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The Sentence

A Collective Exhibition at Commerce Street Studios

Opening Reception: January 17, 2026, 4-7pm | Musical Performance by Laraaji 6pm

Location: Commerce Street Studios, 219 Van Brunt ST, Red Hook Brooklyn NY

Commerce Street Studios is pleased to announce *The Sentence*, a group exhibition featuring new works by **44 artists**, each responding to a single word generated through a communal writing game. The exhibition opens **January 17, 2026**.

About the Exhibition

For *The Sentence*, participating artists engaged in an exquisite-corpse-style writing process: each contributor added a fragment to what came before, ultimately producing a sprawling and unruly sentence—part poem, part incantation. Each artist was then randomly assigned a single word from this collaboratively generated text, using it as the conceptual springboard for a new work.

The resulting sentence—both chaotic and unexpectedly cohesive—becomes the exhibition's spine:

“The sound reflection feels shimmery like a trucker speeding down wind, eavesdropping fragments born from morphogenesis’ tapestry, developing oblong notes that ricochet silhouettes, rounding, dancing – example her language was sudden, aquiline, charged with hedonism, fully absent from the people giving the finger, which is always a classic gesture of mammalian mumbo jumbo, apotheosis from dust, the diamond forms coins that spin or chromatic juices, sparks that ignite our bellies into a witch goin’ hell for leather . . . or feathers, yet finding quiet in counter-revolutionary juice, reversing until.”

Across media and sensibilities, the artists' responses form a constellation, where each work stands alone yet remains tethered to a shared linguistic origin. Instead of a single curatorial vision, the exhibition is structured around an evolving communal mechanism, revealing how language fragments can catalyze visual invention.

Participating Artists

Uri Aran, Patrick Arnold, Darren Bader, Glen Baldrige, Maya Barrera, Alexandra Borovski, Todd Colby, Sarah Crowner, Kirsten Deirup, Alex Eagleton, Brock Enright, TR Ericsson, Jesse Greenberg, Raina Hamner, KT Hickman, Anya Kielar, Rosy Keyser, Emily Knapp, Ajay Kurian, Megan Lang, Amanda Keeley, Esther Kläs, Mona Kowalska, Cassandra MacLeod, Michelle Maguire, Charles Mayton, Jessica Mitrani, Jenny Monick, Nora Normile, Ioanna Pantazopoulou, Christian Patterson, Nikholis Planck, Thayer Porter, Carly Ries, Keith Riley, Martha Naranjo Sandoval, Louise Sheldon, Josh Smith, Brea Souders, John Tsombikos, Johannes VanderBeek, Sara Vanderbeek, Jacques Louis Vidal, and Marianne Vitale.