā waitae hei peita waikano. E whakatōputia tēnei toi ki tētahi atu toi whakaata nekeneke, *Dip*, 2021, i roto i te rīpene tā 16mm, e hono atu nei ki te St Bride Foundation. I roto hoki i tēnei rīpene ka whakaaturia ētahi whakaaturanga e kite atu i te puna kaukau ‘Victorian’ tuatahi i hanga i te whare nā. Heoi, i ēnei rā, kei raro iho i ngā papa rākau o tētahi whare tāpere tēnei puna kaukau e noho ana.

He āhuatanga hou hoki kua puta mai i tēnei whakaaturanga mo te Toi o Tāmaki, ko ngā toka whakairo hou e rua: he tūru arawhata raima me te toka whakairo e pā ana ki ngā nohonga papahua o ngā puna wai whare; me ngā puringa parāhe whakahipahipa kua whakapiri atu ki te pakitara o te whare toi. E whakaatu atu nei i ngā tikanga whakariterite mo ngā wāhi takakau, te wahanga ki te hoahoatanga me ngā taonga whare hei arahi atu i ngā tāngata i roto i tētahi momo aiao, me te mōhiotanga ka whakawhirinaki atu te tini me te mano o ngā ringa me ngā waewae ki ngā hanganga nei.

– translated by Hunaara Waerehu

*Spill (shallow end/deep end)*, 2021

brass

*Dip*, 2021

16mm film, double channel, colour, silent, looped  
6:00 min

*Stepped*, 2021

glass reinforced concrete

*Newspaper (for bathers, weekend)*, 2018

four-channel HD video, transferred from 16mm  
film, colour, silent  
24:00/22:00/28:00/24:00 min

*Edit, cutting (2)*, 2018

washed and collaged newspaper, conservation tape

*Edit, tabloid (5)*, 2018

washed and collaged newspaper, conservation tape

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