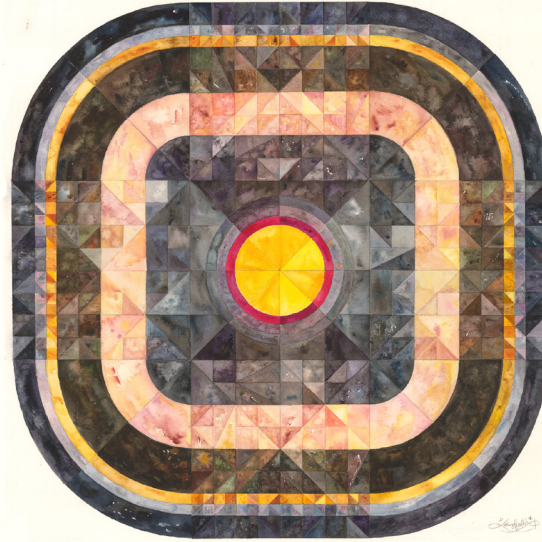


## MEDIA RELEASE



### *SIRENS (I HEARD VOICES IN THE NIGHT)*

EXHIBITION DATES: 13 AUGUST–3 SEPTEMBER 2016

EXHIBITION OPENING: SATURDAY 13 AUGUST, 4–6PM

ARTISTS: DAVID BOOTH, ANNIE DAVIDSON, THOMAS GIBBS, ANDY HATTON,  
LEE HODSON, CAMILLE JAVAL, KAT KALLADY, ADAM LEE, LAITH MCGREGOR,  
ROB MCHAFFIE, NELL, CELESTE POTTER, KATE SHAW, JUSTIN WILLIAMS

Gertrude Contemporary is pleased to present *Sirens (I Heard Voices In The Night)*, a collaborative project initiated by Ben Abraham for Gertrude Glasshouse.

Singer and songwriter Ben Abraham has brought together 14 Australian artists including Gertrude Alumni, Laith McGregor and Rob McHaffie, to respond to songs from his debut album *Sirens*.

Each artist has created a new work for this project as a means of visually articulating and responding to a specific song from the album. The selected artists include a number of Abraham's long-time friends and collaborators. In discussing the concept behind this project, Abraham says, 'I have always been fascinated by the way that narrative moves between art forms, and I'm excited by the idea that the story of a song might exist in another form, and through another storyteller's eyes.'

The album *Sirens* will also be present within the exhibition at Glasshouse and visitors will have the opportunity to listen to songs as they view the corresponding artworks via a specifically developed app.

Ben Abraham is a Melbourne-based singer and songwriter, distinctive for his cinematic-folk musical style. Abraham's background in screenwriting is a key influence in his work, which is underscored by a constant pursuit of narrative and storytelling. Abraham has toured with folk-bluegrass legend, Emmylou Harris and co-written songs with Grammy-nominated singer, Sara Bareilles. His debut album *Sirens* was released in 2016 through independent record label Inertia.

This project was made possible with support from Creative Victoria.

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