## occupy and echo (a stage) curated by Tom Polo

occupy and echo (a stage) presents the work of twelve artists across the two spaces and online platforms of ReadingRoom, Melbourne.

Within their projects, participating artists consider how space is activated and archived, and, imagined or made by the body.

Aligning the gallery space to the modes and gestures of a theatre and *of staging*, the exhibited works move between multiple exchanges and actions, to create a narrative that unfolds throughout the exhibition's duration.

Lupo Borgonovo
Leila El Rayes + Justine Youssef
George Haddad
Andrew Haining
Pilar Mata Dupont
Nikos Pantazopoulos
Yorgos Petrou
Joanna Piotrowska
Lisa Radford
Charlie Sofo
Curtis Talwst Santiago

Salote Tawale

ReadingRoom 37 Swanston Street, Room 4, Level 6, The Nicholas Building, Melbourne, 3000, Australia.

28th November 2019—8th February 2019

## Room One

Clockwise from window

Salote Tawale *Watching, 2018*Single channel high definition video Edition of *6*\$4.500

Yorgos Petrou the inside that (this will be my monument I), 2019 Giclée print, steel nails, silicone Edition of 5  $100 \times 78$  cm \$2,900

Room Two
Clockwise from wooden wall

Joanna Piotrowska *Untitled, 2017* Silver gelatin hand print, framed Edition 3 of 5  $49.8 \times 59.8$  cm \$6,600

Leila El Rayes + Justine Youssef Say Swear, 2019 Vinyl decal on window Dimensions variable

Yorgos Petrou

the inside that (this will be my monument II), 2019

Giclée print, silicone

Edition of 5

100 cm, dimensions variable

\$2,900

George Haddad

Faking it—a prayer, 2019

Vinyl text on wall

Dimensions variable

Charlie Sofo
Opening Night, 2019
Performance, microphone, amp, speaker
7 pm

Nikos Pantazopoulos Three hands and Brancusi's spine, 2019 Pigment print in artist's frame, unique  $65 \times 50 \times 7$  cm Edition 1 of 3 \$3,500

Nikos Pantazopoulos *Splash, 2019* Pigment print in artist's frame, unique  $65 \times 50 \times 7$  cm Edition *1* of *3* \$3,500

## Office

Andrew Haining

Of the Nature of Things, 2019

Single channel 4k video

26 minutes

Edition of 5

\$1,100

Nikos Pantazopoulos appears courtesy Kalli Rolfe Contemporary Art

Joanna Piotrowska appears courtesy Southard Reid, London

Charlie Sofo appears courtesy Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney

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