

NEAL CAMILLERI

I took the rock with me

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Took the Rock With Me is a solo exhibition by Neal Camilleri that reflects on what remains with us when we leave a place behind. Beyond physical objects and memories, it considers the weight, texture, and emotional contours that quietly persist within us.

Bringing together ceramic sculpture and painting, this new body of work expands on Camilleri's long-standing exploration of childhood in Malta. Having lived in London for nine years, the artist now approaches home not as a fixed geography, but as an internal presence, something embedded, formative, and inescapable. The rock emerges as a central metaphor: at once literal and symbolic, it speaks of origin, endurance, identity, and the slow shaping force of time.

Camilleri works through fragments, of memory, of material, of surface. His ceramics carry a tactile immediacy, while his paintings hold fields of colour that suggest sedimentation and erosion. Elements connect across works, forming a visual language that mirrors the way memory itself operates: layered, partial, and emotionally charged. The surfaces often appear weathered or compressed, as if shaped by both pressure and care.

Throughout the exhibition, there is a tension between weight and suspension. Some forms feel grounded and immovable, echoing permanence and belonging. Others appear precarious, incomplete, or in transition, reflecting the evolving nature of identity. This interplay suggests that what we carry is not static, it shifts, settles, resurfaces.

Took the Rock With Me traces the inner landscape of an artist who has left home yet remains fundamentally shaped by it. As Camilleri reflects:

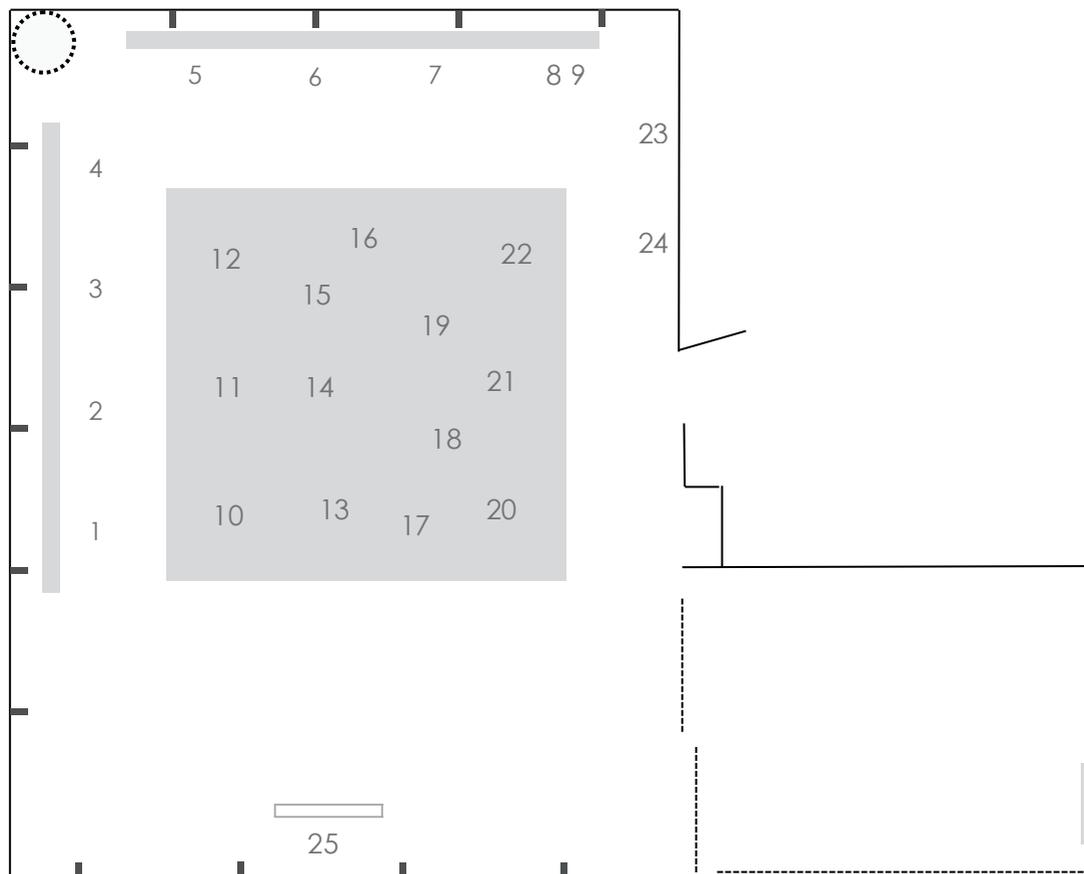
"Malta is the rock that inevitably came with me. Not as something I chose to carry, but as something that is deeply part of who I am."

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1. **Neal Camilleri, *The Cliff*, 2026**

47 x 17 cm
Oil on canvas
€ 1,450

2. **Neal Camilleri, *Dust and Horizon*, 2026**

16 x 11 cm
Oil on canvas
€ 1,200

3. **Neal Camilleri, *At the Edge of Summer*, 2026**

11 x 16 cm
Oil on canvas
€ 1,200

4. **Neal Camilleri, *Quiet Company*, 2026**

16 x 12 cm
Oil on canvas
€ 1,200

5. **Neal Camilleri, *Childhood Shore*, 2026**

12 x 17 cm
Oil on canvas
€ 1,200

6. **Neal Camilleri, *Lost in the Fields*, 2026**

17 x 12 cm
Oil on canvas
€ 1,200

7. **Neal Camilleri, *Before the Shot*, 2026**

12 x 17 cm
Oil on canvas
€ 1,200

8. **Neal Camilleri, *What the Waves Remember*, 2026**

15 x 11 cm
Oil on canvas
€ 1,200

9. **Neal Camilleri, *The Long Afternoon*, 2026**

16 x 12 cm
Oil on canvas
€ 1,200

10. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 12*, 2026**

35 x 60 cm
Stoneware
€ 2,000

11. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 5*, 2026**
8 x 18 cm
Porcelain
€ 650
12. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 4*, 2026**
11 x 24 cm
Porcelain
€ 800
13. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 8*, 2026**
13 x 28 cm
Porcelain
€ 650
14. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 9*, 2026**
26 x 47 cm
Porcelain
€ 1,500
15. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 6*, 2026**
8 x 18 cm
Porcelain
€ 650
16. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 13*, 2026**
8 x 15 cm
Porcelain
€ 650
17. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 1*, 2026**
13 x 28 cm
Stoneware and glazes
€ 850
18. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 3*, 2026**
11 x 24 cm
Porcelain and glazes
€ 800
19. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 7*, 2026**
33 x 40 cm
Stoneware and glazes
€ 1,500
20. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 14*, 2026**
26 x 47 cm
Stoneware and glazes
€ 1,500
21. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 2*, 2026**
11 x 28 cm
Stoneware and glazes
€ 650
22. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 11*, 2026**
35 x 60 cm
Stoneware
€ 2,000
23. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 12*, 2026**
11x 24cm
Porcelain and glazes
€1,050
24. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 13*, 2026**
11 x 24 cm
Porcelain and glazes
€1,050
25. **Neal Camilleri, *Untitled (Carried Rock) 14*, 2026**
11 x 30cm
Porcelain and glazes
€1,050