

AILBHE NÍ BHRIAIN
INSCRIPTIONS

A SERIES OF ELEVEN PIGMENT BARYTA PRINTS 2017

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SERIES 'INSCRIPTIONS' CONTINUES AILBHE NÍ BHRIAIN'S PRACTICE OF COMBINING IMAGERY FROM DISPARATE SOURCES – IN THIS CASE MUSEUM ARTEFACTS, EXPANSIVE LANDSCAPES AND STUDIO DEBRIS. SIMPLE COLLAGE TECHNIQUES ARE USED TO COLLAPSE THE BINARIES AND CONVENTIONS OF THE SOURCE IMAGERY IN ORDER TO IMAGINE A SERIES OF NEW AND PERMEABLE CONNECTIONS. THE WORK TAKES ITS STARTING POINT FROM A TEXT BY SAMUEL QUICCHEBERG ENTITLED 'INSCRIPTIONS OF THE IMMENSE THEATRE'. THIS IS THE EARLIEST PUBLISHED TEXT ON MUSEOLOGY AND OUTLINES THE METHODS FOR THE COLLECTION AND CATEGORIZATION OF OBJECTS, IMAGES AND ARTEFACTS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD. THE COLLECTION OR 'THEATRE' IS DEFINED AS 'A REPOSITORY OF ARTIFICIAL AND MARVELOUS THINGS' AND IS INTENDED TO OPERATE AS A STAND IN FOR 'THE GLOBE IN ITS ENTIRETY'. IN CONTRAST TO THE PRESUMPTIONS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT (WHICH CLEARLY SPEAK OF AN IMPERIALIST WESTERN AGENDA), THIS SERIES IMAGINES A THEATRE OF AFTERMATH – ONE IN WHICH THE CATEGORIES AND CERTAINTIES ESPOUSED BY QUICCHEBERG HAVE BROKEN DOWN AND WHERE NARRATIVES MUST BE CONSTRUCTED ANEW FROM THE FRAGMENTS OF REPRESENTATION.



AILBHE NÍ BHRIAIN INSTALLATION VIEW AT THE DOCK, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, LEITRIM, IRELAND, MAY 2017

PHOTO: PAUL MACCARTHY



INSCRIPTIONS (#1)

2017

PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

55.5 X 69 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

57.8 X 71 CM

ALSO AVAILABLE AS

101 X 125 CM (PRINT SIZE)

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

60 X 73 CM

EDITION 10



INSCRIPTIONS (#2)

2017

PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

91 X 100 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

93 X 102 CM

EDITION 10



INSCRIPTIONS (#3)

2017

PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

59 x 69 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

61 x 71 CM

EDITION 10



INSCRIPTIONS (#4)

2017

PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

46.5 X 49 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

48 X 51 CM

EDITION 10



INSCRIPTIONS (#5)

2017

PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

58.5 X 59 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

60.5 X 61 CM

ALSO AVAILABLE AS

94 X 95 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

96 X 97 CM

EDITION 10



INSCRIPTIONS (#6)

2017

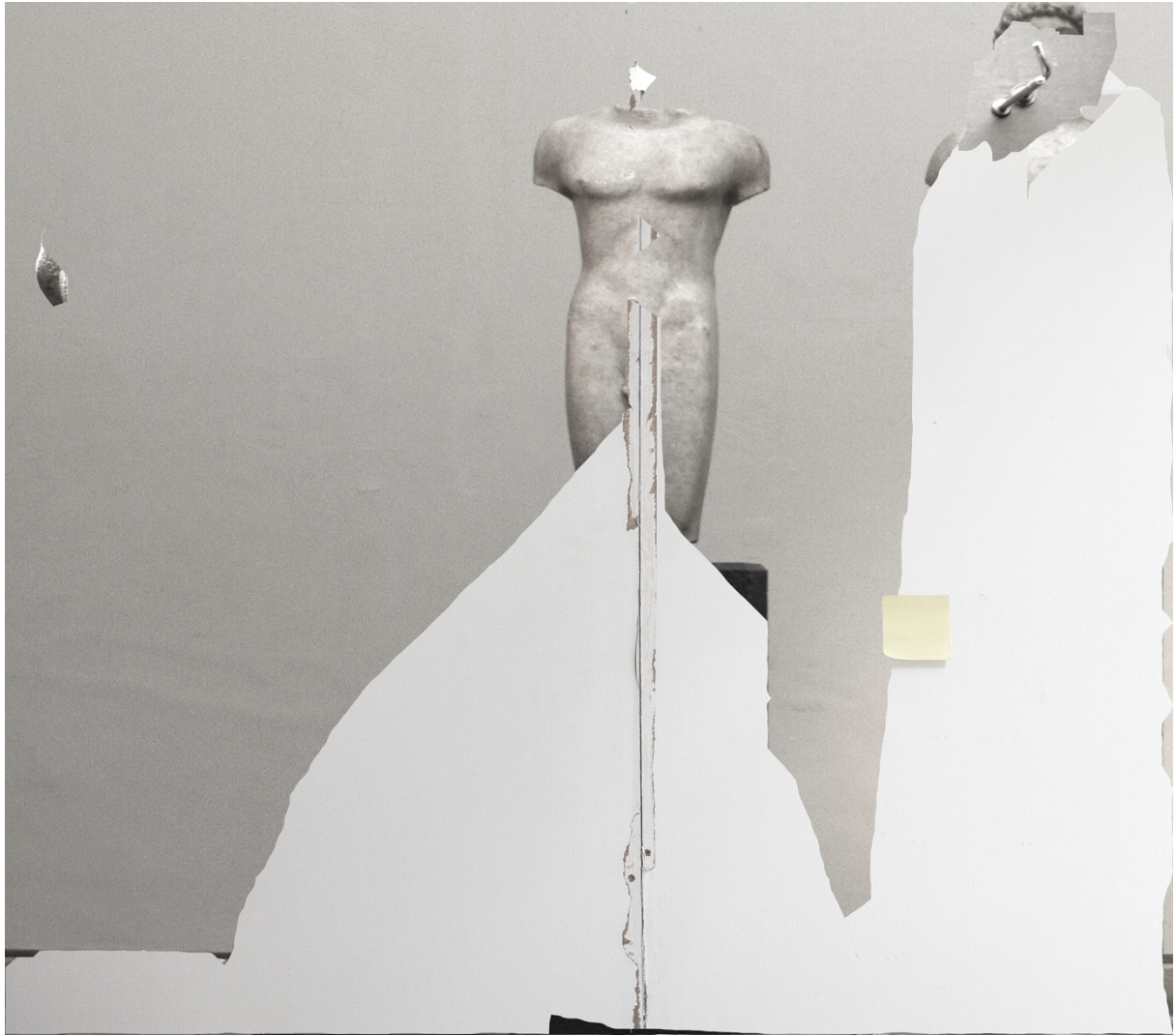
PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

34 X 45 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

36 X 47 CM

EDITION 10



INSCRIPTIONS (#7)

2017

PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

83 X 90 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

85 X 92 CM

EDITION 10



INSCRIPTIONS (#8)

2017

PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

98 X 140 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

100 X 142 CM

EDITION 10



INSCRIPTIONS (#9)

2017

PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

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INSCRIPTIONS (#10)

2017

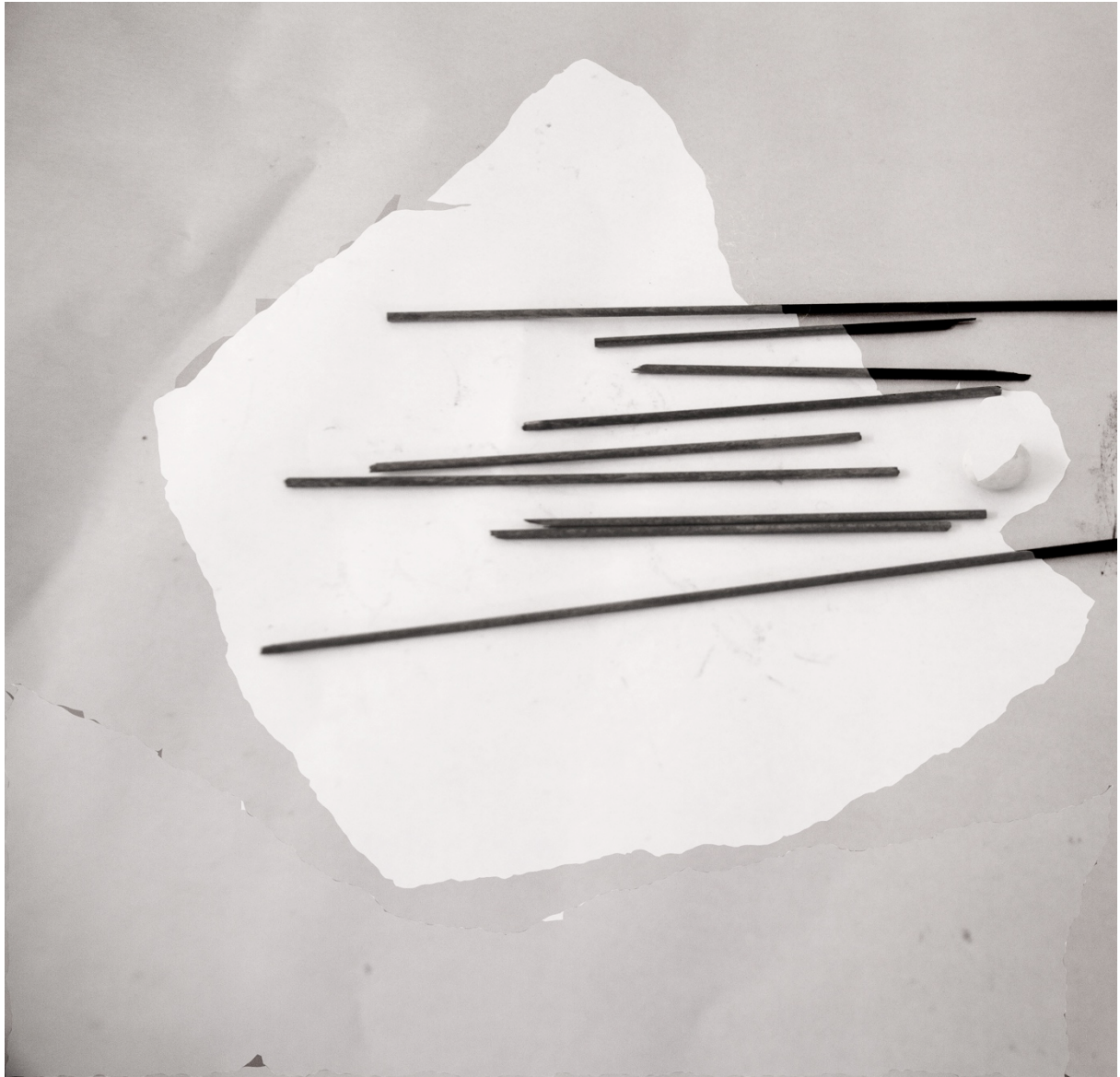
PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

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68 x 82 CM

EDITION 10



INSCRIPTIONS (#11)

2017

PIGMENT BARYTA PRINT

35 X 30 CM

PRESENTED IN A RAW AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT BOX FRAME, CLARITY GLASS

37 X 32 CM

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