



JENNY BELL

Some Experiments Underneath a Horse

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15 Royston Street Paddington NSW 2021

Open 7 days 10am to 6pm

Some Experiments Underneath a Horse presents a vigorous and distinctive body of work from artist Jenny Bell. Bell lives and works in rural NSW and with the exception of her years of study in Sydney and work in London, always has. Bell's astute visual perception means she is able to transform the obvious and see beyond the immediate. She is always alert to opportunity and never knows when the next subject will turn up and hold her captive for what can be months or years.

The surprise glimpse, the unexpected event. A subject of unlikely promise transformed by close scrutiny. A yard of horses. A yard full of muscle, agitation and latent possibilities. Jenny Bell positioned herself underneath these animals, as close as they would allow and found a 'little world' that speaks to a bigger one. The muscles of the back legs – fibrous tissue shaped by natural movement and millennia of human needs; and necks shaped by the rein, as they are taught to succumb. These muscular conjunctions demanded to be drawn and the drawings she made became the basis for this new body of work.

Because of her capacity to bring to light this unique angle on an animal featured in art through the ages, this series shares a private aspect of the horse that most of us know only in outline and from a distance. And then, from underneath these horses, she fixed her gaze on the surrounding hills, shaped also in part by human touch.

In this series, pigment applied to various surfaces carves space in both two and three dimensions. The resulting paintings, drawings and constructions are rendered with precision and fluidity. They condense and amplify the artist's observations in a visual language of stark simplicity.

Some Experiments Underneath a Horse is current until 18 November 2018

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