

## Edward Patrick Clemens CV

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### Education:

2004

MFA (Honours), Elam School of Fine Arts, University of Auckland, New Zealand

2000

BFA, Ilam School of Fine Arts, Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand

### Artist statement:

My practice takes place in the interstices between film, performance and sculpture. I combine fabrication, prototyping, video editing and photography to unlock unconventional, orthogonal avenues of investigation. My works form an ongoing discussion around the idea that the artefacts of physical culture are carriers for narratives, links in an expansive and cryptic informational matrix that is indistinguishable from the everyday. For 2012's Total Internal Reflection show, I prototyped and fabricated a fiber-optic broom that records the movements involved in its use and replays the patterns as a seemingly random sequence of coloured lights. The everyday object thus becomes an informational conduit, its bristles becoming pixels in a display and its user becoming a part of a cybernetic system. For the video work *Screen Used* (2015), I took as a starting point a screen-used prop hand from the 1991 film *Terminator 2*, and extrapolated from it an array of cultural linkages, making the inert, distorted hand itself into a totem representing the body's erosion and reconfiguration via technology. In *Auckland Jean's Shop* (2015), I investigated the connection between the titular shop, located in Nishiogikubo, Tokyo, (which was discovered by chance while on residency) and the New Zealand city it is named after. Through engaging with the local community in Japan, the idea of New Zealand became an aspirational emblem of the exotic, fused with the omnipresent American-globalist identity suggested by denim jeans. *Clone Cities* (2016) further explored these ideas: I travelled to the "sister cities" of my hometown Rotorua, meeting their mayors and local leaders, and entered a sculptural element of the work as a float in the Rotorua Santa Parade. In my work, place, nationhood and belonging are all negotiable parts of a diffuse, flexible narrative.

### Residencies:

2015

Youkobo Artspace, Tokyo, Japan. Asia New Zealand (Inaugural recipient)

2009

Frances Hodgkins Fellowship, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand

2008

Olivia Spencer Bower Foundation, Christchurch Art Centre, New Zealand

### Selected exhibitions:

\*Solo exhibitions

### Upcoming

\**Fibre-optic Colonnade Car Wash*, Shed 21, Wellington, Wellington Sculpture Trust permanent public sculpture.

\**Resolution Venture*, Te Wai Ngutu Kaka (formally ST Paul St Gallery)

2021

Auckland Art fair, Visions gallery

Group Show, Visions gallery (formally Bowerbank Ninow gallery)

2020

\**Kiosk: Directors Commentary*, The Physics Room, Christchurch  
Virtual Auckland Art fair, Visions gallery (formally Bowerbank Ninow gallery)

2019

\**First Edition, Third Hand*, Bowerbank Ninow, Auckland

2018

*La Collection BIC*, CENTQUATRE-PARIS, Paris, France, Curated by Hervé Mikaelo and Ingrid Pux  
*Total Control*, Vivid LIVE, Sydney Opera House, Joan Sutherland theatre  
*Luxury Vacuum*, Total Control music video, screen debut on abc network, rage TV Australia.

2017

*Screen Used*, Sydney Contemporary Film, Curated by Serena Bentley,  
\**Resembling the hazards of life itself*, Bowerbank Ninow Gallery, Auckland  
*Collector's Edition Glitch (Viewing Bridge)*, School of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington  
*Out of Site - Works from the Victoria University of Wellington Art Collections*, Victoria University of Wellington

2016

\**Clone Cities*, Santa parade float, Rotorua  
\**Clone Cities*, Te Tuhi Art Gallery, Auckland  
\**Delusional Architecture (Commemorative)*, Bowerbank Ninow Gallery, Auckland

2015

\**AUCKLAND JEAN'S SHOP (sic)*, Youkobo Artspace, Tokyo, Japan  
\**Screen Used*, GLOVEBOX Gallery, Auckland

2014

\**Collector's Edition Glitch (Viewing Bridge)*, Adam Art Gallery, Victoria University, Wellington  
\**Wes Craven Marina*, Gloria Knight Gallery, Auckland  
*Carpet Burn*, Papakura Art Gallery, Auckland, Curated by Rebecca Boswell and Anya Henis

2013

\**Ask the dust: 2003 - 2013 survey*, Rotorua Museum, Curated by Karl Chitham

2012

\**Total internal reflection*, The Gus Fisher Gallery, University of Auckland  
\**Human in the loop*, Ilam Campus Gallery, University of Canterbury  
*Collected Fictions*, Waikato Museum, Hamilton  
*More Animal Spirits*, Serial Space, Sydney, Curated by Leon Tan, Amanda Newall and Simon Lawrence  
*Force things*, Curatorial Season (Sonya Lacey and Vera Mey), St Paul St Gallery 3, Auckland  
*The Obstinate Object*, City Gallery Wellington, Curated by Aaron Lister  
\**Running on Pebbles* Snakepit, Auckland, Curated by Allan Smith

2011

*DIONOIA: A Diorama of Paranoia*, The Suter Gallery, Nelson, Curated by Anna-Marie White  
*De-building*, Christchurch Art Gallery, Curated by Justin Paton  
*Animal spirits*, Sugarcube gallery, Stockholm, Sweden

2010

\**Delusional Architecture*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland  
*Nice to meet you Eddie and Simon*, Blue Oyster Gallery, Dunedin  
*Ready to Roll City Gallery*, Wellington, Curated by Heather Galbraith  
\**The God Particle*, Kiosk, The Physics Room, Christchurch  
\**Delusional Architecture*, Hocken Gallery, University of Otago, Dunedin

2009

*Modern Physics*, Te Tuhi Center for Arts, Auckland, Curated by Stephen Cleland  
Finalist in the James Wallace Arts Trust Award, Auckland

2008

\**Captive*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

\**Back to Front*, 64zero3 Gallery, Christchurch

2007

*Marie Shannon / Eddie Clemens / Caroline Rothwell / Mladen Bizumic*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*Pakeha Now!* The Suter Gallery, Nelson, Curated by Anna-Marie White

Finalist in the James Wallace Arts Trust Award, Auckland

\**Centre of Gravity and beyond*, The Physics Room, Christchurch

2006

\**Silage Globes*, Spark 06 International Festival of Media, Ramp Gallery, Wintec, Hamilton

*Peter Robinson / John Reynolds / Julian Dashper / Eddie Clemens / Gretchen Albrecht / Milan Mrkusich / Gordon Walters / John Nixon / Richard Maloy / Billy Apple / DJ Simpson*, Sue Crockford Gallery, Auckland

*British Racing Green*, 64zero3 Gallery, Christchurch

2005

John Dory Report Front335 cover Artwork (Me and Terminator), issue five

\**The phenomenon of tissue boxes placed on the rear shelves of automobiles*, Special Gallery, Auckland

Finalist in the James Wallace Arts Trust Award, Auckland

Finalist in the Trust Waikato National Contemporary Art Award

2004

\**Orchestrating the Perverse*, Artspace (pop-in room), Auckland

\**The Big C's*, WINDOW General Library Foyer, University of Auckland

*Ampersand 10th H.S.P. Anniversary Show High Street Project*, Christchurch.

Cuckoo Borough poster show West Space, Melbourne, Australia

Curated *Talk to the dumbness Rm 103*, Auckland.

*Urban Legends*, Bartleynees Gallery, Wellington

*Showstoppers*, Jonathan Smart Gallery, Christchurch

2003

FOXYMORON magazine, Artist page, December issue

High St Project and Dr Bob Wood presents: *Reaching Out, Calling New Age Power* Mori Gallery, Sydney, Australia.

High St Project and Dr Bob Wood presents: *Reaching Out, Calling New Age Power* Enjoy Gallery, Wellington

PAVEMENT magazine. Artist page June/July issue

\**Alas poor Bic!, I knew him well*, George Fraser Gallery, Auckland

2002

\**Ghostings*, High St Project, Christchurch

\**Perfect*, Blackcube Gallery (Artist run project space), Christchurch

2001

*Lie Low*, High St Project, Christchurch.

\**Moat*, Enjoy Project, Wellington

2000

Cuckoo Series (with Dan Arps) Arch hill Gallery, Auckland.

\**Moat*, Physics Room a Contemporary Art Space, Christchurch, Curated by Emma Bugden  
*172,43'E Looking Back Looking Forward*, Timeball Station, Lyttelton

*Gardenz* a fund raiser (auction) for the new city gallery in Christchurch

*S.W.A.B presents Rumble in the Bronx*, ObliqueTrust project 141 Gloucester St, Wizards video game arcade, Christchurch

\**Return to sender*, Lift Space, High Street Project, Christchurch

1999

*Better Than The Real Thing?* Blue Oyster Gallery, Dunedin

*Canvass*, Site Specific project in abandoned canvas factory, Christchurch

*Pas De Trois*, High Street Project, Christchurch.

*PAIN401*, A4 swap S.O.F.A. gallery, Christchurch and George Fraser Gallery

Collections:

Société BIC, Paris

Auckland Art Gallery

Christchurch Art Gallery

Guy and Myriam Ullens

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