

TESS CHODAN

Untitled. 2019

Now based on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Tess Chodan is an emerging artist working with insect specimens, all of which are non-endangered, and most of which are antique. Tess worked as an antique dealer for a number of years in her native England, before finding her first Edwardian collection of moths from which she made her first artwork. Since then, Tess's work has appeared on film sets and in galleries in Australia and the UK, and she has been recently commissioned to create an installation of new work for an exhibition opening in May 2019 at the Queensland State Regional Gallery in Noosa. She is a recipient of funding from the Regional Development Art Fund (2019).

My work reflects on preserving the past – tiny pieces of history that would otherwise be long-forgotten or turned into dust. As an artist using insect specimens, I am often looking to contrast the fragility of these ephemeral creatures with the ruggedness of industrial, utilitarian or scientific objects. I restore and remount historical collections, and much of my work employs antique specimens – some of which are over a hundred years old. Using antique cabinets, instrument cases, domes and lanterns, I carefully weave together stories and history into each piece.



DIASPORA

36 x 24cm diameter

Ethically sourced Australian native bees, king protea, chromed glass, wood, gold leaf

\$1,650.00



DARK CONTINENT

63 x 28cm diameter

Antique and ethically sourced entomological specimens, glass, wood, copper wire

\$2,995.00



PENUMBRA

44 x 33 x 33cm

Antique and ethically sourced entomological specimens, glass, wood, copper wire

\$2,650.00



BALANCED EQUATIONS

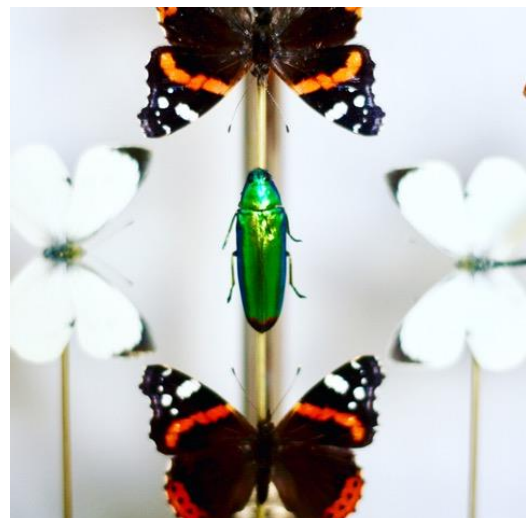
16 x 43.5 x 32.5cm

Antique jewellers cabinet, antique and ethically sourced butterflies, brass rods

\$2,650.00



BALANCED EQUATIONS CLOSE UP





TEN STOREY LOVE SONG

63 x 28cm diameter

Antique and ethically sourced entomological specimens, glass, wood, copper wire

\$2,995.00



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