

INVISIBLE FORCES

Ruth Allen



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C. Gallery

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C. Gallery is delighted to present *Invisible Forces*, an exhibition of new works by Aotearoa/New Zealand-born glass artist Ruth Allen. This is the artist's first solo presentation with the gallery and will be on view 29 November 2022 to 09 February 2023 at C. Gallery, 66 Gwynne Street Cremorne.

Allen's lithe and sinuous works capture the physicality and possibility of the medium, finding impetus in natural phenomena such as gravity, wind, inertia, osmosis, magnetism and tidal forces. Her formative years were spent in the company of her mother, an accomplished writer and illustrator, and her father, a sculptor and avid sailor. Her childhood experiences were centred more around water than land, and the rhythms of the ocean gave her an instinctive understanding of liquidity, reflection, and refraction. Through her large-scale glass works, achieved in-studio with the cooperation of an artfully choreographed team of assistants, Allen is successful in both capturing the kinetic energy of glass and creating a dynamic conversation between glass, light and viewer.

For *Invisible Forces*, Allen has created five groups of works based on three paradigms. *Gust*, a large-scale installation composed of thirteen tendril-like ribbons of glass protruding directly from the wall, belies the unyielding nature of cold glass and appears to be ruffled, lightly, by an invisible breeze. *Centrifugal Twist* pushes the form further, with the glass doubled-back on itself to create a Möbius-like loop. Five works in this series are mounted to the wall with hand-forged nails by artist Michael Gittings. The final series, *Hyphae*, inspired by fungi, is made up of three works of various numbers of substantial, curved, mirrored glass tubes, protruding from the wall. Their quicksilver-like forms suggest movement into the wall and even beyond- their name suggesting the possibility of a continuation of an intelligent system by which the forms grow and communicate.

Ruth Allen (b.1969) is an Australian-based artist with over thirty years of experience in sculpting hot glass. Allen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Glass from the Canberra School of Art in 1993 and obtained a Master of Fine Art in Sculpture & Glass from Monash University in 2006. She is a past president of the New Zealand Society of Artists in Glass (NZSAG) and her works are included in many institutional collections including the Auckland Museum and the National Art Glass Gallery in New South Wales. Allen works alongside her partner, Joshua Rowell in a warehouse-cum-studio space in Coburg North where the pair have worked tirelessly toward the vision of building a functional hub for the fabrication of glass, ceramic, metalworking and woodworking for artists and designers alongside the fabrication of their own ambitiously scaled works.

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HYPHAE 03
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2022
Blown, hot sculpted mirrored glass



HYPHAE 03 DETAIL
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HYPHAE 01, 02 DETAIL
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GUST
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Blown, hot sculpted clear glass



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CENTRIFUGAL TWIST 01

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2022

Blown, hot sculpted clear glass, hand forged steel nails

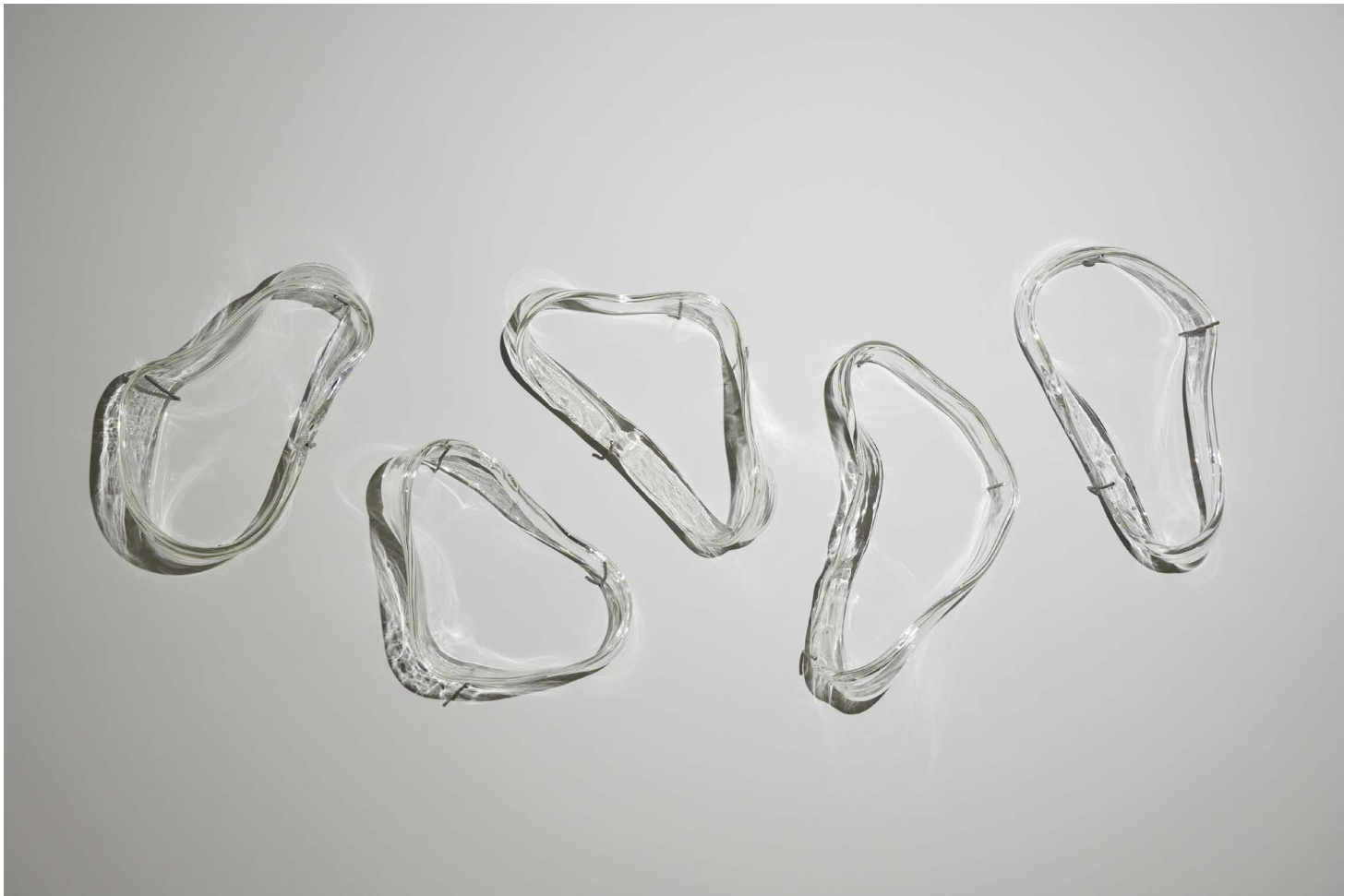


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