

VESSEL GALLERY

LONDON



Oliver & Hawes

Forward Motion

Circa: 2018

2018

United Kingdom

Glass and steel

81 x 44 x 73 cm (31⁷/₁₆ x 17³/₁₆ inches)

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Literature:

Unique

Artist description:

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They have been producing work individually for exhibitions and commissions for over two decades and in this body of new works their different materials and practices converge to contrast and amplify the craftsmanship of the two artists.

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The work here is drawn from a variety of sources, inspired by Oliver's residency at the Botanic Gardens in Leicester to pilates techniques. Once her metal drawings are complete she passes them onto Hawes who works with a more fluid approach, blowing in direct response to her initial metallic forms.

The finished pieces have a rhythm and structure to them, akin to a perfectly formed phrase or sentence. These sculptures are not solely about the end art work but the exploration and journey to bring them to fruition.