



Periastra : Participant Information

Alistair McClymont

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'Dark Moon'

About the artist

Alistair McClymont is an artist working across a broad range of materials and methods. His work is a continuing process of discovery and experimentation, each piece follows the last in a continual journey of investigation into cultural and physical phenomena.

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About the artwork

'Dark Moon'

This work is based on a quote from the astronaut Michael Collins:

"I don't mean to deny a feeling of solitude. It is there, reinforced by the fact that radio contact with the earth abruptly cuts off at the instant I disappear behind the moon. I am alone now, truly alone, and absolutely isolated from any known life. I am it. If a count were taken, the score would be three billion plus two over on the other side of the moon, and one plus God only knows what on this side. I feel this powerfully—not as fear or loneliness — but as awareness, anticipation, satisfaction, confidence, almost exultation. I like the feeling. Outside my window I can see stars—and that is all. Where I know the moon to be, there is simply a black void; the moon's presence is defined solely by the absence of stars."

(from "Carrying the Fire: An Astronaut's Journeys" by Michael Collins)