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## WHEN THE WORLD WAS YOUNG

WORKS BY DAVE BEAZLEY

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Whangarei Art Museum presents **WHEN THE WORLD WAS YOUNG**, works by Northland based artist Dave Beazley.

*"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change."*

- Charles Darwin

Enter into a parallel world, where the laws of nature are reimagined by a cast of surreal characters from a fantastical story. Dave Beazley invites the viewer to be absorbed into a lost world of strange creatures and environments frozen in time, where surprises are waiting to be discovered in the smallest of details.

The exhibition includes a series of oil paintings and textile sculptures of otherworldly characters. Beazley draws from his daily observations or experiences that form the initial ideas for a work, where they are developed into a complex narrative. *"It is important to me to shape a mood and atmosphere where the audience could feel lost yet comforted and completely absorbed by their surroundings."*



Beazley's use of a pastel colour palette and illustrative style challenges the classical notion of oil painting, and explores the use of traditional techniques in a contemporary context. His seemingly effortless playful motifs hide the subtle changes of mood and emotion that the viewer encounters as they journey into the unknown. *"I like the collision of an innocent colour palette with a sometimes sinister narrative."*

The exhibition is accompanied with a catalogue available for purchase, featuring an interview with the artist and a special edition original drawing by Dave Beazley. Limited number available.

See our website for dates/ times and more information.

Image credit: Dave Beazley, *Unmerciful Disaster*, 2016, oil on board, private collection

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### Visitor Information:

OPEN Daily – 10am -4 pm

Closed Christmas Day | Boxing Day | Good Friday

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