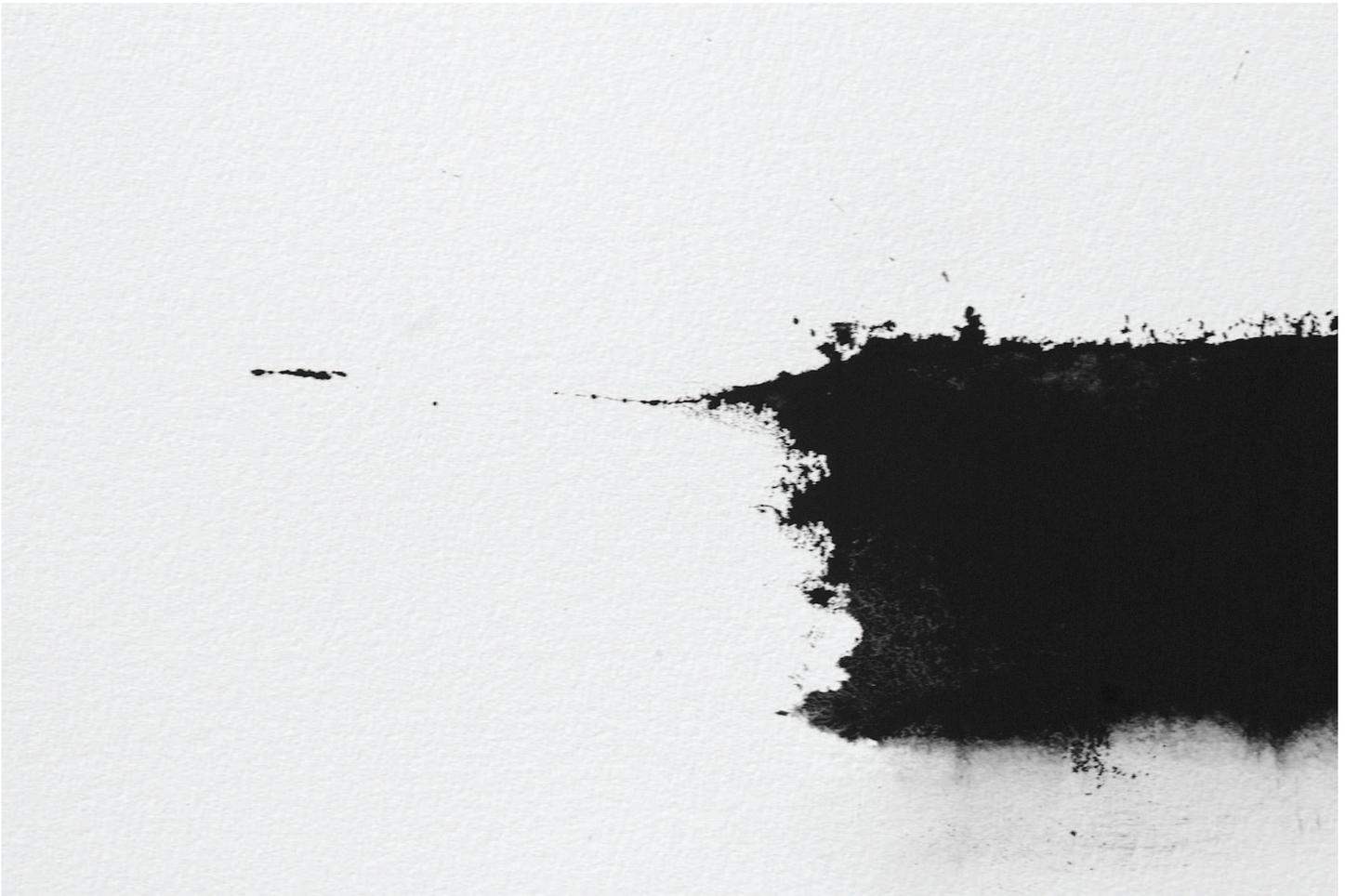


DOMINIK MERSCH GALLERY AWARD 2013

in collaboration with the University of Sydney - Sydney College of the Arts

2013 Winner: Jenny Ihn



Jenny Ihn, *Mother Song*, 2012. Water and dry seashell pigment on watercolour paper, 56 x 76 cm.

The DOMINIK MERSCH GALLERY AWARD, now in its fifth year, is an annual award in collaboration with the University of Sydney, Sydney College of the Arts. As part of the award, the DOMINIK MERSCH GALLERY provides an exhibition space in the gallery to show one or more artists from Sydney College of the Arts, the Visual Arts Faculty of the University of Sydney. The 2013 recipient, Jenny Ihn, was selected from SCA's annual end of year Postgraduate Degree Show. Past recipients of the award include Lucas Davidson, Tom Jefferson, Locust Jones, Andrew Newman and Kevin Platt.

"Offering an exhibition space to show their works, is the best way to support young and promising artists. According to best practice in Europe and the USA, such awards are very important to give young artists a head start", says Dominik Mersch.

The Dean and Director of SCA, Professor Colin Rhodes says *"This is a great collaboration between one of Sydney's top contemporary art galleries and one of the country's best art schools. It gives an opportunity for one of our best to reach a wide and appreciative audience."*

Jenny Ihn is an emerging artist based in Sydney, completing her Master of Fine Arts degree at Sydney College of the Arts. Her series, *Dust*, a collection of marks on paper made over the period of two years, from 2011 to 2012, will be on display at the DOMINIK MERSCH GALLERY until Wednesday 6 March 2013.

Dust explores human marks, representing life in the material world, over the passage of time. The faint traces of water combined with the gestural play of pigments reflect moments in time, which are only experienced fleetingly, but nevertheless are poignant moments that are captured by Ihn through a mark left on the surface of the paper.

Ihn says *"Winning the Dominik Mersch Gallery Award was an unexpected gift. It was a strong affirmation of what I had researched and explored in my own practice through the Masters of Fine Arts degree at Sydney College of the Arts. On a personal level, to know that my works spoke to someone in this way is a priceless affirmation of where I am at as an artist."*

The DOMINIK MERSCH GALLERY AWARD will be on display from Wednesday 23 January to Wednesday 6 March 2013.



Jenny Ihn, *Magnolia Tears*, 2011. Water, dry ground pigment and watercolour on watercolour paper, 56 x 76 cm.