KATE NEWBY

- Loved like a sunbeam -

Kate Newby Loved like a sunbeam 26 September – 9 November, 2019 opening Thursday, September 26th from 9pm glass from shards of bottles collected in the street, evokes a choreography of empty shells coming from a distant shore, brought into the gallery by a sea storm.

MADRAGOA is delighted to announce *Loved like a sunbeam* the first solo exhibition of Kate Newby at the gallery.

Kate Newby's sculptural practice is rooted in the act of collecting; rather than finished objects, she collects different matters, materials, and fragments that contain only the memory of the object they used to be, caught in the process that from objects brings them back to being materials.

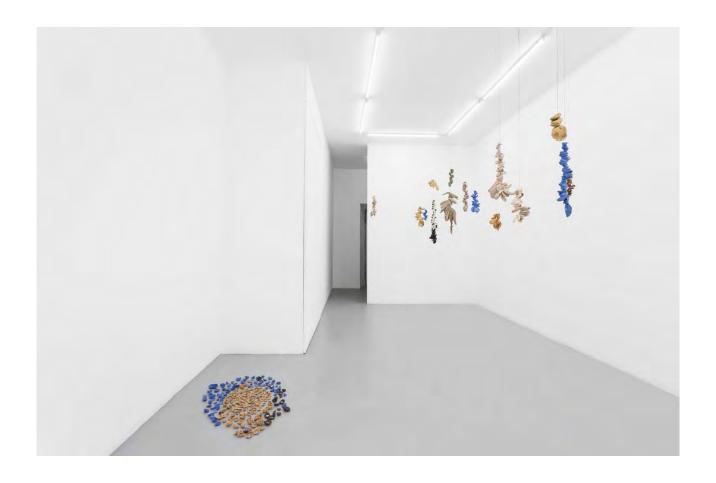
Earth, pebbles, glass splinters and pieces of metal constitute the DNA of the sites that Newby has gone through, taking samples of clay from the ground, which are then modeled by her fingers in order to obtain a more or less thin and concave shape, that recalls the valve of a shell. These small and simple forms of clay are then cooked on the spot, using traditional techniques and local kilns, and achieving very diverse results.

Newby's particular way of collecting is halfway between an involuntary, compulsive, somewhat stealthy gesture, which responds to an impulse to preserve a space-time image of a specific environment and atmosphere, reduced to its essential components, transformed into a palm-sized and rarefied souvenir, and a more rigorous act of sampling and classifying reality, creating her own taxonomy. This organisation originally and ideally takes the form of a travel notebook, on which the artist's impressions settle, as the ceramic pieces are superimposed on each other.

The sculptures on display are the pages full of notes of this travelogue, written over several years of travels, reunited for the first time in the exhibition. Each work is composed of a series, variable in number and size, of ceramic pieces made in a specific place – New York, 2016; Marfa, Texas 2017; Portland, Oregon 2019; Lyon, France, 2019 and Toronto, Canada, 2019 – held together by a thread and suspended from the ceiling, similar to a necklace or a spine.

In a corner of the gallery, an installation Bring Everyone also made of ceramic pieces and

Kate Newby (Auckland, New Zealand, 1979) lives and Works in Brooklyn, NY. Recent solo exhibitions include: Nothing in my life feels big enough, Cooper Cole, Toronto (2019); Wild was the night, Institut d'Art Contemporain, Villeurbanne (2019); A puzzling light and moving, lumber room, Portland (2019); Nothing that's over so soon should give you that much strength, Hordaland Kunstsenter, Bergen (2018); I can't nail the days down, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna (2018); All the stuff you already know, The Sunday Painter, London (2018); Let me be the wind that pulls your hair, Artpace, San Antonio (2017); I feel like a truck on a wet highway, Lulu, Mexico City (2014). Recent group exhibitions include: City Prince/sses, Palais de Tokyo, Paris (2019); Art: Concept, Paris (2019); Unexplained Parade, Catriona Jeffries, Vancouver (2019); Superposition: Equilibrium & Engagement, 21st Biennale of Sydney (2018); Further Thoughts on Earthy Materials, Kunsthaus Hamburg, Hamburg (2018); In Practice: Material Deviance, SculptureCenter, NY (2017); Leotta/Newby, Madragoa Embora, Lisbon (2017); JADE BI, Madragoa, Lisbon (2017). The artist has undertaken residencies at The Chinati Foundation, TX (2017), Artpace, TX (2017), Fogo Island (2013) and International Studio & Curatorial Program ISCP, New York. Newby has been awarded the Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant (2019).



Kate Newby
Loved like a sunbeam
2019
installation view



Kate Newby devices for wonderment.
2019
Stoneware, porcelain, mason stain, glass collected from the sidewalks variable dimensions unique



Kate Newby devices for wonderment. (detail) 2019
Stoneware, porcelain, mason stain, glass collected from the sidewalks variable dimensions unique



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Kate Newby *i am absolutely ruined* 2016 High fired stoneware, glaze, wire (New York) 35.5 × 12.7 cm unique



Kate Newby *i am absolutely ruined* (detail) 2016 High fired stoneware, glaze, wire (New York) 35.5 × 12.7 cm unique



Kate Newby Let the picture lead you where it must go 2019 Stoneware, black porcelain, glass collected from the sidewalks in Toronto, silk (Toronto) 73.6×10.1 cm unique



Kate Newby Let the picture lead you where it must go (detail) 2019 Stoneware, black porcelain, glass collected from the sidewalks in Toronto, silk (Toronto) 73.6×10.1 cm unique



Kate Newby stunning ear magic 2016
High fired stoneware, glaze, thread (New York) 17.7 × 15.2 cm unique



Kate Newby stunning ear magic (detail) 2016
High fired stoneware, glaze, thread (New York) 17.7 × 15.2 cm unique



Kate Newby
Heck
2019
Pink silver, silk (New York)
30.4 × 5 cm
unique



Kate Newby
Heck (detail)
2019
Pink silver, silk (New York)
30.4 × 5 cm
unique



Kate Newby goosebumps 2019 Porcelain, mason stain, collected glass from the sidewalks in Lyon, silk (Lyon) 15.2×5 cm unique



Kate Newby goosebumps (detail) 2019 Porcelain, mason stain, collected glass from the sidewalks in Lyon, silk (Lyon) $15.2 \times 5 \text{ cm}$ unique



Kate Newby
This one hit hard.
2016
High fired porcelain, glaze, silk (New York)
40.6 × 12.7 cm
unique



Kate Newby
This one hit hard. (detail)
2016
High fired porcelain, glaze, silk (New York)
40.6 × 12.7 cm
unique



Kate Newby the breeze is blowing through it. 2019 Salt fired stoneware, collected glass from the sidewalks in Portland, silk (Portland, OR) 38.1×10.1 cm unique



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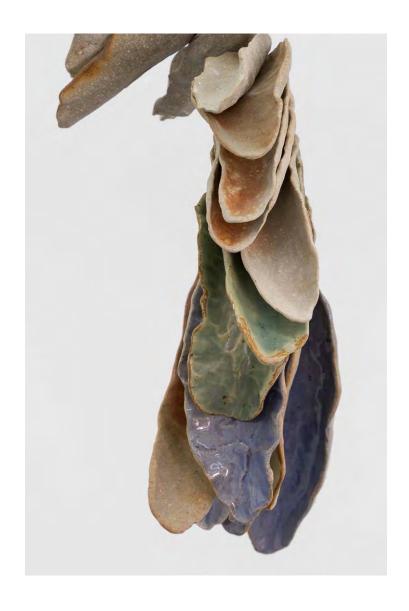
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Kate Newby goosebumps (detail) 2019 Salt fired porcelain, collected glass from the sidewalks in Portland, silk (Portland, OR) 25.4×7.6 cm unique



Kate Newby 100% yep. 2017
Stoneware, glass, thread (Marfa, TX) 40.6 × 10.1 cm unique



Kate Newby 100% yep. (detail) 2017 Stoneware, glass, thread (Marfa, TX) 40.6 × 10.1 cm unique



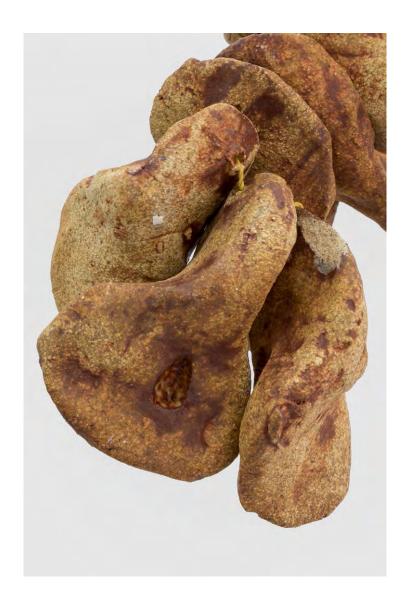
Kate Newby O, yes. I'm sure you aren't ... 2019 Porcelain, mason stain, collected glass from the sidewalks in Lyon, silk (Lyon) 22.8×8.2 cm unique



Kate Newby O, yes. I'm sure you aren't ... (detail) 2019 Porcelain, mason stain, collected glass from the sidewalks in Lyon, silk (Lyon) 22.8×8.2 cm unique



Kate Newby There was a bluebird in my heart, but long ago she flew away . . . 2016 High fired stoneware, glaze, silk (Central Park, New York) 15.8×12.7 cm unique



Kate Newby There was a bluebird in my heart, but long ago she flew away . . . (detail) 2016 High fired stoneware, glaze, silk (Central Park, New York) 15.8×12.7 cm unique



Kate Newby do you wanna mess me up? 2019 Smoke fired stoneware, stoneware, glass collected from the sidewalks in Toronto, silk (Toronto) 35.5×12.7 cm unique



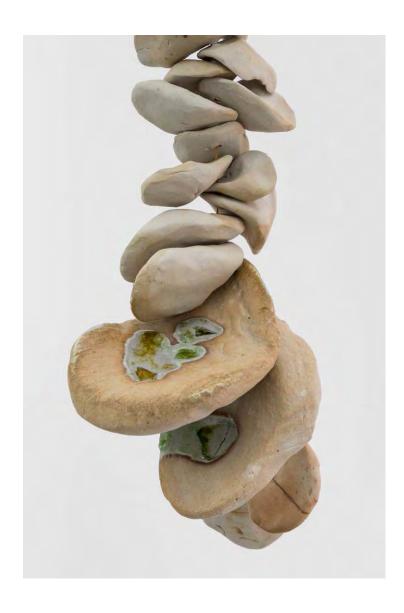
Kate Newby do you wanna mess me up? (detail) 2019 Smoke fired stoneware, stoneware, glass collected from the sidewalks in Toronto, silk (Toronto) 35.5×12.7 cm unique



Kate Newby 6 people drink pepsi 2016 High fired stoneware, glass collected from Central Park, silk (New York) 38.1×15.2 cm unique



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Kate Newby 6 people drink pepsi (detail) 2016 High fired stoneware, glass collected from Central Park, silk (New York) 38.1×15.2 cm unique



Kate Newby quickest 30 mins of my life 2018 Porcelain, mason stain, silk, collected shards of glass from the side walk in New York (New York) 10×2.5 cm unique



Kate Newby quickest 30 mins of my life (detail) 2018 Porcelain, mason stain, silk, collected shards of glass from the side walk in New York (New York) $10 \times 2.5 \text{ cm}$ unique



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2019
Pink silver, silver, bronze, brass, stoneware, silk thread (Brooklyn)
17.7 × 5 cm
unique



Kate Newby
Loved like a sunbeam (detail)
2019
Pink silver, silver, bronze, brass, stoneware, silk thread (Brooklyn)
17.7 × 5 cm
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Kate Newby cant wait to cry feb 22 2019 Porcelain, mason stain, glass collected from the sidewalks in Toronto, silk (Toronto) 43.1×7.6 cm unique



Kate Newby cant wait to cry feb 22 (detail) 2019 Porcelain, mason stain, glass collected from the sidewalks in Toronto, silk (Toronto) 43.1×7.6 cm unique



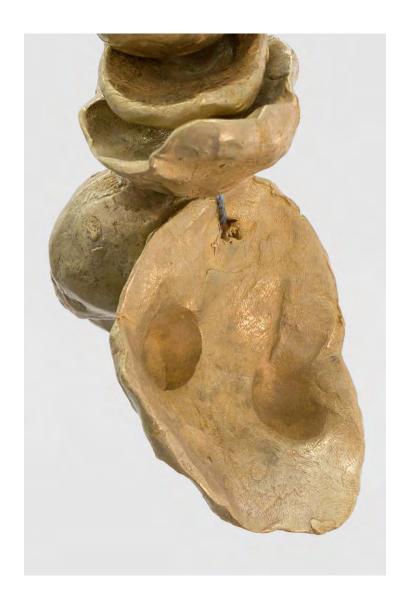
Kate Newby Amusing, solemn, tender and so light. 2019 Salt fired stoneware, collected glass from the sidewalks in Portland, silk (Portland, OR) $30.4 \times 8.8 \text{ cm}$ unique



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Kate Newby I saw the masterpiece, it looked a lot like this 2019 Brass, silk (New York) 12.7×5 cm unique



Kate Newby
I saw the masterpiece, it looked a lot like this (detail)
2019
Brass, silk (New York)
12.7 × 5 cm
unique

Auckland, New Zealand, 1979 Lives and works in Brooklyn

2010

Let me be the wind that pulls your hair, curated by Michelle Grabner, Artpace, San Antonio, USA

SOMA, Artist in Residence, Mexico City, MX

Theatre of Erosion or I Hate

Work This is not a Play (with Geoffrey Farmer), Artist in Re-

sidence Banff Centre, Banff, CA

Künstlerhäuser, Artist in Residence, Worpswede, DE

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

EDUCATION

2016

Big Tree. Bird's Eye. Michael Lett, Auckland, NZ

Tuesday evening. Sunday afternoon. Stony Lake. Cooper

Cole, Toronto, CA

Make it bigger, Deeper., The Poor Farm, Wisconsin, USA

2007

2015

Masters of Fine Art (MFA), Uni-

Doctorate of Fine Art (DocFA),

versity of Auckland

University of Auckland

2019

Nothing in my life feels big enough, Cooper Cole, Toronto Wild was the night, Institut d'Art Contemporain, Villeurbanne,

FR puzzling light and moving. (Part II and Part III), lumber room,

Portland, USA

2001

Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA), University of Auckland

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

2017

The Chinati Foundation Artist in Residence, Marfa, Texas, USA Spring International Artist in Residence Program, curated by Michelle Grabner, Artpace, San Antonio, TX, USA

2018

Nothing that's over so soon should give you that much strength, curated by Mathijs van Geest, Hordaland Kunstsenter, Bergen, NO

A puzzling light and moving. (Part I), lumber room, Portland, **USA**

All the stuff you already know, The Sunday Painter, London, UK

I can't nail the days down, curated by Juliane Bischoff, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, AT Swift little verbs pushing the

big nouns around, Michael Lett, Auckland, NZ

2017

2015

Two aspirins a vitamin C tablet and some baking soda, Laurel Doody, Los Angeles, USA Always humming, curated by Helen Hughes and Pip Wallis, Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne, AU

I memorized it I loved it so much, Laurel Gitlen, New York, **USA**

2014

Laura, Lucy, Mark and Felix, MODELAB, Wellington, NZ I feel like a truck on a wet highway, Lulu, Mexico City, MX Tiny-but-adventurous, Rokeby, London, UK

2013

Maybe I won't go to sleep at all., curated by Anne-Claire Schmitz, La Loge, Brussels, BE Let the other thing in, curated by Nicolaus Schafhausen, Fogo Island Gallery, Newfoundland, CA

What a day., Hopkinson Mossman, Auckland, NZ

2015

Gertrude Contemporary Spaces, Artist in Residence, Melbourne, AU

2012

Fogo Island Arts, Artist in Residence, Newfoundland, CA The Walters Prize, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NΖ

International Studio & Curatorial Program ISCP, Artist in Residence, New York, USA

2012

All parts. All the time., Olive St. Garden, Brooklyn (in association with New York, USA City Department of Parks and Recreation and International Studio & Curatorial Program ISCP), New York, USA How funny you are today, New York, Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn (in association with New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and International Studio & Curatorial Program ISCP), New York, USA

2011

I'm just like a pile of leaves, curated by Natasha Conland, Auckland Art Gallery, NZ I'll follow you down the road, Hopkinson Mossman, Auckland, NZ

2010

Crawl out your window, curated by Janneke de Vries, Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst GAK, Bremen, DE

2009

Get off my garden, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland, NZ Blow wind blow, Y3K Gallery, Melbourne, AU

2008

Thinking with your body, Gambia Castle, Auckland, NZ Run!, Window, Auckland, NZ

2007

On the Benefits of Building,

Gambia Castle, Auckland, NZ A Windy Fire, Te Tuhi, Auckland, NZ

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019

Motion & Motive, organized by Pamela Meredith, Susan Hobbs, Toronto, CA City Prince/sses, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, FR Summer Group Show, The Sunday Painter, London, UK The Garden of Cyrus, Fortnight Institute, New York, USA Indus2, Art: Concept, Paris, FR Unexplained Parade, Catriona Jeffries, Vancouver, CA Notebook, curated by Joanne Greenbaum, 56 Henry, New York, USA Elements, curated by Svea Kellner, Neues Kunsthaus,

Ahrenshoop, Germany, DE

2018

Juliette Blightman, Parbhu Makan, Kate Newby, Henrik Olesen, Michael Lett, Auckland , NZ Further Thoughts on Earthy Materials, curated by Janneke de Vries and Katja Schroeder, Kunsthaus Hamburg, Hamburg, DE Still Life, co-curated with Candice Madey, SEPTEMBER, Hudson, New York, USA It was literally the wreck of jewels and the crash of gems..., Gallery, Nicelle Beauchene New York, USA

Dwelling Poetically: Mexico City, a case study, curated by Chris Sharp, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne, AU

Superposition: Equilibrium & Engagement, 21st Biennale of Sydney, curated by Artistic Director Mami Kataoka, Cockatoo Island and the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, AU Ritual, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, USA

Belonging to a Place, An exhibition by Fogo Island Arts, Embassy of Canada, Washington DC, USA

2017

Appendix Toss, SORT, Vienna, AT Leotta/Newby, Madragoa Embora, Lisbon, PT

Belonging to a Place, An exhibition by Fogo Island Arts, curated by Nicolaus Schafhausen, Scrap Metal, Toronto, CA

The Promise, curated by Axel Wieder, Index - The Swedish Contemporary Art Foundation, Stockholm, SE

In Practice: Material Deviance, curated by Alexis Wilkinson, SculptureCenter, New York, USA

Raising Cattle, Montreal, CA JADE BI, curated by Sara De Chiara, Madragoa, Lisbon, PT

2016

Exhibition by 31 Women, Philipp Pflug Contemporary, Frankfurt, DE

A plot of land, Dutton, New

York, USA

Every day I make my way, Minerva, Sydney, AU

Light switch and conduit: the Jim Barr and Mary Barr collection, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, NZ

2015

Natural Flavor, curated by Vivien Trommer, Ludlow 38, New York, USA

The Secret and Abiding Politics of Stones, curated by Chris Sharp, Casa del Lago, Mexico City, MX

Homeful of Hands, Josh Lilley, London, UK

Thought Cupboard, The Dowse, Wellington, NZ

Ordering Nature, Marianne Boesky, New York, USA

Inside Outside Upside Down, curated by Natasha Conland, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, Auckland, NZ

Parallel Oaxaca at Supplement London, Supplement, London, UK

Lunch Poems, Hopkinson Mossman, Auckland, NZ

Where the trees line the water that falls asleep in the afternoon, curated by Chris Sharp, P420, Bologna, IT

Inside the City, curated by Janneke de Vries, GAK Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen, DE

NEW 15, curated by Matt Hinkley, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne, AU

An Imprecise Science, curated

by Alexie Glass-Kantor, Artspace, Sydney, AU

Eraser, Laurel Gitlen, New York The January February March (Jennifer Kabat, Anna Moschovakis and Kate Newby), The Western Catskills, New York, USA

2014

The Promise, curated by Axel Wieder, Arnolfini, Bristol, UK On The Blue Shore of Silence, Tracy Williams Gallery, New York, USA

Portmanteaux, Hopkinson Mossman, Auckland, AU Thin Air, Slopes, Melbourne, AU

Lovers, curated by Martin Basher, Starkwhite, Auckland, AU

Slip Cast, Dowse Museum, Lower Hutt, NZ

2013

because the world is round it turns me on, curated by Clara Meister, Arratia Beer, Berlin, DE Mud and Water, Rokeby, London, UK

The things we know, curated by Tim Saltarelli, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK

Between being and doing, Utopian Slumps, Melbourne, AU

2012

Crawl out your window, Walters Prize exhibition, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, Auckland, NZ

Everyone knows this is nowhere, curated by Louise Menzies

and Jon Bywater, castillo/corrales, Paris, FR

2011

Prospect: New Zealand Art Now, curated by Kate Montgomery, Wellington City Gallery, Wellington, NZ

Melanchotopia, curated by Nicolaus Schafhausen and Anne-Claire Schmitz, Witte de With, Rotterdam, NL

Out of a stone, curated by Daniel Munn, Banner Repeater, London, UK

Bas Jan Ader: Suspended between Laughter and Tears, curated by Pilar Tompkins Rivas, Museo de Arte Zapopan (MAZ) Guadalajara, MX

2010

Burnt house. A little later, Gambia Castle, Auckland, NZ
Bas Jan Ader: Suspended between Laughter and Tears, curated by Pilar Tompkins Rivas, Pitzer Art Galleries and Claremont Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA

post-Office, Artspace, Auckland, NZ

2009

The Future is Unwritten, curated by Laura Preston, The Adam Art Gallery, Wellington, NZ

2008

Brussels Biennial 1, curated by Nicolaus Schafhausen and Florian Waldvogel, Brussels, BE Break: Towards a Public Re-

alm, curated by Melanie Oliver, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ Let it be now, Christchurch Art Gallery, Christchurch, NZ Hold Still, curated by Claire Doherty, One Day Sculpture, Auckland, NZ The World (will soon turn our

way), Charlton Avenue / Gambia Castle, Auckland Academy, TCB, Melbourne, AU Many directions, as much as possible, all over the country,

1301PE, Los Angeles, USA

2007

Working on Talking, Gambia Castle, Auckland, NZ Moment Making: After the Situation, curated by Laura Preston, Artspace, Auckland NZ How W.H. Auden spends the night in a friend's house, Gambia Castle, Auckland, NZ Twone, Physics Room, Christchurch, NZ

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Chris Kraus, "Kate Newby's Bones," Social Practices, Semiotext(e), 2018;

Sam Korman, "How to distribute your bricks and virtue," published on the occasion of All the stuff you already know, The Sunday Painter, London, 2018; Chloe Geoghegan, "Kate Newby: I can't nail the days down," Contemporary Hum, August 8, 2018;

Chris Sharp, "Following Kate Newby down the road," Mousse, 64, Summer, 2018;

Figgy Guyver, "Critic's Guide to London: The Best Shows in Town," Frieze, May 30, 2018; Alexandra-Maria Toth, "Kate Newby: I Can't Nail the Days Down," PW-Magazine, September 4, 2018;

Sue Gardiner, "The meaning of molecules," Art News New Zealand, vol.38, no.2, Winter, 2018:

Jon Bywater, "Evangelism & clay: The 21st Biennale of Sydney," Art New Zealand, no.166, Winter 2018;

Chris Kraus, "Splodges of Color," Swift little verbs pushing the big nouns around (artist book essay), 2017;

Neil Fauerso, "Artpace Spring Artist-in-Residence Exhibition," Glasstire, April 3, 2017;

Linnea West, "Phone tag: Interview with Kate Newby," Phone Tag, April 23, 2017;

Anthony Byrt, "Quiet wanderer: Kiwi sculptor Kate Newby," Paperboy, November 30, 2016; ennifer Kabat, "To Write About A Hole," VQR, Fall, Volume 92, #4, October 3, 2016;

"Kate Rosanna Albertini,

Newby: don't be all scared like before," The Kite, March 25, 2016:

Roberta Smith, "Kate Newby and Helen Johnson at Laurel Gitlen," New York Times, July 17, 2015;

Chris Sharp, "Kate Newby," NEW15 (catalogue essay), 2015:

Maura Edmond, "Kate Newby 'Always humming," Primer, August 13, 2015;

Rosanna Albertini, Kate Newby: Silent Bricks," The Kite, November, 2015;

Daniel Munn, "Life Lived Outside," Le Roy 3, 2015;

Chris Sharp, "Eye of the Beholder," Osmos, Issue 06, Summer, 2015;

Kate Sutton, "Kate Newby; Laurel Doody," Artforum, February, 246, 2015;

Jennifer Kabat, "In Focus: Kate Newby," Frieze, Issue 161, March 12, 2014;

Francisco Goldman, "Mexico City Mix," National Geographic Traveller, December/January, 2014;

Leslie Moody Castro, "Lulu, Mexico City," Artforum online, 2014;

Matt Hanson, "Newby in Mexico City," Eye Contact, September 12, 2014;

"The Small Jennifer Kabat, Often Vague Things - Kate Newby's Radically Slight Art," The Weeklings, June 12, 2014; Hamish Coney, "Breakfast in America," Content Magazine, November 5, 2014;

Sternberg Press, 2013;

Kay Burns, "Kate Newby: Let the Other Thing in," C Magazine, Issue 120, Winter, 2013; Julia Waite, "If not concrete then what? Kate Newby's I'm just like a pile of leaves Archive," Reading Room, Issue 5, July, 2012;

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