
MARY MACGREGOR-REID

Mary is a moving image and photographic artist with a particular interest in alchemical process and human experience of the otherworldly.

Taking on character archetypes is intrinsic to much esoteric ritual, along with movement, gesture and the use of tools or symbolic objects. Mary became curious about the way we perform character, in part, through the veritable wardrobe of flamboyant personas cultivated by her Great Grandfather, who spearheaded the Druid revival in early 20th century Britain. He appeared to inhabit these characters like magical talismans, allowing him to navigate the challenges of a changing cultural landscape.

Although Mary works primarily in figurative moving image, she is a maker and sees the hands-on creation of costume and object to be an integral part of her practice.

RESUME

EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 'We all think we are good people' group show
Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford, NZ
- 2022 'Celestial Bodies' solo multichannel video installation
Contemporary Art Space, New Plymouth, NZ
- 2021 'We all think we are good people' group show
Contemporary Art Space, New Plymouth, NZ
- 2021 'Communicating Vessels' with Hayley Theyers and Kate Rampling
Photospace Gallery, Wellington, NZ
- 2020 'Communicating Vessels' with Hayley Theyers and Kate Rampling
Auckland for the Auckland Festival of Photography, NZ
- 2019 'Rubedo' solo show at Kingsize, Auckland, NZ
- 2019 'Bitter Harvest' group show, Auckland, NZ
- 2019 'What Remains' group show at DEMO, Auckland, NZ
- 2019 'Occulture Salon' group show, Wellington, NZ
- 2018 'Nigredo' solo show at Kingsize, Auckland, NZ
- 2016 'Esoteric Salon' group exhibition at Buratti Gallery, Perth, Australia
- 2016 'Art Ache' Group exhibition at Golden Dawn, Auckland, NZ
- 2016 'Glaister Ennor Award' finalists show, Sanderson Gallery, Auckland, NZ

PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2017 "Embodying Character in Art and the Occult" lecture at City Gallery Wellington for the 'Occulture' exhibition programme.

RESIDENCIES

- 2017 January-February 'Silence, Awareness, Existence' residency at Arteles Residency, Hämeenkyrö, Finland.

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QUALIFICATIONS

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Whitecliffe College of Art
(2016)

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Elam School of Fine Arts,
University of Auckland (1997)