

Tracy Thomason

Her Big Brain

Exhibition dates: May 25 – July 1, 2022

Reception for the artist: Wednesday, May 25, 5-8 pm

Marinero is pleased to announce *Her Big Brain*, Tracy Thomason's third solo exhibition with the gallery, occupying Gallery Two.

This exhibition introduces a brand-new body of monochromatic embossed paper works by Thomason made in residency at Dieu Donn , a non-profit institution in Brooklyn specializing in hand papermaking. This marks an expansion of the artist's practice into a new medium, whilst continuing her exploration of form, material, and connection to the feminine.

This series furthers Thomason's use of a brain motif as an expression of ecstatic changing states. She equates active thinking to landscape making, charting a visual topography of firing synapses, thought bubbles, and brain stems through the forms and shapes present in the work. They act as abstract portraits of a physical and emotional space, creating room for searching, memory, and expression.

The materiality of the work strengthens its allegorical connection to the brain. The paper starts as wet unorganized pulp, becomes formed and embossed through a series of physical gestures, then solidifies and sturdies as it is left to dry. To Thomason, this process is a mirror to the formation of a thought: impetus, realization, and actualization. Seen together, the works function as a regenerative idea, a meditation on the power and limitlessness of the mind.

Tracy Thomason (b. 1984, Maryland, U.S.) received an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan and a BFA from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. Exhibitions include a solo presentation at NADA Projects with Cuevas Tilleard Projects, NY, NY and a two-person exhibition with Peter Halley at Teen Party, Brooklyn, NY. Select group exhibitions include *Over the Influence*, Los Angeles; 56 Henry, Asya Geisberg, James Fuentes LLC, and Jeff Bailey Gallery in New York, NY, 106 Green in Brooklyn, NY, and Andrehn-Schiptjenko, Stockholm, SE. Thomason lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

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