



KENTLER INTERNATIONAL DRAWING SPACE

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Julie Peppito

WAKE UP! Fantastical Drawings of Julie Peppito

Featuring *Date Night Drawings* with Gideon Kendall

February 12 – March 27, 2022

Opening Reception: Saturday, February 12, 4-6pm

Artist's Talk: Saturday, March 12, 2pm

Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 12 – 5pm

(masks and proof of vaccination required)

Kentler International Drawing Space is pleased to present *WAKE UP! Fantastical Drawings of Julie Peppito*, a solo exhibition of mixed media drawings by Brooklyn-based artist Julie Peppito.

This dynamic installation features large and small scale works in a variety of media, including charcoal, paper, wood, fabric, beads, litter and found objects. Peppito's richly adorned drawings are at once playful and ominous, combining surrealism and nostalgia with bold political commentary. References to water contamination, extinction, consumer waste, Dark Money and war weave in and out of decorative, whimsical compositions. Her disarming approach to activist art – described as an “act of love” – asks viewers to slow down, look carefully and realize the need to take action.

In addition to Peppito's sensuous and colorful solo works, *WAKE UP!* features a selection of *Date Night Drawings* created in collaboration with her husband and fellow artist, Gideon Kendall. These charming black and white compositions were created in the style of surrealist parlor games and are highly fantastical in subject matter. Their intimate and spontaneous nature represents the partners' effort to regain connection and creative synergy in the face of growing familial responsibility.

A brochure with an essay by Charlotta Kotik accompanies the exhibition.

Kentler International Drawing Space is located at 353 Van Brunt Street (between Dikeman & Wolcott Streets) in Red Hook, Brooklyn. For more information, contact Executive Director Florence Neal, 718.875.2098 or visit www.kentlergallery.org.



Founded by two artists in 1990, Kentler International Drawing Space Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization presenting contemporary exhibitions of drawings and works on paper by emerging and under-recognized local, national and international artists as part of the cultural fabric of the community. Kentler Programs include: Exhibitions and Events, The Kentler Flatfiles and K.I.D.S. Art Education.