

Sriwhana Spong

Born 1979, Auckland
Lives and works in London

The painter-tailor 2019–21

Koia nei a Sriwhana Spong me tana whakaaturanga i hopu i Bali e whakaatu nei i te whare a tōnā koroua, te kaipeita Paranehe a I Gusti Made Rundu (1918–1993). I roto i te whakaaturanga *The painter-tailer*, 2019 ka whakaaturia te whīwhiwhi o te whānau e whakamauhanga ana i te ara o te kaitoi ki tōnā tīpuna me ana mahi.

Hei arahi atu i a ia ki roto i tēnei āhuetanga whīwhiwhi me ngā tāhuhu kōrero hōhonu nei, ka whakamahia a Spong i ngā momo mōwhiti (lenses), pēnei i ngā mōwhiti o te iPhone, ngā mōwhiti o te kāmera SLR, me te rīpene Bolex 16mm kia taea te tope me te huri i te matapaki me te whakaauau o te whakaata. Ka hopu, ka whakaemi ia i ngā kiriata ōpaki i hopua (pērā ki ngā kiriata mai te kāmera GoPro i whakairi i runga i te hoa kuri), i ngā kiriata me ngā whakaahuatanga whakamatua, me te whakamahi i ngā rīpene 16mm ki te tutu ki ngā whakahohenga ngāwari o te tukang matū. Mā te tope i te whakaahuatanga rīpene, ka taea e ia te nekeneke i tōnā tinana i ngā taha katoa o te matapaki me ngā momo ‘hōtuhi’ ki te whakatinana i ōnā nei mōhiotanga, ōnā nei kore mōhiotanga mo tōnā ake taha Paranehe.

Ka whakaaturia tēnei whakaaturanga i tētahi rūmā paku, te rūmā moe e whata ana ko te peita a tōnā tīpuna koroua. Kātahi ka tahuri atu te whakaaturanga ki te tahua o te whare, ki reira ka whakaaturia a Spong ētahi taputapu e kīa nei e ia ko tātā ake ‘kapa pūoro’. I waihangatia ēnei taputapu roto i ngā tau iti noa, e pēnei ana te hanga ki te pakakau Initonēhi me ngā momo tīkākā i ahu mai i ngā hāpori rerekē i Pārīhi. Ka hua mai ko te pārekareka i roto i a Sriwhana mo te mōhiotanga kei ia hāpori ōnā nei ake oro motuhake, ōnā nei ake tīkākā; te tīkākā motuhake o tērā hāpori, o tērā hāpori. Ka whakaīngoatia a Sriwhana i ia taputapu i ngā īngoa o ana nei hoa me ana nei kaitautoko. Ka whakatangihia ngā taputapu nei i te roanga o tēnei whakaatatanga.

– translated by Hunaara Waerehu

Instruments: *A (Antonia)*, 2016, *B (Vivian)*, 2016, *C (Frances)*, 2017, *D (Vera)*, 2018, *E (Tina)*, 2019, *F (Alice W)*, 2019, *G (Susan)*, 2020

aluminium, wood, lacquer, rubber, Perspex, brass, felt, rope, branches, bronze, aluminium, wax, honey, glass, jingles

The painter-tailor, 2019

16mm film and HD video

Camera the artist, Angendari, Wungsu Pinatih, Gusmank, and Alaska

With Made Gede, Maya Dewi, Wirang Gede, Jakka Wirya, Angendari, Wungsu Pinatih, Bening Kemala, Sekar Gama, Gaia Arawinka, Devandra, Radhika, Gek Ratih, Gek Bintang, Alaska, Leo, Chika, and Panda

Naga I and Naga II, 2021

found coat-tails on canvas

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