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# Victoria Lucas

**'Where Rock & Hard Place Meet'**

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**Private View:** Friday 31 August, 7pm

**Seminar:** Saturday 15 September, 11am–1pm



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Image: Victoria Lucas, *Concrete Island* (2017). Mixed Media Installation.

Photograph: Jules Lister

Lucas (b.1982) is a Sheffield based artist, Senior Lecturer of Fine Art at the University of Central Lancashire and current PhD student at Sheffield Hallam University. Recent projects restructure frameworks that define female experience against socially engrained stereotypes, often incorporating cinematic, literary and folklorist references to illustrate a radical shift in how femininity and power is generated and perceived. Lucas will present the show following a one month residency at Haarlem Artspace in the newly built project space on the recently renovated second floor.

For this years Wirksworth Festival (7–23 September 2018), alongside Haarlem Artspace's resident artists open studios, will be a new body of site-responsive work from Victoria Lucas. Presented as an installation that combines a variety of media, including video, sculpture and photography, the project has been developed during a month-long art residency at Haarlem Artspace. Reclaiming an island of physical space as a form of playful protest, the exhibition investigates culturally engrained representations of femininity using local sites and stories as a backdrop.

The exhibition will open at Haarlem Artspace in Wirksworth on **Friday 31 August at 7pm**, with large scale projections on the outside of Haarlem Mill by The Collaborators (Kate Genever and Steve Pool). Video works by a selection of artists as well as Victoria Lucas will be shown.

The exhibition will be open for 3 consecutive weekends, culminating in a seminar on **Saturday 15 September, 11am–1pm**, where Victoria Lucas and Curator, Haarlem Artspace co director Olivia Punnett will be in conversation.

'Where Rock & Hard Place Meet' will then travel to Bloc Projects in Sheffield between the **19–22 September**, with a private view on **Thursday 20 September 6–8pm**.

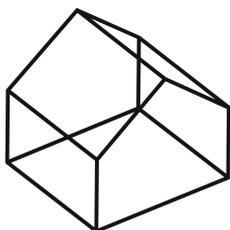
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### **Bloc Projects**

**71 Eyre Lane, Sheffield S1 4RB**

19 September – 22 September 2018

Wed – Sat 12–6



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## About Haarlem



Haarlem Artspace opened in May 2017 as a multi-functional artist-led space in Wirksworth in order to champion contemporary creative arts practice in a rural environment. A Community Interest Company offering affordable and inspiring arts-focused studio space for up to 20 creatives in the Grade II\* listed Haarlem Mill.

Over the last year Haarlem has developed a curatorial voice and built audiences through exhibitions, talks, and events. Internal Nebular, the inaugural exhibition opening at last years Wirksworth Festival, received Editor's top pick in the Guardian Guide. Curated by Haarlem Artspace Director Olivia Punnett, it featured work by Dorothy Cross, Liz Orton and Alastair Mackie. Talks have included high-profile contemporary artists, curators and academics including artists Wolfgang Buttress, Danica Maier, Louisa Chambers, and academics Dr Robert Burstow and Dr Tim Shephard.

In 2016, Haarlem Artspace Director Geoff Diego Litherland and Haarlem Artspace artist, Dermott Punnett jointly curated the main contemporary art exhibition, 'Nature: Here and Now', presenting a video installation by Mariella Neudecker and a new site specific commission by Wolfgang Buttress.

Haarlem Artspace continues to grow, expanding to a new floor with a project and gallery space that will present an ambitious and exciting programme.