

MEDIA ALERT



Te Adam
Pātaka Art
Toi Gallery

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New moving-image series launches with installation by Shannon Te Ao



Shannon Te Ao, still from *Follow the Party of the Whale*, 2013, two-channel video, sound, colour, 12:51mins, 2:49mins (cinematography by Iain Frengley) © Shannon Te Ao

Fresh from representing New Zealand at the Biennale of Sydney, Wellington-based artist Shannon Te Ao is presenting his moving-image installation *Follow the Party of the Whale* at the Adam Art Gallery from 27 May.

This is the first of three one-work installations brought together as *RELOAD: Kirk Gallery Series 2014*. Te Ao's installation will be followed in July by a provocative video 'lecture' by Berlin-based artist, Hito Steyerl, *Is the Museum a Battlefield?*

Third in the series is a specially commissioned installation featuring the video *Collector's Edition Glitch* by Auckland-based artist, Eddie Clemens. This uses the Adam Art Gallery's architecture as a prop for, and a feature in, a work that montages scenes and outtakes from various movies by and about James Cameron.

Follow the Party of the Whale is a two-channel video projection that uses the strategies of performance art to reflect on the fate of the Māori prophet leaders Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi and their followers, during their two-year incarceration in Dunedin after removal from their pacifist community at Parihaka in Taranaki in 1881.

This is one highlight in a busy year for the artist, who will be included in a group show at the forthcoming Edinburgh Festival and is working on a catalogue featuring essays on three of his recent videos about to be published by the Physics Room in Christchurch.

What: *RELOAD: Kirk Gallery Series 2014* featuring:
Shannon Te Ao, *Follow the Party of the Whale*, 27 May–29 June
Hito Steyerl, *Is the Museum a Battlefield?* 4 July–10 August
Eddie Clemens, *Collector's Edition Glitch*, 15 August–21 September

Where: Adam Art Gallery, Victoria University of Wellington
Gate 3, Kelburn Parade

When: 27 May–21 September
Tuesday–Sunday, 11am–5pm (closed on Monday)
Free entry

To make an appointment for a preview of the exhibition series or to arrange interviews, please contact Ann Gale on ann.gale@vuw.ac.nz or phone (04) 463 6835.

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