



KENTLER INTERNATIONAL DRAWING SPACE

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Maureen McNeil

Light + Material

April 15- May 28, 2023

Opening Reception & Artist's Talk: Saturday, April 15, 4pm

Off-site Reading: Sunday, April 16, 3pm

481 Van Brunt St. Brooklyn, NY 11231

in conjunction with CENTRAL BOOKING's exhibition *On the Waterfront: A View from the Coast(line)*

Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 12 – 5pm

Kentler International Drawing Space is pleased to present *Light + Material*, a solo exhibition of thirteen new textile drawings by Hudson, NY-based artist Maureen McNeil.

Maureen McNeil creates her large-scale fabric pieces through a meticulous process of drawing, cutting, layering, pinning and hand sewing. Taking inspiration from the Pattern & Decoration movement of the 1970s-80s, McNeil pushes past the traditional confines of drawing. Her intuitive approach to materials, including found and recycled objects, results in tactile compositions that appear to shift, shimmer and transform across the surface.

McNeil's work blends abstraction with storytelling, referencing moments in history along with her own travels and life experiences. A writer as well as a visual artist, McNeil engages the viewer in dynamic narratives and animations that explore deeply human themes. *Light + Material* showcases a fine balance between destruction, creation, expression and control. As the hand-sewn line moves through each fabric piece, it painstakingly focuses the cacophony of color, texture, shape and luminescence into a drawing.

A brochure with an essay by Barbara Friedman accompanies the exhibition.

Kentler International Drawing Space is located at 353 Van Brunt Street in Red Hook, Brooklyn. For more information, contact Programs Director Sallie Mize at sallie@kentlergallery.org, call 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 our community. Programs include: Exhibitions & Events, The Kentler Flatfiles and K.I.D.S. Art Education.

