

GEORGE POLKE

James Ferris + Kate Hawkins

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KATE HAWKINS cast six bronze copies of *Glass of Absinthe* from a plaster original and decorated each of them uniquely. Here she broke new ground by incorporating an existing object into her sculpture: a real absinthe spoon, as well as the modeled bronze sugar cube and glass.

Join us on 2nd April for Gandt Presents at Luminous Books 6-7.15pm

MY BROTHER IS A HAIRY MAN
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Friday 11th March 6-9pm
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