



## Marna Hattingh

August 5th – August 20th, 2017

### OPENING

Tuesday, 8 August 2017 | 6 – 8pm

Marna Hattingh's work travels between a hybrid of fine art, literature and the complexities of contemporary life. She interrogates and articulates its collective emotions and has developed a highly unique and sought-after style, strongly influenced by an Asian sensibility and her experience as an illustrator, blending wry humour and social comment into playful palettes with a serious undertone.

Drawing inspiration from an eclectic range including media, fashion, history and fictional novels, her finely drawn characters jump, dance and spin across timeless, patterned backgrounds. Each painting is extensively worked and contains its own complex narrative. Her distinctive graphic style is deeply layered and functions as a hyper-textual visual language, which allows the viewer to be rewarded with an awareness of the poetic and lyrical within his/her own wilderness.

### ABOUT MARNA HATTINGH

Hattingh graduated from the University of Stellenbosch in 2000 with a BA Fine Arts degree, and a post-graduate Honours degree in Illustration. Her work is held in collections across South Africa and England.

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### ABOUT .M CONTEMPORARY

.M Contemporary is a gallery space that aims to create a cross-cultural conversation through exhibiting and supporting emerging and established artists from around the world. Since opening in Sydney in 2013, we have aimed to foster a strong appreciation for a new generation of Australian artists and to expose them to a wide audience of both novice and established collectors.

.M Contemporary has a strong focus on supporting these artists' ongoing presence through regular exhibitions and participation in international and local art fairs. We see ourselves as progressive, diverse and all-encompassing, a place where artists are nurtured and supported while being exposed to a far-reaching yet astute audience.

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*No Place Like This, 2017*



*Anywhere I Lay My Head, 2017*



*Everything Stays The Same, 2016*



*My Grandmother's House, 2015*



*Make It Happen, 2016*



*Exotic Me, 2015*



*Conversation, 2015*



*Keep It Together, 2015*



*What Went Down, 2015*



*Ocean, 2015*



*Group, 2015*



*Being Too Slow, 2015*