

Cirque du Killing – Feast

The Killing

The Killing often investigates the intersections of their various and varied lived experiences. This exhibition will invite you to a buffet of dynamic works that digest the visual and social frameworks of what the artists collectively understand to be a Circus.

Employed as a means to examine and ask ourselves questions such as:
Where does my body belong within a Spectacle? Within a Circus? Within a Gallery? Who am I when I am the subject? The viewer? Am I the feast or the consumer?

The artists partake in concepts of family, the everyday, consumer/capital-ism, and self determination — uncovered through a personal and shared lens of the Circus. Through languages of Mark-Making, Image, Sculpture & Painting, a synergy is found between saturated textures, colours and symbols.

Content warning for this exhibition: Provocative content and strong language

The Killing is a body of artists currently based in Tamaki Makaurau, Aotearoa. They are a collective that values self determination & self liberation through collective effort. Founded through the friendships formed during their undergraduate years at the Elam School of Fine Arts (2018-2021), The Killing is based in friendship, family and love as they strive towards undoing white wall traditions and platforming newfound collectivism. Participating artists are Venus Blacklaws, Tristan Bloemstein, Daniella Bay, Minsoh Choi, p.A.

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Minsoh Choi

1. *THANK YOU TO THE HORSES*
Red velvet
Various dimensions
2024

Venus Blacklaws

2. *LOWER CLASS TOPLESS GIRLS*
MDF wood, interior paint
Various dimensions
2024
3. *BOTTOMS UP*
MDF wood, interior paint
Various dimensions
2024
4. *PILLOW TALK WITH A STRANGER*
MDF wood, interior paint
Various dimensions
2024
5. *HUNG GIRLS*
MDF wood, interior paint
Various dimensions
2024
6. *MACHO MAN(?)*
MDF wood, interior paint
Various dimensions
2024
7. *VEGAS GIRL*
MDF wood, interior paint
Various dimensions
2024

P. Walters

8. *DEVOTED JESTER*
Acrylic, oil stick, oil pastel
on red velvet
1350 x 1490mm
2024

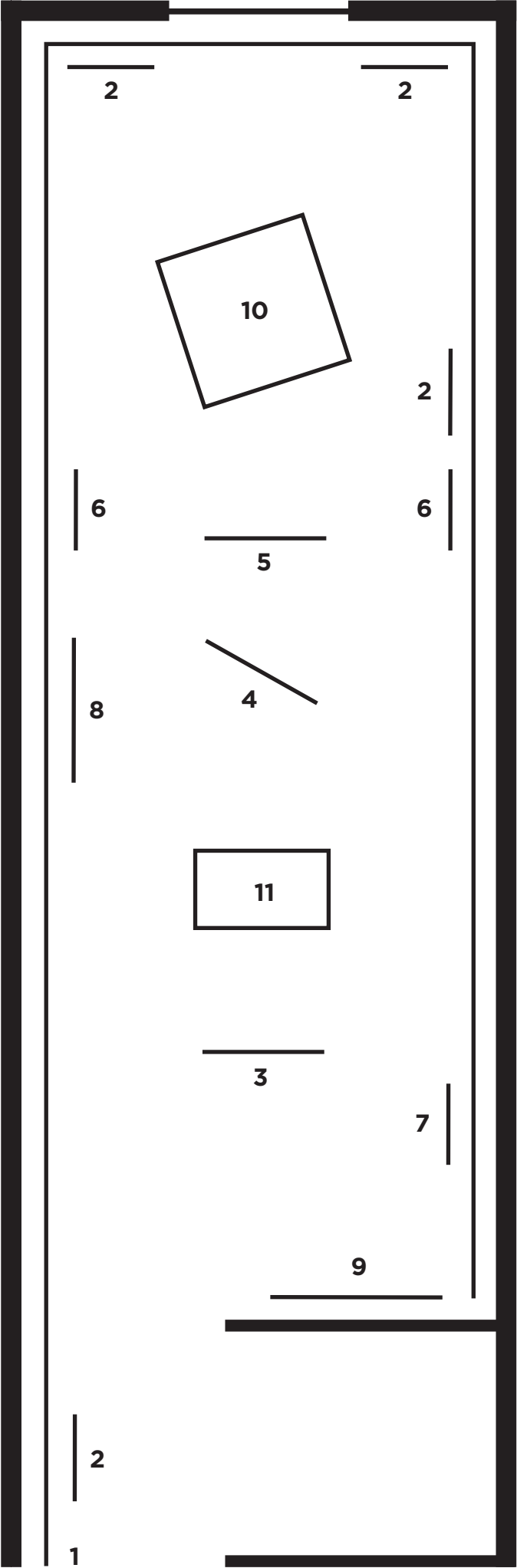
9. *AOTEAROA WHORE*
Acrylic, oil stick, oil pastel
on red velvet
1550 x 2500mm
2024

Daniella Bay

10. *LOVE/LOATHE*
Spray paint on fabric, clothing line
1800 x 1800 x 2200mm
2024

Tristan Bloemstein

11. *KISS MY FEET*
Interior paint, glass beads,
rhinestones, glitter,
recycled wood
1500 x 1100mm
2024



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