

CAROLINE ACHAIANTRE

Stoner

The Box

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Caroline Achaintre, *Stoner*, 2017,
ceramic, 33 x 35 x 35 cm, 13 x 13.8 x 13.8 in

Pippy Houldsworth Gallery is pleased to present a new ceramic work in The Box by London-based artist Caroline Achaintre.

Stoner (2017) manifests Achaintre's ongoing interest in capturing the 'middle-ground' or 'the-in-between'. Drawing upon the tradition of tribal masks, the artist uses a simple, visual register to conjure up the crude impression of a face fluctuating between figuration and abstraction. By retaining the malleability of the clay in its unfired form, Achaintre emphasises this process of metamorphosis, with the title of the work alluding to a lucid, drug-induced state of being.

About the Artist

Caroline Achaintre is a French artist (b.1969) living and working in London. Recent solo exhibitions include those at FRAC Champagne-Ardenne, Reims (2017); BALTIC, Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead (2016); Tate Britain, London (2015) and Castello di Rivoli, Turin (2014). Recent group exhibitions include those at Turner Contemporary, Margate (2017); Camden Arts Centre, London (2016); Musée d'Art moderne de la ville de Paris, Paris (2013) and The New Art Gallery Walsall (2013). Achaintre was recently part of the Hayward Touring exhibition British Art Show 8 and is currently part of a group show at Kunsthalle Basel. She is on the selection committee for this year's edition of Bloomberg New Contemporaries.

About The Box

Designed as a micro project-space by Simon Dance, The Box is a hollow white cube (45 x 45 x 45 cm) which hovers at the back of a narrow black passage alongside Pippy Houldsworth Gallery's main gallery. Initiated in 2011, the programme of projects to date in The Box has included Ai Weiwei, Martha Rosler, Daniel Arsham, Olaf Breuning, David Batchelor, Trenton Doyle Hancock, Nathan Coley, Jessie Flood-Paddock, Susan Hiller, Yinka Shonibare MBE, Polly Morgan, Bedwyr Williams, Zarina Bhimji, Tania Kovats, Jane & Louise Wilson, Shezad Dawood, Paul McCarthy, Shana Moulton, Barthélémy Toguo, Dean Levin, Alina Szapocznikow, Gavin Turk, Arlene Shechet, Bill Woodrow, and Elif Uras. British artist, Holly Hendry, will be creating a new sculpture for The Box later this year.