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## Press Release

### Crushed Bone / Wet Rock

Madison Bycroft, Chen Zhou,  
Liam Denny, Tania Franco Klein,  
Jamie O'Connell, Justin Williams

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A photograph of a red rotary telephone on a red cushioned chair with a glass ashtray full of cigarettes. The scene is lit with a strong red light, creating a dramatic and somewhat somber atmosphere. The telephone is a classic model with a coiled cord. The ashtray is a clear glass bowl filled with numerous discarded cigarette butts. The chair is a simple wooden chair with a thick red cushion. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

COMA is pleased to present Crushed Bone / Wet Rock. Bringing together six artists from differing locations, the exhibition tracks mutual malaise and uncertainty regarding emotion, knowledge and experience in the context of modes and places of living. Looking at the effect that physical positioning has on contemporary art making, this presentation surveys narrative through setting – whether it be grotesque, picturesque, gaudy, urban or fictional.

Empathetic perspectives have become a platform for artists besieged by labels and legacy to tease out and reshape their own personal experience. Cross continental shifts and interactions in a piecemeal process of desubjectification consolidate a slew of individually paralysed yet collectively fragmented viewpoints.

The artists in Crushed Bone / Wet Rock have addressed their own vague identity and role-playing in the included artworks to establish a type of mutual and universal consensus. Here we see a peripatetic self-consciousness and its ability to expose a practitioner to the idea of conjoined worlds where the influence of a grounded physical location and the thought of another at a distance become one.

Artists included are Madison Bycroft, Chen Zhou, Liam Denny, Tania Franco Klein, Jamie O'Connell and Justin Williams.



Recent News and Information:

*Artist Profile: Madison Bycroft Shortlisted for the Pinchuk  
Future Generation Art Prize*

Pinchuk Art Centre

More information [here](#).

*Chen Zhou selected by Venus Lau*

Art Review Magazine

More information [here](#).

*Artforum Critics Picks: Tania Franco Klein*

Artforum Magazine

More information [here](#).

*In The Studio With: Justin Williams*

Talking With Painters Episode 60

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