

MEDIA RELEASE



DANAE VALENZA AND SIMON MCGUINNESS, *THE TORN CLOUD*

GERTRUDE GLASSHOUSE
44 GLASSHOUSE ROAD, COLLINGWOOD

EXHIBITION DATES: 11 SEPTEMBER–10 OCTOBER 2015

EXHIBITION OPENING: FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 6–8PM

Gertrude Contemporary is pleased to present a new Gertrude Glasshouse exhibition by Studio Artist Danae Valenza in collaboration with Simon McGuinness. Their exhibition, titled *The Torn Cloud*, reflects on the scale and potentiality of humans and their built environments. The artists write of the project:

Temporary/permanent. A scaffold bigger than the sum of its parts. Tall buildings cast shadows. From atop, people glint, pulse through streets with a hum. Flecks of stone in the pavement become a tiny phenomenon. Phone lines are electric with human voices. If you could reach so far to tear a cloud, where would you go from there?

Danae Valenza and Simon McGuinness are Melbourne-based creative practitioners who work together in many ways, often with friends and other people they meet. *The Torn Cloud* is their first solo exhibition together, comprising of sound, sculpture, painting, and a text by Al McKay. As a Studio Artist, Danae Valenza has exhibited widely in Australia and internationally, including: ACCA, 2014; Gertrude Contemporary, 2010, 2014; Prawneg & Wolf, South Tyrol, Italy, 2013; Objectifs Centre for Photography & Film Making, Singapore, 2014; and

Bus Projects, 2013; *Blindside*, 2011; Arts House, 2013; and Next Wave Festival, 2012. She has been awarded The Ian Potter Travelling Scholarship, 2013; a JUMP Mentorship Grant, 2013; an ArtStart Grant from the Australia Council of the Arts, 2012; and a city of Melbourne Docklands Grant, 2012. In 2015, she undertook the Australia Council studio residency at Suomenlinna Studio, Helsinki. Valenza has a Bachelor in Fine Arts from Monash University.

GERTRUDE GLASSHOUSE
OPENING HOURS
THURSDAY–SATURDAY 12–5PM

FOR ALL MEDIA ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT:
Helen Hughes, Curator Communications
Telephone +61 3 9419 3406
Email helen@gertrude.org.au
200 Gertrude Street Fitzroy VIC 3065 Australia
www.gertrude.org.au