

## Minutes of the Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection

Summary of the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2020 at the offices of Martinspeed

### **Present:**

Sir David Verey CBE, Chair

### **Ex Officio:**

Alex Farquharson, Director, Tate Britain

Gabriele Finaldi, Director, National Gallery

Penny Johnson, Director, GAC

### **Independent:**

Clare Lilley, Director of Programme at Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Ben Luke, Critic and Writer on the Visual Arts

Mary Ann Prior, Art Curator and Adviser

### **GAC staff in attendance:**

Jessica Cerasi

Eliza Gluckman

Claire FitzGerald

James Morrison

Andrew Parratt

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## 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Susan Collins, Nicholas Cullinan, Melanie Keen and Emma Squire.

## 2. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 14 November 2019

The minutes were agreed and signed.

## 3. Acquisitions

### 3.1 *Acquisitions since 14 November 2019*

The Committee noted the acquisitions.

### 3.2 *Acquisitions for consideration*

After discussions by the Committee and in compliance with the criteria in the GAC's Acquisitions Policy, the Committee agreed the acquisition of the following works:

#### 3.2.1 *Purchased by the GAC*

VICKY WRIGHT (born 1967)

##### **SM as Sparta escapes; saves Giacometti's victim** 2019

Oil on linen over aluminium panel, black walnut frame, 168 x 119 cm

#### 3.2.2 *Outset/GAC Fund*

Twelve artists were selected to participate in the project with Outset. The Committee agreed to the acquisition of:

PABLO BRONSTEIN (born 1977)

##### **Central Mosque of Brent, Howard Road, NW2** 2017

Ink on paper, 42.5cm x 34cm

##### **18 Cassland Road and Terrace, E9** 2017

Ink on paper, 42.5cm x 34cm

##### **127 Bishops Way, E2** 2017

Ink on paper, 42.5cm x 34cm

The Committee asked to view the following work at the next meeting:

GOSKA MACUGA (born 1967)

##### **Discrete Model 021** 2019

Collage, 90.6 x 66.1 x 3.9 cm (framed)

RICHARD WENTWORTH

The artist is considering a suitable work for the GAC.

NICOLE WERMERS

It was agreed at the November 2019 meeting to acquire a Rockdispenser piece by Nicole Wermers. In March 2020 the Committee approved the additional costs for the project to come from the Collection's 2020/21 acquisitions fund. The artist plans to visit the US in July to start work on the Commission (see 3.2.5 for details)

#### 3.2.3 *TenTen Fund*

The following works were agreed:

HOLLY HENDRY (born 1990)

##### **Take Good Care of My Baby** 2014

Plaster, pigment, baby lotion, foam, 126cm x 80cm x 80cm

KHADIJA SAYE (1992 - 2017)

##### **in this space we breathe** 2017-18

Nine silkscreen prints, hand printed on Somerset Satin White 300gsm paper, 50.2 x 61.3 cm each, edition 12/50

### 3.2.4 Approach to the GAC

The Committee considered this offer of a gift and were minded to accept on behalf of No. 10.

MARTIN KINNEAR (born 1969)

**Burnley** 2019

Oil on canvas

### 3.2.5 Commissions

An update was given and the works below were presented online.

SARAH BARKER (born 1980)

The work is scheduled to be installed in May at the HMA's Residence, Bangkok.

NICOLE WERMERS (born 1971)

**Rockdispenser (NYPANJCT)** 2020

Stainless steel, rocks from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey & Connecticut, 230 x 40 x 40 cm

*OUTSET/GAC Fund (see 3.2.2 above)*

The Committee were very supportive, giving their approval to explore funding options for the sculpture:

YINKA SHONIBARE (born 1962)

**Apollo** 2020

Cast fibreglass sculpture, hand-painted with Dutch wax Batik pattern, bespoke hand-coloured globe and gold leaf, 135 x 60 x 52cm

## 4. TenTen Print Project

The Committee noted the update on the 2020 Commission and agreed on which artists should be approached for the 2021 and 2022 awards.

## 5. Update on the Move to Old Admiralty Building (OAB)

The Committee noted the update on the GAC's move to Old Admiralty Building and looked forward to having a tour of the new premises which has been scheduled before the next meeting.

## 6. Director's report of GAC activities since 14 NOVEMBER 2019

The Committee noted the report - members gave special thanks to the work of Jessica Cerasi and Jane Fisher, who are leaving the GAC this month.

## 7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 14 July 2020