

# LYDIA WEGNER

## ASSEMBLE COLOUR

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**2 DECEMBER 2014 - 31 JANUARY 2015**

OPENING SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER, 4-6PM

ARC ONE is pleased to present Lydia Wegner's first solo exhibition with the gallery, *Assemble Colour*, opening Saturday 6 December, 4-6pm.

Featuring a suite of 14 new works, *Assemble Colour* continues Lydia Wegner's ongoing investigation of abstraction through photography. Working from her Smith Street studio, Wegner creates playful, abstract images that teeter on the edge of the familiar. Ambiguous and seemingly futile objects, such as wire, paper and found plastics, are assembled and reimagined in a delicate manipulation of form, colour and shape, to create intriguing yet precarious constructions.

Photographed upon the studio tabletop with the application of various analogue effects including lighting and reflection, Wegner's carefully balanced compositions become less about the objects they represent - now often unrecognisable visual entities - but rather enigmatic pictorial spaces in which a deliberate tension unfolds. The photographs are encased in coloured frames that blur the distinction between object and image, entangling the two-dimensional print within a three-dimensional space. Exploring the possibilities of weightlessness, scale and texture, Wegner's poetic visual language is underpinned by a sense that even the lightest touch may cause a complete disintegration of the whole.



*Light Foil*, 2014, archival inkjet print, 84 x 65 cm

Lydia Wegner graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Honours, from the Victorian College of the Arts in 2011. Recent exhibitions include *Folded Colour*, a solo show at the Centre of Contemporary Photography in 2013. Group exhibitions include: *Melbourne Now*, National Gallery of Victoria, 2013-14; *Das Boot*, Next Wave, 2014; *Fundraiser Exhibition*, Centre of Contemporary Photography, 2013; *Low Relief*, Seventh Gallery, 2012; *FotoFreo* (Fremantle Festival of Photography), FutureGen12, Fremantle, 2012; and *Art of the Ordinary*, ARC ONE Gallery, 2011. In 2010, she was a Finalist in the Wallara Travelling Scholarship Prize, Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Victorian College of the Arts, and in 2013 she was a Finalist in the Keith and Elizabeth Murdoch Scholarship Prize. Wegner was also awarded a Hill End Artist Residency through Bathurst Regional Art Gallery in 2013.

For all enquiries, interviews and images please contact ARC ONE Gallery at [mail@arc1gallery.com](mailto:mail@arc1gallery.com)

Please note ARC ONE Gallery will be closed for the Christmas period from 20 December 2014 and reopen 20 January 2015.