

REFRACTION

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We associate lots of things, both metaphorical and real, with rainbows. Children love to see them after storms and also when they are standing near fountains or waterfalls. A properly educated adult will not see rainbows very often though, if at all.

Rainbows are transient apparitions created by the refraction of light as it passes through water droplets. No two observers, *in the field*, can ever see the exact same rainbow, and interestingly, neither can both your eyes. Rainbows, as seen in the natural world, are based entirely on point of view. Seemingly real, they are untouchable and unreachable.

The insert object in Vitamin Episode Eight was the rare and collectible vitaminarchive.com rainbow pencil. The pencils are at once useful and loaded with allusions. None the less, it was a risky venture to base an exhibition around them. What would the artists do? What would people think?

The invited artists in REFRACTION were given an envelope containing an information sheet, two vitaminarchive.com rainbow pencils, and a white board. They weren't allowed to incorporate any other mediums, and neither were they allowed to use the materials to construct a sculptural object. Apart from those minor considerations, they had complete freedom to do whatever they wished - it was just the artist (more or less), the pencils, and the board. The resulting works are reflective and personal. Some of the works have stories behind them. All of them are interesting, and all of them reveal much more than simply how this or that artist uses a medium.

All works 2006, rainbow pencil on painted board, 20 x 20 cm

Works in order of viewing:

1. Dale Roberts, "Untitled"
2. Lara Torr, "Face Washer"
3. Paul Hoban, "April 2006 4 Vitamin"
4. Shaw Hendry, "Places I've Been"
5. Chelsea Lehmann, "Rainbow"
6. Fran Callen, "Sore Eye"
7. Deb Jones, "Modern Apartment with Feature Wall"
8. Lisa Young, "The Duck Thing"
9. Craig Bunker, "Untitled"
10. Jessica Sanguesa, "Shadowchasing"
11. Jonathan Dady, "Untitled"
12. Loene Furler, "Into My Bedroom"
13. Katrina Simmons, "Some Kind of Reminder"