

**PRESS RELEASE****ANGELA BULLOCH: UNIVERSAL MINERAL**

Opening: Tuesday 21 May 6.30 – 8.30pm

Exhibition continues: Wednesday 22 May – 4 July 2013

Simon Lee Gallery Hong Kong is proud to present an exhibition of new work by acclaimed artist Angela Bulloch.

A British artist born in Canada in 1966, Angela Bulloch's work spans many forms, but they all manifest her interest in systems, patterns and rules, and the creative territory between mathematics and aesthetics. Since graduating from Goldsmiths' College in 1988 as part of the 'freeze' generation of young British artists, her work has crystallised into a number of distinct but related strands. The Pixel Boxes have become her most familiar component: initially fabricated in beech wood with a glass front screen, their softly changing and pulsing colours at first distilled and abstracted complex visual patterns into simple shifting monochromes, and became a signature of a conceptual practice that avoided the shock strategies of many of her contemporaries. More recently, fabricated in copper, aluminium, perspex or corian they pay closer homage to their minimalist heritage, while the colours they channel are freed from their earlier origins to become pure abstraction.

Alongside these Pixel Box sculptures, Bulloch has also returned to the Drawing Machines she made early in her career. Again they use a simple conceit: a machine draws vertical or horizontal lines on the gallery wall according to some external stimulus – the noise made by an accompanying soundtrack, visitors to the exhibition, or the rhythm of their sitting on and standing from a bench placed facing the work. But this simplicity belies the rich and complex way in which the Drawing Machines bring together the modernist concerns of grid, monochrome, and colour field with a playful engagement with interactivity.

In a third strand, developed more recently, Bulloch has created electronic simulations of the night sky. Most notable in the series was her installation at the Guggenheim Museum New York for the exhibition *theanyspacewhatever* in 2008. For this she conceived an artificial night sky, filled with constellations of stars, to cover the interior dome of the Frank Lloyd Wright rotunda. Since then she has made numerous such pieces, from large scale public installations to small domestic panels. For each, Bulloch begins with a computerised map of the known stars of the universe, visible from earth. She selects an area of the sky based upon the primary constellations of the stars it contains and then extrapolates the view point to a location far from the earth, to create a representation of real space, but as we could never see it.

This exhibition, the artist's first in Hong Kong, will include a single large Night Sky work, all but filling one of the gallery's walls. Alongside it she will show a number of new pixel box works fabricated in corian, sitting individually or in pairs on the gallery floor, or suspended from the ceiling. Alongside the exhibition the gallery will present a Drawing Machine at ArtHK.

Bulloch's work is included in major institutional collections internationally. Her solo museum exhibitions include Kunsthhaus Glarus (2001) UC Berkeley Art Museum (2003) Le Consortium, Dijon (2005) Modern Art Oxford, Secession Vienna and The Power Plant, Toronto, (2005) and Lenbachhaus Munich (2008). Her work was also included in the Hayward Gallery exhibition *The New Decor*, as well as *Colour Chart: Reinventing Colour 1950 to Today* at Tate Liverpool and the Museum of Modern Art New York and *Theanyspacewhatever* for which she created an installation for the ceiling of Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim in New York. She was nominated for the Turner Prize in 1997 and for the Preis der Nationalgalerie für junge Kunst in 2005. Bulloch lives and works in Berlin.

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