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The Nature of Building: Artist's Books

Curated by Maddy Rosenberg, CENTRAL BOOKING
November 7 – December 13, 2026

Related Events:
Opening Reception: November 7, 4 – 6pm
Curator's Talk: November 21, 4pm
Poetry Reading by Desirée Alvarez & Closing Party: December 13, 3 – 5pm
Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 12 – 5pm

Kentler International Drawing Space is pleased to present *The Nature of Building,* a sprawling exhibition of artist's books, constructions and wall pieces by forty-five artists, curated by Maddy Rosenberg of CENTRAL BOOKING.

The Nature of Building is an outgrowth of the *Sandstone Steps*, a collaborative multimedia project by Maddy Rosenberg and Hugh Bryden, on view in Kentler's front gallery space. The handmade box includes visual, literary and musical components that explore themes of architecture, migration and cultural memory.

In the back gallery, artists respond to these ideas with a variety of materials, techniques and applications. The dynamic installation features two- and three-dimensional works on paper, book plates, fabric, ceramic, metal, wood and found materials. Artists employ drawing, printmaking, text, sewing, folding, assemblage and sculpture to challenge and expand upon the traditional definition of the artist's book. Together, the works form a complex and spirited dialogue addressing history, nature, destruction and creation.

The Nature of Building features thirty-six CENTRAL BOOKING artists and nine artists from the Kentler Flatfiles. A brochure with an essay by Maddy Rosenberg accompanies the exhibition. Gallery hours and related events are open free to the public.

CENTRAL BOOKING Artists: Monique Allain/MALA, Desiree Alvarez, Islam Aly, Rosaire Appel, Cynthia Back, C Bangs, Susan Bee, Sabra Booth, Brandstifter, Hugh Bryden, Don Burmeister, Margaret Craig, Donna Maria de Creeft, Gerhild Ebel, Anne Gilman, Susan Happersett, Heide Hatry, Art Hazelwood, Eunkang Koh, Kumi Korf, Max Marek, Despo Magoni, Agnes Murray, Florence Neal, Sumi Perera, Marianne R. Petit, Maddy Rosenberg, Marilyn R. Rosenberg, Alan Rosner, Miriam Schaer, Ilse Schreiber-Noll, Sarah Stengle, Lynn Sures, Mary Ting, April Vollmer, Ellen Weiner

Kentler Flatfiles Artists: David Ambrose, Jessie Nebraska Gifford, Shoichi Ido & Robert Kushner, Kostas Kiritsis, Meridith McNeal, Viviane Rombaldi Seppey, Donna Ruff, Emna Zghal

Kentler International Drawing Space is located at 353 Van Brunt Street in Red Hook, Brooklyn. For more information, contact Executive 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.