



KENTLER INTERNATIONAL DRAWING SPACE

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Chris Gonyea, *From Ashes*

Front Gallery Space

Jaanika Peerna, *Light Matter*

Back Gallery Space

February 13 - March 29, 2015

Opening Reception: Friday, February 13, 6 - 8 pm

Artists' Talk and Performance: Saturday, March 7, 4 pm

Gallery Hours: Thursday - Sunday, 12 - 5 pm

Kentler International Drawing Space is pleased to present solo drawing exhibitions by artists Chris Gonyea and Jaanika Peerna.

Chris Gonyea's *From Ashes* features recent "soot drawings" and related works in charcoal by the Kingston, New York based artist. His technique involves suspending paper over a burning torch so that soot gathers on the surface. Using an eraser, Gonyea then removes the soot in a meticulous, subtractive drawing process. The subjects of his drawings—trees—are enveloped in a smoky, veiled atmosphere that conveys the mystery of undisturbed nature. Gonyea describes his interest in the tree as a figure, rather than an element of landscape. By focusing on the negative space in his compositions, he abstracts his subjects revealing their underlying shapes, patterns and rhythms. A brochure with an essay by Beth Wilson accompanies the exhibition.

Light Matter is a site-specific installation by Estonian-born artist **Jaanika Peerna** featuring large and small-scale drawings on Mylar and reflective film. Draped and stretched from the gallery walls, Peerna's translucent and mirrored surfaces create an ethereal environment. She applies graphite and colored pencil to the Mylar in free-hand, repetitive bands suggesting water and weather elements. Peerna encourages audience interaction with her work and describes the installation as an homage to the neighborhood, which was flooded by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. On March 7, dancers Alexis Steeves and Rain Saukas will join Peerna in a kinetic performance responding to ***Light Matter*** in conjunction with her Artist's Talk. A brochure with an essay by Taney Roniger accompanies the exhibition.

Kentler International Drawing Space is located at 353 Van Brunt Street (cross streets Dikeman & Wolcott) in Red Hook, Brooklyn. For more information, contact Executive Director Florence Neal, 718.875.2098.

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Kentler International Drawing Space Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit gallery, presenting contemporary exhibitions of *drawings and works on paper* by local, national and international artists as part of the cultural fabric of the community. The gallery was founded in Red Hook by two artists in 1990. Kentler's Programs: Exhibitions and Events; The Kentler Flatfiles; K.I.D.S. Art Education. The gallery is open free to the public Thursday through Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.



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