



A FAR SUNSET TOM DOWN

**EXHIBITION DATES 26TH MARCH – 11TH APRIL
OPEN: THURS – SUN**

**PRIVATE VIEW: TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 6-8pm
THE WASP ROOM**

Tether Studios, 17a Huntingdon St, Nottingham, NG1 3JH

The Wasp Room is pleased to announce 'A Far Sunset': the first solo exhibition by Tom Down.

Uniting previous threads of his artistic practice, Tom Down has chosen to transform the gallery into a quasi-archival space. Utilising and displaying a collection of diverse images, objects and text, where distinctions between the found and the constructed are continually blurred. These individual elements span a broad range of references from heraldry and history painting to sci-fi illustration. Through the use of these established genres, his work pertains to romantic notions of conquest and exploration, presenting an ultimately futile attempt to regain a certain lost spirit that those embody.

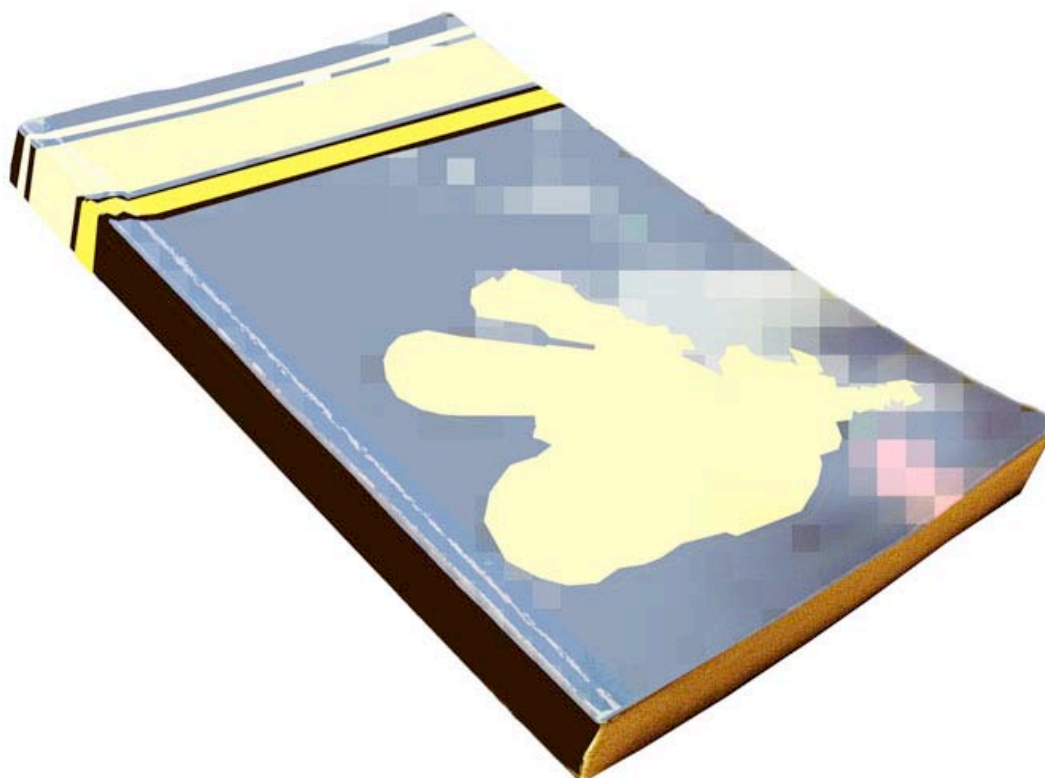
The work revels in these fantastic ideals, whilst naggingly reminding us these are yet to be realised, so obviously showing us what we want that it points more to the absent than the represented. Even the title of the show, appropriated from an Edmund Cooper novel, continually alludes to something that can be seen but never reached.

Constantly aware of the futility of the attempt, these elements are unified by a characteristic use of materials, an obsessive, hobbyist-like enthusiasm that permeates through the work. This approach tests the artist to his limits, in an effort to convince himself that the ideals he explores are still worthwhile, still valid.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

Tom Down was born in Solihull in 1987; he graduated from Wimbledon College of Art in 2008 with a BA (Hons) in Fine Art: Painting, and now lives and works in Birmingham.

Recent exhibitions include; *Plain* at Rhys and Hannah present, Bristol; *Departures* at White Nave Gallery, Dover; & *Retreat* at Terrace, London.

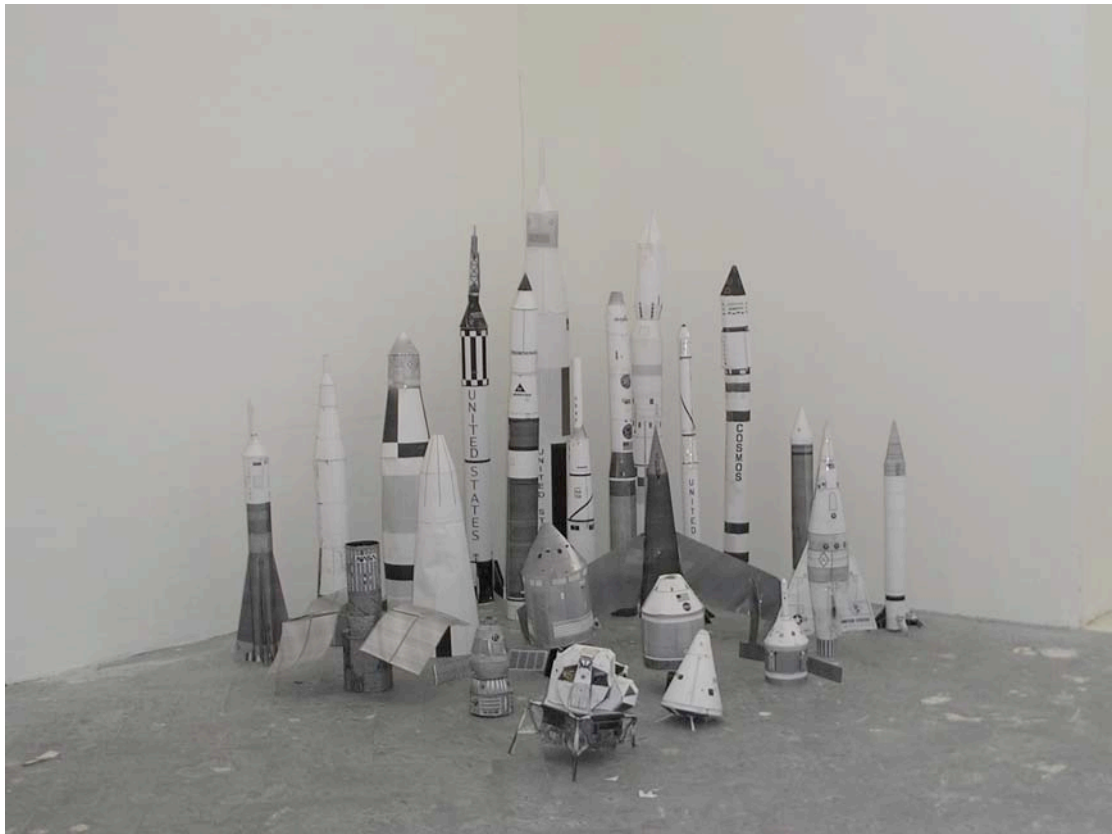


The Wasp Room Gallery aims to introduce new artists to Nottingham by exhibiting local, national and international contemporary artwork. The gallery will host six shows per year and is open Thursday to Sunday or by appointment.

The Wasp Room at Tether Studios, 17a Huntingdon St, Nottingham, NG1 3JH

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Tom Down
Rockets, 2007



Tom Down
Conquer, 2008

PRESS RELEASE



Tom Down
This is the End, 2008