

SUZIE IDIENS NEUTRAL GROUND

21 SEPT – 15 OCT 2016

GALLERY 9

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Suzie Idiens' meditative new series quietly contests the boundaries between painting and object, surface and depth, colour and the monochrome.

Neutral Ground comprises eight sculptural wall-mounted panels. These simplified forms are layered with various tints of soft grey paint. Each object is seamless, as if industrially fabricated. They gently occupy space and superficially achieve a lightness and neutrality that encourages their own invisibility. Upon closer looking, complexities emerge: shadows gather weight, colours deepen, and tones shift as you move around each piece.

Idiens' reductive investigations direct us towards the power of our perceptive capabilities. She challenges the concept of neutrality and invites us to see more in the most minimal of surfaces. Her highly reflective finishes cleverly illuminate the challenge: their liquid-like purity return the viewer's own self-image, while at the same time encourage a view beyond the surface membrane, into limitless depths of colour and paint.

Born in the UK, Idiens studied art and design at the Royal College of Art, London. Since emigrating to Sydney in 2006 she has exhibited in Berlin, Sydney and London as well as the Melbourne Art Fair and Art Stages, Singapore. Idiens is currently showing in *Visions of Utopia*, a historical survey of Australian non-objective art at the Wollongong Art Gallery.

Neutral Ground is Idiens' third solo exhibition with Gallery 9.

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Untitled #1 2016
polyurethane board
polyurethane
70 × 14 × 5 cm
\$1,800

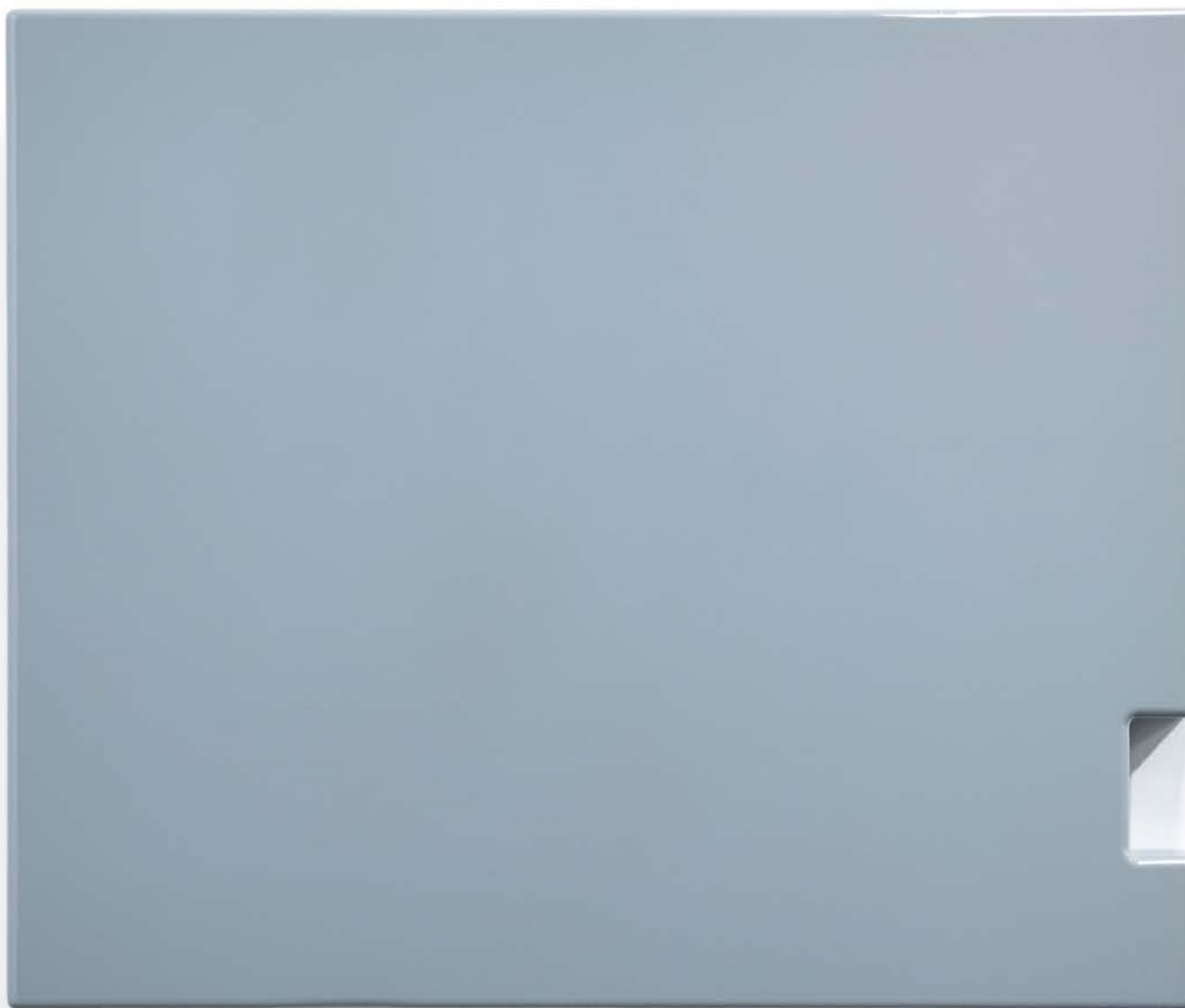


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Untitled #2 2016
MDF, polyurethane
58 × 69 × 8 cm
\$2,500

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Untitled #3 2016
MDF, polyurethane
82 × 81.4 × 12 cm each
\$5,500



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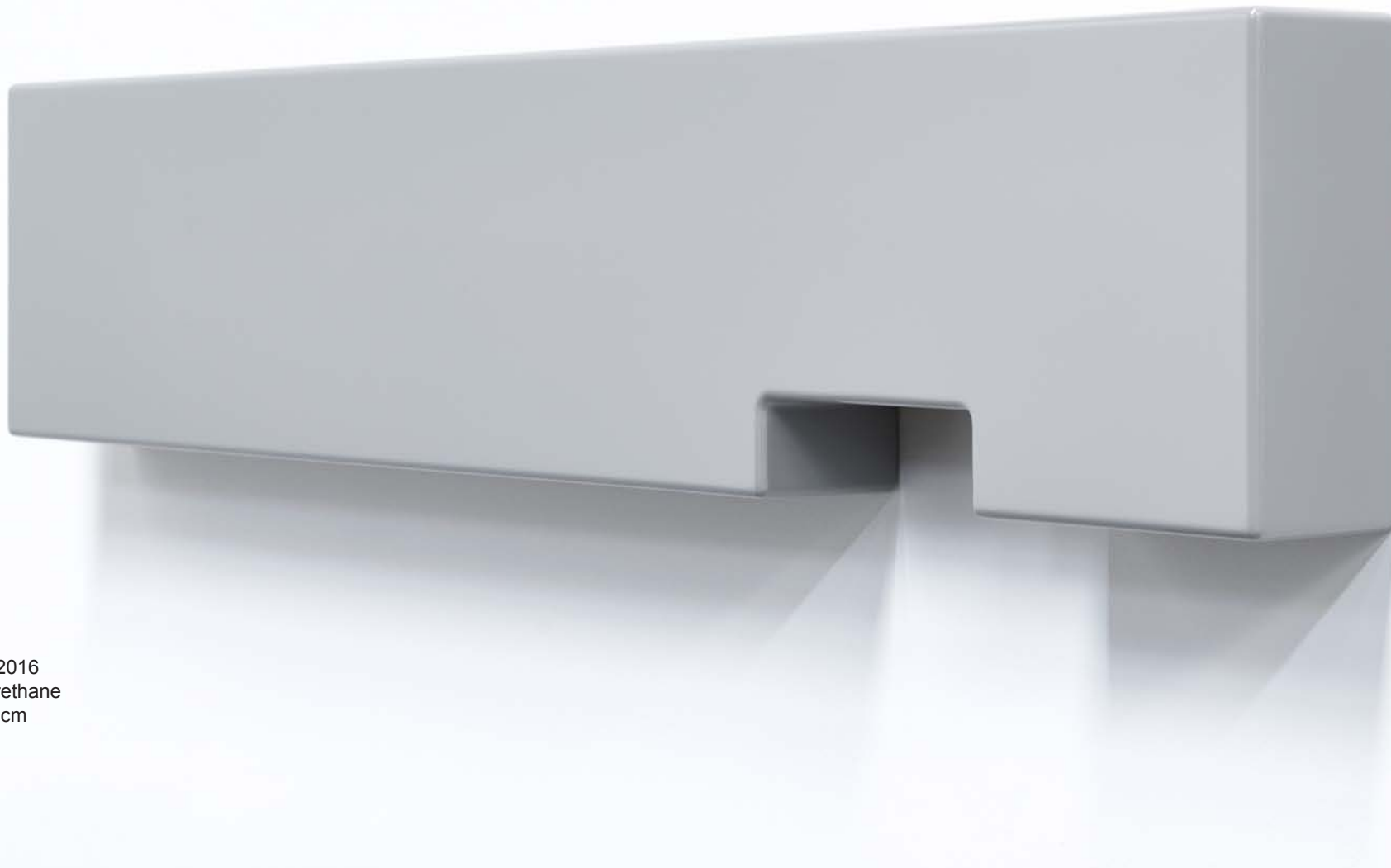
Untitled #4 2016
MDF, polyurethane
60 × 64 × 6 cm
\$2,200

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Untitled #5 2016
MDF, polyurethane
118 × 22 × 11 cm
\$2,500



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Untitled #6 2016
MDF, polyurethane
23 × 77 × 9 cm
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Untitled #7 2016
MDF, polyurethane
100 × 70 × 20 cm
\$2,800





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Untitled #8 2016
MDF, polyurethane
49 × 70 × 8.5 cm
\$2,200



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MDF, polyurethane
49 × 70 × 8.5 cm
\$2,200

SUZIE IDIENS CV

Born in the UK, lives and works in Sydney

- 1997–1998 MA course in Furniture and Industrial Design, Royal College of Art, UK
- 1994–1997 BA Hons in Furniture Design - Middlesex University, UK
- 1993–1994 BTEC Diploma in Art & Design - Bournemouth & Poole College of Art & Design, UK

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Neutral Ground*, Gallery 9, Sydney
- 2014 *All things being equal*, Gallery 9, Sydney
- 2012 *Counterpoint*, Gallery 9, Sydney
SNO 85 - Precursor, SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney
- 2010 *Painted Objects*, Conny Dietzschold Gallery, Sydney

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Visions of Utopia*, Wollongon Art Gallery,
Black Box, Five Walls, Melbourne
- 2014 *SNO 102*, SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney
SNO @ Abbotsleigh, Grace Cossington Smith Gallery,
Sydney Tangible, Trocadero Art Space, Melbourne
Slow Worlds, Strange Neighbour Gallery, Melbourne
The Edge - Emerging Artists, Annandale Galleries,
Sydney Return to the Field, SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney
- 2013 *SNO 100*, SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney
Contemporary Painting, Fortyfive Downstairs, Melbourne
Can't quite pin it down, TCB Art Inc., Melbourne
- 2012 *SNO @BHO*, Ballhaus Ost, Berlin
SNO @ the Australia Council, Australia Council for the Arts, Sydney
- 2011 *SNO 77 - Tribute to the Triangle*, SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney
Art Stage Singapore, Conny Dietzschold Gallery
- 2010 *SNO 63 – Strange Frame*, SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney
The SNO Group, Gallery 9, Sydney
UND 6 Intercontinental, Schwartz Gallery, London
SNO 66 – At the far point, SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney
Melbourne Art Fair, Conny Dietzschold Gallery

RESIDENCIES / AWARDS

- 2010 4 month studio residency at SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney

COLLECTIONS

ArtBank and Private collections in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Hong Kong, New York and London

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