<u>Under Lamplight:</u> Albert Tucker & Patrick Pound

30 October 2021 to 29 May 2022 Albert and Barbara Tucker Gallery Curator: Patrick Pound



Under Lamplight: Albert Tucker & Patrick Pound is guest curated by Melbourne-based artist Patrick Pound as part of Heide's fortieth anniversary program. The exhibition showcases a series of works by Albert Tucker united by the motif of the electric lamp. Accompanying these works is a curated selection of Patrick Pound's found photographs: from vernacular snaps to newspaper clippings, cinema stills and archival images.

The exhibition draws together a number of paintings and drawings by Albert Tucker from Heide's permanent collection, the Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation, and the National Gallery of Victoria, which have been spectacularly lit to give the impression that the works emit light from within. Through his selection, Pound reconsiders Tucker's work through the frame of a singular pictorial device, creating an installation that is at once mood ridden, technical and historic, painterly, expressive and dramatic. Pound's own photographic inventory further reminds us of the expressive possibilities of electric light through modernism and the history of design.

Tucker's famous Images of Modern Evil here converse with found photographs that are themselves drenched in life and her misdemeanours. Pound's photographs are all sourced on the internet, which he calls 'a vast unhinged album.' Each photograph is a recently redundant document. They come from discarded newspaper, cinema, and picture archives, and from the melancholy world of discarded family photographs. Many also feature lamps and lamplit subjects.

Pound explains: I started with the ruse that this exhibition might be lit by the paintings and the photographs themselves. Albert Tucker's career is lit up with paintings of the night. He is like a post-war expressive electric light Caravaggio who substitutes the bare bulb for the candle. Here the gallery and the archive collide with the evidence room, set alight by Albert Tucker.



Found archival image from the collection of Patrick Pound

List of works

This catalogue is arranged alphabetically by artist then chronologically. Measurements are height before width before depth.

Albert Tucker

born 1914 Melbourne; died 1999 Melbourne



Arthur Boyd, Wonne Lennie and Joy Hester c. 1944 gelatin silver photograph 30.4 × 40.3 cm Gift of Barbara Tucker 2001



Melbourne Street Scene (Untitled Night Image) 1944 watercolour, pencil and brush and ink on paper 18 × 24 cm On long-term loan from the Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation, Melbourne



Study for Image of Modern Evil 9 1944 watercolour, gouache and brush and ink on paper 17.5 \times 24 cm Private collection, United Kingdom



Woman 1945
oil on composition board
31 × 40.5 cm
Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation,
Melbourne



Image of Modern Evil no.28 1946
oil on cardboard
60.8 × 50.9 cm
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Purchased through The Art Foundation
of Victoria with the assistance of Henry
Krongold CBE and Dinah Krongold,
Founder Benefactors, 1982



Vaudevillian 1946 oil on muslin on cardboard 67 × 78.5 cm Bequest of John and Sunday Reed 1982



Remembrance 1947
watercolour on paper
29 × 26 cm
On long-term loan from the
Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation,
Melbourne



(Woman) 1948 watercolour, ink and wash on paper 21.5 × 17.5 cm Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation, Melbourne



Duel 1954 oil on composition board $81\times62~\mathrm{cm}$ On long-term loan from the Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation, Melbourne



Killing 1954
oil on composition board 81×62 cm
On long-term loan from the
Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation,
Melbourne



Lancaster Gate Underground 1957 gouache 31 × 42.5 cm Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation, Melbourne



London Bus 1957
oil on composition board
122 × 92 cm
On long-term loan from the
Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation,
Melbourne



Image of Modern Evil 1972 pen and chalk on paper $22.5 \times 29 \text{ cm}$ Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation, Melbourne



Image of Modern Evil 1972 cast bronze 10.4 × 36 × 16.5 cm Gift of Dr Joseph Brown AO OBE 2005



(Joy and friends) c.1983 oil on composition board 81.5×122 cm Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation, Melbourne



 $\label{eq:continuous} \begin{tabular}{ll} (Garden, St~Kilda) & (c.1985) \\ oil on canvas \\ 60.5 \times 76~cm \\ Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation, \\ Melbourne \end{tabular}$



 $\it Bridge 1987$ synthetic polymer paint on hardboard 96 \times 122 cm Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation, Melbourne

ALL WORKS:

© Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation Courtesy of Smith & Singer Fine Art

Patrick Pound

born 1962 Hamilton, New Zealand



WALLS: Under Lamplight 2021 Family snaps, newspaper and cinema photographs from the collection of Patrick Pound Installation dimensions variable



VITRINES:
Lamp archives 2020
Vintage albumen photographs
deaccessioned from unidentified
archives, Clippings from print media,
deaccessioned from the Carnegie
Library of Pittsburgh, Art Room,
from the collection of Patrick Pound
Installation dimensions variable

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