We are interested that as two artists working together as ME-WE the Dead. Before being put to use, these objects were lowered to the bottom winds. If the ship sank, the Cabbo guided the sailor’s souls to the Land of The talisman guarded the ship from sickness, rocks, storms and dangerous The “Cabbo” is thought to have derived from Dutch ships in the late 1700’s. Working with the myths and local legends they have reintroduced the tradition of the talisman or “Cabbo” to Deal. These largely forgotten objects or figureheads were a grotesque image fashioned from local clay which was fixed to the front of fishing and smugglers boats in Deal and the South Kent coast. The “Cabbo” is thought to have derived from Dutch ships in the late 1700’s. The talisman guarded the ship from sickness, rocks, storms and dangerous winds. If the ship ran aground, the Cabbo guided the sailor’s souls to the Land of the Dead. Before being put to use, these objects were lowered to the bottom of the ocean and if recovered a year later intact were considered sufficiently charmed to be fixed to both the smugglers and the fisherman’s boat. 

Alongside distinguished individual careers, sculptors Kate Davis and David Moore formed ME-WE Productions in 2010 and have collaborated on a number of projects and exhibitions in London, Edinburgh, Berlin, Spain France and Japan. They completed a Dockland Light Railway commission at Langdon Park Station in 2010 and their first short film ‘The Cut’ was best experimental film at the Swedenborg Short Film Award in 2011. Davis and Moore spent the summer of 2013 on an artist’s residency at the Cornellius Foundation in the South of France working on the relationship between writing poetry and making collages. They are currently working with Futurecity on a large scale public art commission for Riverlight, a Rogers + Stark development in Nine Elms, London. The commission is due to be completed by 2016 with the first stage already open to the public.

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