

New Sculptures: Gail Catlin
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FORGED

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FORGED is an exhibition of new sculptures by the artists Gail Catlin, Ruann Coleman and Barend de Wet. The exhibition opened on 21 March 2015 and will be on view until 2 May 2015.

Forged, the past participle of the verb forge, describes a process whereby metals – iron, bronze and variety of alloys - are heated and hammered into shape in the heat of a furnace. Forge is also possessed of wholly positive associations. We speak of forging ahead in the sense of initiating progress, innovating and pushing the boundaries.

The word forge resonates a heroic mystique. It invokes the magic of making, the alchemy of transfiguring mental fantasy into concrete reality. Forge implies the hand skill whereby an object in-the-making is brought to perfection by the touch of the fingers, caressing, pinching, squeezing, smoothing, patting, prodding and indulging in other actions that epitomize the love materials inspire in the artist. Forge implies majesty of intention, the urge to bring something superb and enduring into being. An epic monumentality is the goal of every sculptor - though rarely can they afford to achieve it - but in this exhibition, Gail Catlin, Ruan Colemann and Barend de Wet have achieved an undeniable, if somewhat antic grandeur.

Gail Catlin

Lucy
2014
Bronze
200 cm
Ed. 1 of 9

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Gail Catlin

Peter
2015
Bronze
270 cm
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Gail Catlin

Priscilla
2015
Bronze
110 cm
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Gail Catlin

Clarissa
2015
Bronze
240 cm
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Ruann Coleman

Strength

2013

Steel Powder, Cement, Artist's Tears

1 x 2 x 2 cm

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Ruann Coleman

Twig IV
2015
Steel and Found Compass
39 cm

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Ruann Coleman

Nailed
2015
Oxidised Steel
5 cm

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Ruann Coleman

Study II

2015

Bronze, Brass, Steel and Found Compass

45 cm

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Ruann Coleman

Draadtrek
2015
Mixed Steel
Size Variable

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Barend De Wet

Snake
2015
Painted Steel
477 cm

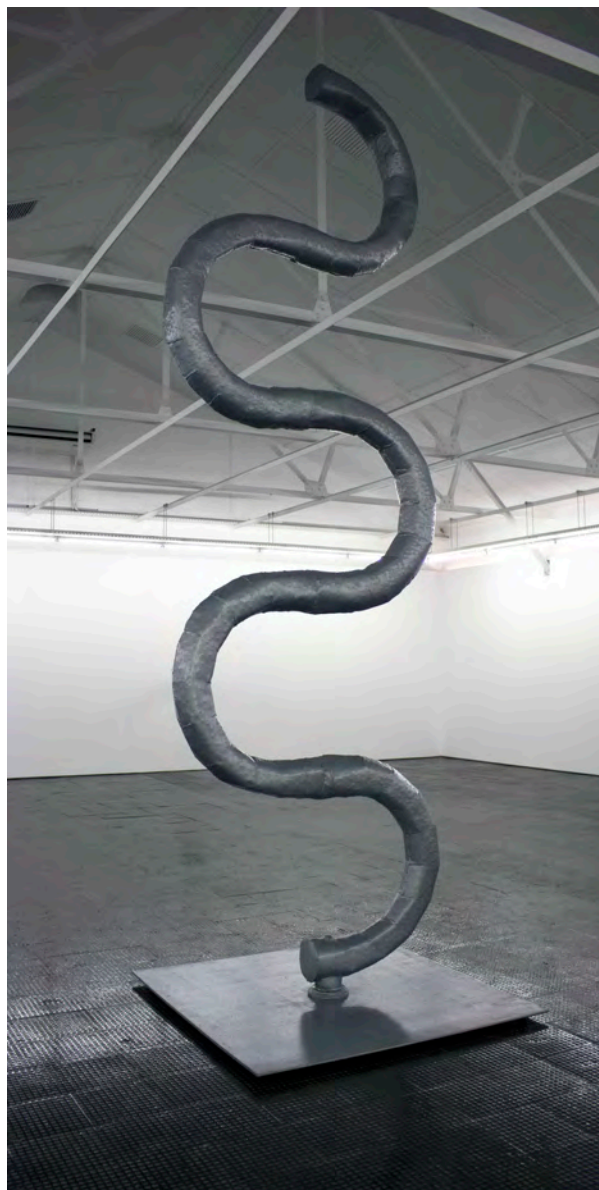
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Barend De Wet

Baby Pink
2015
Painted Steel
423 cm

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Barend De Wet

Baby Blue
2015
Painted Steel
430 cm

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Gail Catlin

Lucy | Installation View
2014
Bronze
200 cm

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Gail Catlin

Priscilla and Clarissa | Installation view

2015

Bronze

110cm

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Gail Catlin

Clarissa, Priscilla and Peter | Installation view

20

Bronze

240 cm

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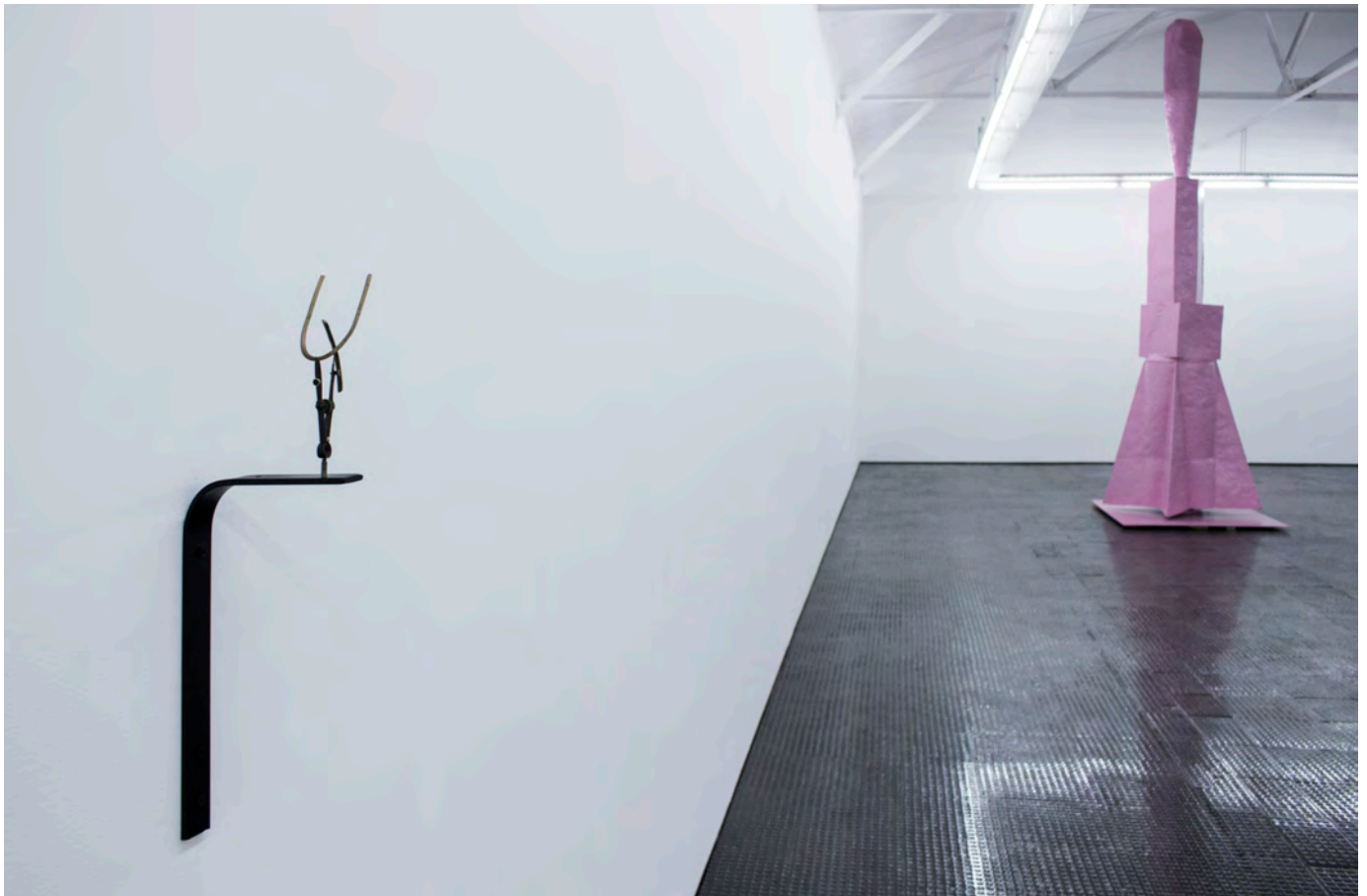
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Snake, Baby Blue | Installation view
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