

TO THE SURFACE

LARGE SCALE PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTWORKS BY MEG COWELL

Opening Wednesday JULY 24, 2013

Dickerson Gallery is pleased to announce the forthcoming exhibition—*To the Surface* which will be on display from **July 24 to August 15, 2013**. This striking exhibition features 12 large-scale photographic works depicting fantastical garments and couture, arranged and illuminated while suspended in water.

For this series, artist **Meg Cowell** has installed a 1000 litre pool in her country-town backyard, in which she arranges her subject, using water as a medium of buoyancy and illusionistic display. The objective for Cowell is to achieve a sense of the garments being inhabited, not only by their absent wearer, but also by a complex of moods, emotions, and constructs of the feminine.

“The dancing, light caressed, confection of a gown in Sweet House is the stuff of fantasy or fairy-tale, yet the smoky wisps and tendrils of its fragile underskirt – extraordinary in their painterliness - suggest an incipient process of osmosis, reminding us of water’s symbolic associations with transformation”.

-Victoria Hammond

The effect of these images en masse is evocative, sensual and uncertain; dismembered sirens float unanchored, dark water creatures waft to the surface.



ABOVE
Meg Cowell
Sweet House, 2013
giclee print
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Meg Cowell
Conquest, 2013
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Dickerson Gallery is open: Tuesday- Saturday 11am -5pm,
Sunday 1-5pm. Admission is free.

About Meg Cowell

Meg Cowell graduated with honours in photography from the University of Tasmania in 2007 and has since gone on to exhibit nationally and abroad. Her work has also been shortlisted for prestigious prizes, such as the Sunshine Coast Art Prize.

More of Meg's work can be seen at

www.megcowell.com



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Meg Cowell
Voyage, 2013
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