

OLIVIER CORNET GALLERY

3 Great Denmark Street, Dublin 1, Ireland

About Mark Newman's **Harbouring Memory** series exhibited in the group show Resurfacing at Olivier Cornet Gallery (6-28 August 2020):

“Harbouring memory is a brooch series originally created for my graduate collection in 2015. Made during a time of deep introspection, these sculptural brooches convey the atmosphere felt whilst surrounded by south county Dublin’s historic harbours. Facing redevelopment at the time of their creation, they were made to memorialise and serve as talismans to connect with the past. Due to the efforts of historians and the local community, the long fought battle to preserve Bullock Harbour has been won and the beautiful inlet will remain (for now). Returning to my childhood home for lockdown, and this vista being within my two kilometre radius, I found myself immeasurably comforted by the place once again.

Made of Vitreous Enamel, Copper and Steel, their patterns hone in on rope configurations found at working harbours, seen at increasing levels of inspection. Alternative enamelling techniques are used to reference the ebbs and flows of the tide and the gentle attrition of the manmade cove. “

Mark Newman

About the artist:

Mark Newman graduated from the National College of Art & Design, Dublin in 2015 with an Honours degree in craft design. His graduate collection ‘Harbouring Memory’ - is a series of sculptural brooches inspired by his upbringing by the sea.

In 2016, Newman took up a position as Artist in Residence at Glasgow School of Art where he taught enamelling techniques to students while producing a new body of work - ‘Attrition’. This collection explores themes of loss through alternative enamelling techniques.

Newman went on to study with the Design & Crafts Council Ireland's Centre of Excellence in Goldsmithing from 2017 - 2019. Here, he honed his skills and produced his award winning body of work - 'Macrocosm'.

He now studies at Birmingham's School of Jewellery where he is investigating modern technologies and their applications to the craft of goldsmithing.

Mark is a recipient of the 2020 RDS Craft Awards

Exhibitions

2021

Jun 6th - Jul 15th - "*New Designers* - Business Design Centre, London - Curated by Andrew Howard.

Jun 10th - June 17th - *BCU SOJ Graduate Show* - School of Jewellery, Birmingham - Curated by Claire Price.

Sep 8th - Aug 31st - "*InForm* - NMI Collins Barracks - Curated by NMI Team.

May 29th - Oct 11th - "*For the Love of the Master, 25 artists fascinated by Piranesi*" - Dublin Castle, Dublin - Curated by Helene Bremer, Matthew Smith and Mary Heffernan.

2020

Dec 2nd - Dec 6th - *Gifted* - RDS, Dublin.

Aug 6th - Aug 28th - *Resurfacing* - Olivier Cornet Gallery, Dublin. Curated by Olivier Cornet.

Dates and Venue TBA - "*Aurea*" - Dublin, Ireland - Curated by Eimear Conyard.

Dates and Venue TBA - "*Aurea*" - London, England - Curated by Eimear Conyard.

2019

Jul 12th - Aug 5th - *Aurea* - National Craft and Design Gallery, Kilkenny, Ireland - Curated by Susan Holland.

2017

Feb 16th - Mar 10th - *Enamoured* - Academy of Makers, Sheffield, England
- Curated by the British Society of Enamellers.

Mar 19th - Apr 20th - *Enamoured* - Mid-Wales Arts Centre, Wales - Curated
by the British Society of Enamellers.

July 9th - July 20th - *Glasgow School of Art's Artists in Residence Show* -
The Lighthouse Glasgow, Scotland - Curated by Kelly Munro.

2016

Nov 18th - Feb 3rd - *Enamoured* - Assay Office - Birmingham. Curated by
the British Society of Enamellers.

Oct 12th - Nov 18th - *Enamoured* - The Goldsmith Centre, London -
Curated by the British Society of Enamellers.

Jun 29th - July 2nd - *New Designers 'One Year On'* - Business Design
Centre, London - Curated by Rheanna Lingham.

Feb 25th - May 29th - *Future Makers '16 The Future Stars of Craft and
Design* - Manchester Craft and Design Centre. Manchester - Curated By
MCDC Team.

2015

Nov 12th - Jan 31st - "*DARK MATTER*" - Kath Libbert Gallery, Saltaire -
Curated by Kath Libbert.

Nov 7th - Nov 8th - *AUTOR International Contemporary Jewellery Fair* -
Bucharest - Curated by Dan Piersinaru.

Jun 24th - June 27th - *New Designers* - London - Curated by ND Team.

Jun 14th - June 21st - *NCAD Degree Show* - Dublin - Curated by Angela
O'Kelly.

Awards

2020

RDS Craft awards – Winner.

William Dudley Trust Bursary – Winner.

2019

IDI Graduate Awards - Shortlist.

Bench to business - Winner.

Future Markers Award's Support - Winner.

2018

Future Makers Award - Shortlist.

2016

Studio One, Manchester Craft and Design Centre - future Maker 2016.

2013

Boodles Jewellery Collection Design competition - Winner.

2012

NCAD Newbridge Design Competition - Runner up.