

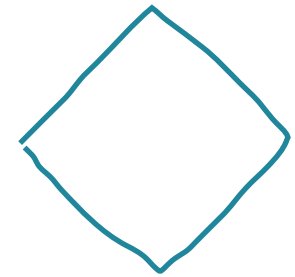
There's something you're not telling me

We tried to speak to each other about silence and absence. We tried to describe something ineffable with language that failed us. We found there was only so much that we could, or would, share with each other. We circumnavigated ideas without ever speaking about them directly, trusting that within the concealment we would understand each other. This is where the idea of collaboration began.

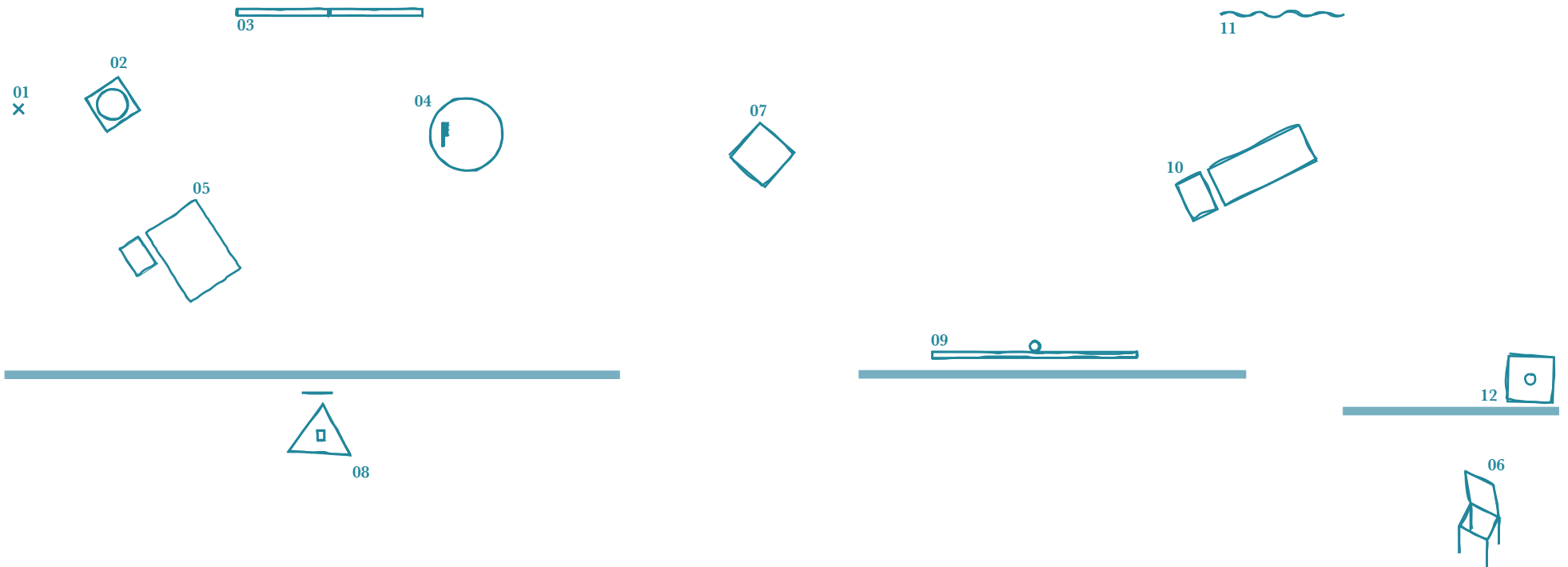
Elliot created a space that houses silence. Emily pulled absence into existence. Memory Vessel/Silent Exchange was the genesis for this exploration. Ultimately a shared work, it emerged via a linear progression in which both artists retained autonomy over their aspect of the outcome while also agreeing to hand over the finished work to the 'other'.

Emily invited Elliot to have a show in order to extend the practice beyond conversation and into silent communion. There are two autonomous but parallel practices that find common ground within converging interests in language, memory, ritual, silence, absence and that which is concealed. Outside of these shared core concerns, each artist also navigates other interests that elucidate radical difference able to be seen through the individual elements present in this exhibition.

Elliot Collins + Emily O'Hara



ST Paul St Gallery III
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01. EO They Who Are Thirsty, 2016
window text

02. EO Still Reflecting, 2016
plaster reservoir, water

03. EO Lux Aeterna, 2016
two screen video, 11.30m + 19.59m

04. EO Still Standing, 2016
salt + brush, charged by the light of the supermoon

05. EO Still Floating, 2016
framed print [courtesy of Jono Cole], audio loop (6h), postcards

06. EO Nothing Holds Us, Part One, 2016
steel chair

07. EO Memory Vessel/Silent Exchange, 2016
+ EC *steel tubes, native timber, wax, steel plinth, concealed note*

08. EC Travelling Light, 2016
single lens reflex camera, text

09. EC Empire of Light, 2015
candle, brass fittings, primed linen

10. EC A drop of water hollows a stone, 2016
granite, pohutukawa, dehumidifier

11. EC Untitled, 2016
soot

12. EC Waihi, 2016
brass trumpet, gold nugget