

MONASH UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART PRESENTS CONCRETE: ROOM SHEET



Artworks in *Concrete* explore events, places and histories from across the globe, as well as many different points in time. The initials below refer to the artists' name, for duplicates check the colour, cross reference to map of the globe and timeline. Please refer to the exhibition catalogue for more comprehensive information.

LA **Laurence Aberhart**
Photographs of First World War memorials across Australia and New Zealand.

JA **Jananne al-Ani**
Falling, zooming. Aerial views of the earth at sites across the Middle East, an ants' nest.

KA **Kader Attia**
The view towards Europe, from concrete blocks placed on Algiers' beaches to deter emigrants.

SD **Saskia Doherty**
The footprints of a Late Cretaceous Dinosaur in Colorado, meet Beckett's play *Footfalls*.

FG & RS **Fabien Giraud & Raphaël Siboni**
The Ancient Greek Temple of Bassae, partly destroyed, undergoes conservation.

IG **Igor Grubić**
Portraits of nine massive monuments, many now in ruins, made to bind what was once Yugoslavia.

CI **Carlos Irijalba**
The asphalt car park of Guernica weapons factory, a 17m earth core from this site.

NM **Nicholas Mangan**
An ancient Maya temple in Mexico is reincarnated as an Art Deco incinerator in Sydney. Copy, burn.

RMO **Rä di Martino**
In the desert of Tunisia, film sets created for Star Wars look like ancient ruins.

RMD **Ricky Maynard**
On Flinders Island, a monument is now without a plaque. Behind this image lie 100 unmarked graves.

CM **Callum Morton**
A monumental sarcophagus, in the guise of emergency housing - fashioned from cardboard and a tarpaulin.

TN **Tom Nicholson**
Australian First World War memorials bear the name of an unrealised state - Palestine.

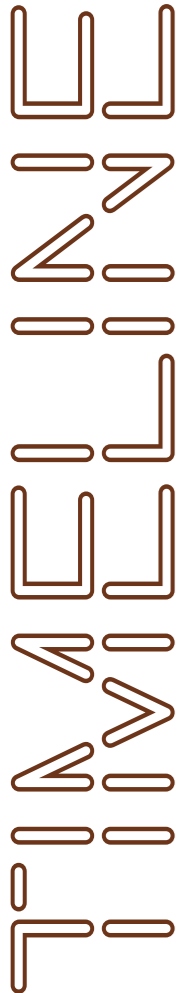
JN **Jamie North**
Concrete columns, small ruins made from ash and Newcastle slag, shelter tender plants, new life.

JTL **Justin Trendall**
Egypt, Greece, Babylon, Assyria: one civilisation builds over another.

JTR **James Tylor**
The Aboriginal dwellings that were once built across south eastern Australia.



Caption: Igor Grubić *Monument* 2014 (video still)



DATE	EVENT	ARTIST
c.230 million years ago	First dinosaurs appear during the Triassic period	SD
c.100 million years ago	Dinosaurs of the Late Cretaceous period leave their footprints on the earth, mass extinctions follow this period	SD
c.2 million years ago	Homo sapiens emerge in Africa, migrating in groups across the globe	
c.50,000 BC	First Aboriginal people living in Australia	JTR & RMD
c.30,000 BC	Creation being Budj Bim reveals himself. Eruption of Mt Eccles creates wetlands and rocky soils, Western Victoria	
c.28,000 BC	Communities of domed huts with stone foundations were built by the Gunditjmara people at Lake Condah, Western Victoria	JTR
c.15,000 BC	Ritualised paintings depicting animals were created in the Lascaux Grottos, France	JN
c.9000 BC	Neolithic Revolution begins in the Middle East with the population shifting from a nomadic way of life to an agrarian one	JA
c.8000 BC	Aboriginal people of Tasmania are separated from the mainland when the sea level rose	JTR & RMD
c.4000 BC	First 'protostates' develop in the Nile Valley, Mesopotamia and the Indus Valley, with government and military structures	FG & RS
c.3300 BC	Copper Age, first copper tools developed, then in bronze, followed by bronze weapons such as swords and early defensive fortifications	
c.1300 BC	Early use of concrete in the royal palace of Tiryns, Greece	
c.688 BC	Jerwan Aqueduct, built of fully waterproof concrete, Assyria	
c.508 BC	Athenian Democracy established, Greece	FG & RS
c.450 BC	Construction of the Temple of Apollo Epicurius, Bassae, Greece. Adorned with Bassae Frieze depicting battles between Athenians, Amazons and Centaurs	FG & RS
c.300 BC	Construction of the Library of Alexandria, Egypt and the city of Petra in Jordan	JTL
c.31 BC	After the Battle of Actium, Marcus Agrippa begins construction of the Pantheon, later rebuilt in the reign of Hadrian. Featuring the world's largest unreinforced cast concrete dome	
c.30 BC	Destruction of the Library of Alexandria, Egypt	JTL
c.700	Maya city of Uxmal Mexico founded, including construction of the House of the Governor. Uxmal abandoned after 500 years	NM
1519	Spanish conquest of Mexico under Spanish conquistador Hernan Cortés	NM
1550	Giorgio Vasari designed the first artificial grotto in the Boboli Gardens, Florence	JN
1788	Arrival of the British First Fleet in Sydney Harbour. European diseases decimate aboriginal communities, smallpox alone thought to have wiped out half the population	JTR & RMD
1790	Forgotten War, as termed by historian Henry Reynolds, Aboriginal people of Australia fight the settlement of their lands, until 1920s	
1812	Fragments of the Bassae Frieze from the Temple of Apollo Epicurius removed, later purchased by the British Museum	FG & RS
1833	George Augustus Robinson transports 200 surviving Tasmanian Aboriginal people to Flinders Island, Bass Strait	RMD
1836	Eumerella Wars commence between Gunditjmara people and British settlers, until 1865, Western Victoria	
1853	First iron reinforced concrete structure built in France by Coignet, later systems using steel developed by Monier with further innovation in Germany	
1905	St Kilda Street Bridge opens, one of many designed by John Monash. Remains in operation, earliest extant reinforced concrete girder bridge in Australia	
1914	First World War commences, ending in November 1918. Fully industrialised warfare and early weapons of mass destruction including chemical and biological weapons	LA, TN & JA
1915	Australian and New Zealand forces land at Gallipoli on 25 April, Turkey	
1915	John Monash lands at Gallipoli, 26 April, commanding the 4th Infantry Brigade, later promoted to Brigadier General despite concerns from some about his German-Jewish ancestry	
1916	25 April officially named Anzac Day, with commemorative services held at dawn, the time of the original landing	
1917	ANZAC troops, including the Australian Lighthorse Regiments, participate in Battle of Beersheba, capturing the Ottoman-held city. Ottoman Empire eventually partitioned, British Mandate in Palestine	
1920	First World War ANZAC memorials begin to be built in Australian and New Zealand cities and towns	LA & TN
1933	The Holocaust, or Shoah, commences, ending in 1945. Mass murder, or genocide, of approximately six million Jews, perhaps two-thirds of the Jewish population of Europe	
1936	Pymont Incinerator completed, designed by Architects Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Burley Griffin, Sydney	NM
1936	Spanish Civil War began, ending in 1939. Basque town of Guernica bombed from the air in 1937, massive civilian casualties, the subject of Picasso's <i>Guernica</i>	CI
1937	Dinosaur footprints discovered in the roof of a disused coal mine by Palaentologist Barnum Brown, Colorado, United States	SD
1939	Second World War commences, ending in 1945. Massive casualties, military and civilian, rapid development of military technology, atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki	
1947	United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine proposing division of Britain's former Palestinian Mandate into new Jewish and Arab states, contested by Arab States	TN
1948	First Arab-Israeli War, surrounding Arab States initially seek to overcome the emerging Jewish State. Israel is established after the war, including 50% of territory formerly designated to the new Palestinian state	TN
1960	<i>Al-Nakba</i> , or 'the Catastrophe' for Palestinians, Milkhemet Ha'atzma'ut or the 'War of Independence' for Israelis	
1967	Spomenik / monuments commissioned in Yugoslavia, commemorating WW2 mass grave and concentration camp sites. Until late 1970s	IG
1967	Six Day War, after which Israel occupy Gaza and the West Bank	TN
1967	1967 Referendum: Over 90% of Australians vote to remove constitutional provisions discriminating against Aboriginal people	
1971	Pymont Incinerator decommissioned, Sydney	NM
1976	First performance of Samuel Beckett's play <i>Footfalls</i> , the central character May takes nine steps and turns, 'life-long stretches of walking' according to Beckett	
1977	First <i>Star Wars</i> film is released, introduced with the words 'a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...'	RMO
1990	First Gulf War, until 1991, in response to Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. US / Coalition air strength and use of precision-guided missiles heavily televised	JA
1991	Breakup of Yugoslavia leading to the creation of Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Slovenia and Kosovo	IG
1991	Balkans war in the former Yugoslavia, until 1999. Spomenik / monuments abandoned and destroyed	IG
1992	Collapse of Japanese asset price bubble leads to significant unemployment and homelessness in Tokyo	CM
1992	'Mabo' decision of Australian High Court overturns doctrine of <i>terra nullius</i>	
1992	Pymont Incinerator demolished, Sydney	NM
1993	Australian Commonwealth Government passes the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> . This law allows Indigenous people to make land claims under certain conditions	
1993	Initial Oslo Accord signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Oslo accord process later stalls without achieving a Palestinian state	TN
2001	Buddhas of Bamiyan destroyed by the Taliban, Afghanistan	JTL
2001	September 11, swiftly followed by War in Afghanistan. Escalating use of drones, focus on Al Qaeda and hunt for Osama bin Laden	
2003	Iraq War, US proposes Iraq as 'the central front in the war on terror', shifts resources from Afghanistan	JA
2007	Gunditjmara People's rights to their traditional lands recognised under Australian law	
2010	Arab Spring begins, street vendor Tarek al-Tayeb Mohamed Bouazizi sets himself on fire, a catalyst first for revolution in Tunisia	
2011	Osama bin Laden killed by US Special Forces, Abbottabad, Pakistan. Unauthorised aerial approach, proximity to local military bases and rumoured link to immunisation programs, further strain US / Pakistan relations	JA
2011	Civil uprising in Syria becomes civil war. Millions of refugees displaced. Later, airstrikes are used to raze entire communities held by rebels to the ground	
2014	Centenary of the First World War. The bulk of Australian military forces leave Afghanistan	
2015	Centenary of ANZAC	