

GRANT MCCAIG Fundir (melt)

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During a recent trip to South America I had the opportunity to research large scale metal casting in a foundry in Bogota, Colombia. The processes involved in realizing the final work are compelling and fascinating; the tools, the materials and the transformation of the metal.

All of the objects on show for *Fundir (melt)* are echoes of the processes, tools and actions that have gone into the making of hypothetical 'finished' piece. It is a way of exploring the origins of form, an attempt to establish new dialogues within my practice; a focus on process, action, metamorphosis, value and alchemy.

The ferocity and raw power of the casting process is reminiscent of existing forces in nature; tectonic shifts, and volcanic activity. As a result, the concept of the work made changes from being merely an object, to being part or element of a significant process.

 $\it Cucharas$, cast iron spoons, silver (detail), 360 x 70 mm Photo by John McGregor



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Above: Joan Eardley, *Two Men at the Docks*, pastel, 14×13 cms Back cover: Joan Eardley, *Nets, Waves and Rocks*, c.1961, oil and collage on hardboard, 69×91 cms