FESTIVAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY **ZOE CROGGON TENEBRAE**

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Zoë Croggon: Tenebrae

In Latin, *tenebrae* means shadow or darkness, and in the Christian Tenebrae Easter services the death of Christ is signified by the gradual extinguishing of all light. The Tenebrae service holds particular significance for artist Zoë Croggon. She sees the gradual reintroduction of light, after this moment of darkness, as a moment that resets our perspective. In her work, Croggon strives for familiar formal qualities to be similarly refreshed when the viewer encounters them from a new perspective.

Croggon is an emerging artist based in Melbourne whose recent practice has culminated in merging disparate images into sophisticated collages. Her photo-collages see human forms forced into visual dialogue with images of architecture. As she explains, 'My work poises the human form and its built environment as precise equals, the body no longer occupying space and space no longer determining the body but each existing only in relation to the other, completed by the other'.

Croggon's source images come from magazines, newspapers and books, and for the NGV she has created a video work splicing together archival film footage. The images in Croggon's still photography and video work gain new currency through her creation of dynamic new visual and graphic synergies that have a profound sense of movement, energy and poetry.

Exhibition essay available at ngv.melbourne/essay

Kink

2015 type C photograph artist's proof 1/3

Collection of Stephen Armstrong, Melbourne

Pound

2015 type C photograph artist's proof 1/1

Tenebrae

2016-17 digital video, 2 min 58 sec

Apple

2016 from the Kiri series 2016 collage of cut inkjet prints

Collection of Luke King, Melbourne

Brush

2016 from the Kiri series 2016 collage of cut inkjet prints

Collection of Kate Matson, Melbourne

Eros and Thanatos 2016 from the Kiri series 2016

collage of cut inkjet prints

Headlong

2016 from the Kiri series 2016 collage of cut inkjet prints

Miranda

2016 from the Kiri series 2016 collage of cut inkjet prints

Collection of Brad Spolding, Melbourne

Navel

2016 from the Kiri series 2016 collage of cut inkjet prints

Sunless

2016 from the Kiri series 2016 collage of cut inkjet prints

Thumb

2016 from the Kiri series 2016 collage of cut inkjet prints

Warm Dark

2016 from the Kiri series 2016 collage of cut inkjet prints

Collection of Andrew Fuhrmann, Melbourne

Whip

2016 from the Kiri series 2016 collage of cut inkjet prints

Collection of Mark Jacques, Melbourne