

Olivia Webb

Anthems of Belonging

Friday 22 November – 7 December
ST PAUL St Gallery One

Anthem workshop with Erebuka Tiibann
Monday 2 December, 12.30 – 1.30pm
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For 18-months Olivia Webb worked closely with five New Zealand families to write songs that reflect their feelings about place and belonging in Aotearoa. Each of the families, including the artist's own, have composed an anthem that embraces their values, concerns, and aspirations – from the climate crisis in Kiribati to songs of thanksgiving to those who love unconditionally. Brought together in this exhibition, these songs form a collective expression of our community today, acknowledging the rich diversity and constantly changing nature of Aotearoa.

As part of this exhibition, Olivia will hold two free public workshops at St Paul St Gallery One. The workshop on Monday 2 December, 12.30 - 1.30pm will be lead with help from special guest Erebuka Tiibin, who will teach us some of her family anthem. This is a rare opportunity to learn to speak (and sing) some I-Kiribati, and a time to practise some of the exercises that helped each family compose their anthem. All are welcome to attend. Date and time of second workshop to be announced.

List of works

Gallery One

- (1) Olivia Webb, *Tiibin Family*, 2019. Digital photographic print, 42cm x 59.4cm
- (2) Olivia Webb, *Chembo Family*, 2019. Digital photographic print, 42cm x 59.4cm
- (3) Olivia Webb, *Faulalo/Bull Family*, 2019. Digital photographic print, 42cm x 59.4cm
- (4) Olivia Webb, *Samson-Godinez Family*, 2019. Digital photographic print, 42cm x 59.4cm
- (5) Olivia Webb, *Vissers Webb Family*, 2019. Digital photographic print, 42cm x 59.4cm
- (6) Workshop space
- (7) Olivia Webb, The Chembo family, *Hand on My Chest*, 2018–ongoing. 5-channel 4K/HD video, stereo sound audio, 4 min
- (8) Olivia Webb, The Vissers Webb family, *Dorian Alleluias*, 2018–ongoing. 5-channel 4K/HD video, stereo sound audio, 3 min 10 sec (variable)
- (9) Olivia Webb, Ana utu Tiibin (the Tiibin family), *Tangin Bwanaan Tebetebeke (Voices from the Pacific Ocean)*, 2018–ongoing. 5-channel 4K/HD video, stereo sound audio, 5 min 40 sec
- (10) Olivia Webb, The Faulalo/Bull family, *Life is Good*, 2018–ongoing. 5-channel 4K/HD video, stereo sound audio, 3min 50 sec
- (11) Olivia Webb, The Samson-Godinez family, *New Zealand, Our Home*, 2018–ongoing. 5-channel 4K/HD video, stereo sound audio, 1 min 30 sec

Floorplan

