

# Mata Aho Collective and Maureen Lander

## Erena Baker

(Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, Ngāti Toa Rangatira)

Born 1984 Palmerston North. Lives and works in Palmerston North

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## Sarah Hudson

(Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Pūkeko, Ngāi Tūhoe)

Born 1986, Auckland. Lives and works in Whakatāne

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## Dr Terri Te Tau

(Ngāti Kahungunu, Rangitāne ki Wairarapa)

Born 1981, Sydney. Lives and works in Pōhangina Valley, Manawatū

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## Dr Maureen Lander

(Te Hikutu, Te Roroa, Ngāpuhi, Pākehā)

Born 1942, Rawene. Lives and works in Whangamata

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## Bridget Reweti

(Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi Te Rangi)

Born 1985 Te Puke. Lives and works in Dunedin/Ōtepoti

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## Atapō 2018

Ko te tikanga o te īngoa o te toi nei e pā ana ki te takiwā i te ata i mua tonu i te urunga mai o te rā, he toikupu mo te huringa mai o te pō ki te rā, ā, he kupu hoki mo te orokohanga o ngā mea katoa. I waihangatia te Mata Aho Collective me te kaitoi a Maureen Lander tētahi toi e pā ana ki a Hine-nui-te-pō (te whakatinanatanga o te pō) mo te whakaatatanga a *Toi Tū Toi Ora: Contemporary Maori Art* (2020–21). He nui tonu ā rātau toi e pā ana ki te ariā hoahoa me te whakaahua i ngā atua mareikura Māori hoki. Nā tā rātau toi a *AKA*, 2019 i whiwhi i a rātau te hōnore nui o te Walters Prize mo wā rātau mahi. Nō reira, hei whakamana i tā rātau whakawhiwhinga ki tēnei tohu, i kōwhiria a Mata Aho kia whakaaturia te toi nei a *Atapō*, 2020 hei iringa motuhake mo te hoahoanga o te Toi o Tāmaki.

Noho tahi a Lander rāua ko Mata Aho ki te wānanga me pēhea rawa e taea te whakapai ake i a rātau nei kōrero rangahau e pā ana ki te whakatinanatanga o Hine-nui-te-pō. Ko te toi nei, pērā ki ngā kōrero tuku iho, he kōrero mo Hine-tītama (te whakatinanatanga o te ata) i te wā i tau mai te mōhiotanga ki a ia, nā tōnā hoa rangatira tonu a Tāne i waihanga i a ia, nō reira ko ia anō hoki te matua a Hine-Tītama. Nā taua mōhiotanga ka heke whakararo a Hine-tītama ki Rarohenga, ki te pō, hei wahi okioki mōnā. E huna ana a Hine-tītama i muri i te awenga o tōna ōritenga a Hine-nui-te-pō, pēnei nā ki te korowai e hanga nei i tētahi tuaronga e pīataata ana i roto i te aho e tīrama ana, e kitea ana ki waenga i ngā papamatā 12 e whakaturia ana a Hine-nui-te-pō.

Ko ngā tapatapahitanga taimana e whakaaturia ana te tukutuku papaki rango (he tukutuku e whakaahua ana i te whakahotuhotu me te āraitanga mai ngā wairua kino) hei waihanga i ngā matakirara e hoki haere ana kia pokaina i roto i ngā whakapaparanga e werewere mai ana i ia atua. He kitenga hurihanga, he kitenga mo te whakarauora, te ora me te mate, te mārāma me te pouri.

E whakakotahi mai nei te toi a Lander me te Mata Aho Collective's i ngā rauemi, ngā kōwhaiwhai, me ngā tikanga hanga o te ao taketake me te ao hou ki te whakatinana i ngā mahi whakatūhono i ngā kawa tawhito me ngā kawa hou o te mahi rāranga me te mahi toi a te Māori. Ka tāpiri atu a rātau nei kōrero me a rātau nei whakamāramatanga ki ngā kōrero kua kōrerotia e ngā kaitoi me ngā kaituhi wahine Māori kua whakamanahia te kitenga a ngā wahine Māori katoa.

– translated by Hunaara Waerehu

*Atapō*, 2020

insect mesh, wool, muka, cotton

Collection of the artists