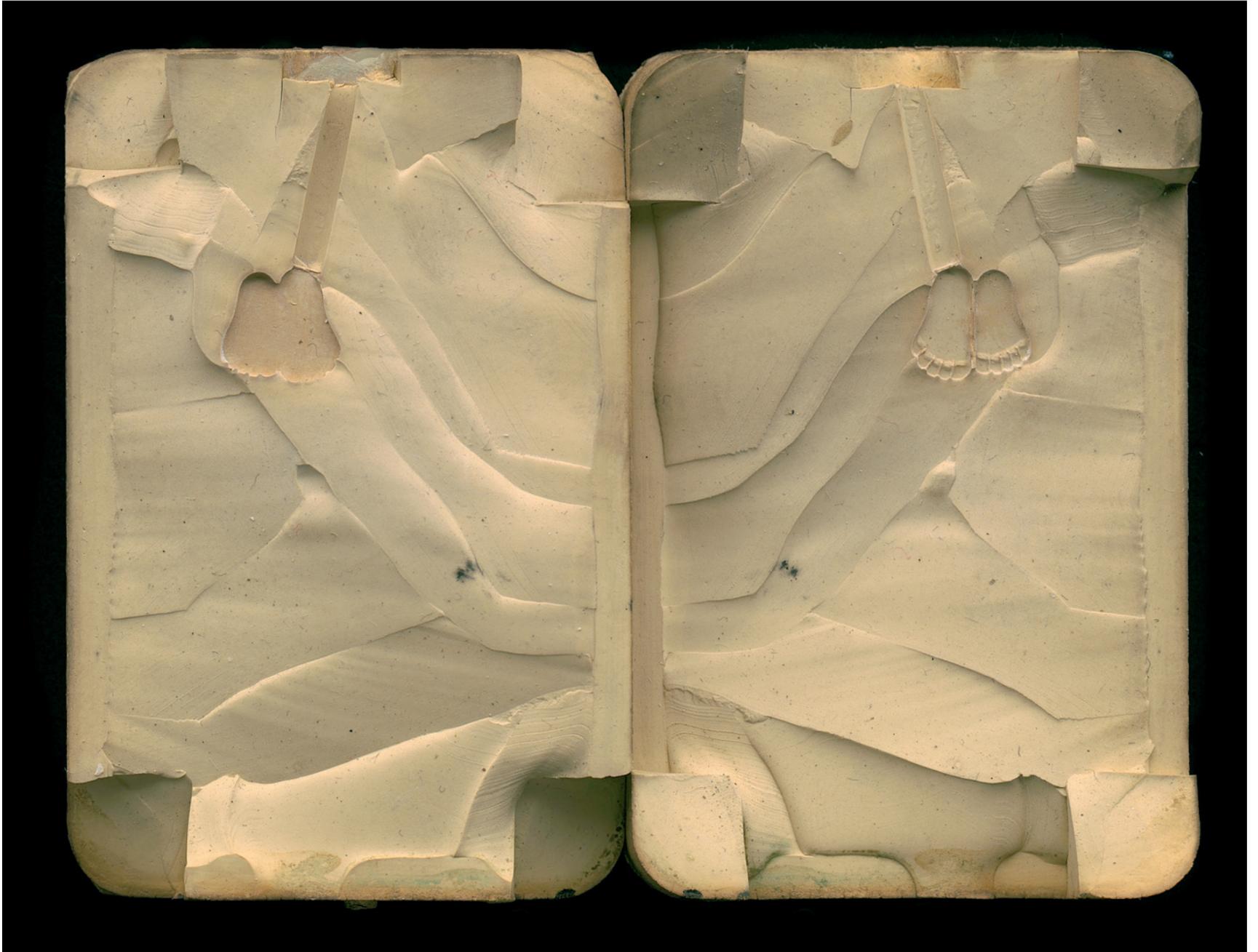


10 WEEKS BY LESZEK WOLNIK



Launch 6-8pm, Wednesday 13th February 2013

The Copper House Gallery, off Synge Street, Dublin 8

Author and campaigner Ann Rossiter will open the exhibition.

The Copper House Gallery will launch **10 WEEKS**, an exhibition by Leszek Wolnik, from 6-8pm on Wednesday 13th February 2013. **10 WEEKS** is a response to the long standing practice of the Pro Life Campaign of misappropriating language, images and symbols such as the silver and gold emblems depicting the life sized feet of a 10 week embryo, often worn as pins or lapel badges.

These feet were designated as the International Pro-Life Symbol at a world-wide symposium held in Dublin in 1979. It is estimated that over 12 million of these emblems have been distributed in 30 countries. Leszek Wolnik has acquired the original wax casting moulds for the silver 10 weeks pins that were made and distributed in Ireland. Featuring these emblems as the centrepiece of this exhibition, he has invited responses to the use of these baby feet as symbols for Pro life propaganda.

Pro Life campaigners use selective, disingenuous and redacted utilisation of medical literature to promote their cause. They are skilled in the use of associative imagery and language in promoting a simplistic and absolute position. These messages may provoke emotions of guilt and shame leaving many feeling angry, upset and voiceless. **10 WEEKS** seeks to provide a forum for those wishing to respond.

The written responses will be showcased within the exhibition and archived on the **10 WEEKS** website www.10weeks.org. The vocal responses will be accessible during the exhibition and on the **10 WEEKS** website archive afterwards.

If you would like to send in a response to the Pro Life use of the baby feet or to the language and images the Pro Life movement employ, please visit the website www.10weeks.org. We welcome responses in any format including PDF, Word document, a photograph or scan of handwritten response or a recorded audio file.

You can record and email us an audio response using the QuickVoice® Recorder app on the iphone or Easy Voice Recorder on an Android smartphone. We are mindful and respectful of every submission and anonymity is guarded at all times.

Leszek Wolnik is a photographer and is curator at The Copper House Gallery.

10 WEEKS an exhibition by Leszek Wolnik runs at The Copper House Gallery from 13th February until the 12th March 2013. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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