



# KENTLER INTERNATIONAL DRAWING SPACE

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## ***PORTRAIT: The Kentler Flatfiles in 58 Works*** **Guest Curated by David Houston**

**November 9 - December 15, 2019**

Opening Reception & Curator's Talk: Saturday, November 9, 5 – 7pm

Conversation with David Houston & Florence Neal: Saturday, December 7, 4pm

Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 12 – 5pm

Kentler International Drawing Space is pleased to present ***PORTRAIT: The Kentler Flatfiles in 58 Works*** curated by David Houston.

The exhibition features a broad range of work by 46 artists spanning the 29-year history of the Kentler Flatfiles. Houston's methodology was to draw lines through the collection and create an analytical matrix. He started with time, looking first at the oldest and newest works, then filled in the blanks in between. He noted the range of media, both traditional and untraditional, the rampant stylistic pluralism, gender, and the many nationalities in hope of reflecting the history and current profile of the files accurately. The exhibition hangs chronologically, which allows for completely random and unexpected juxtapositions beyond the realm of aesthetic choices, but also draws a historical line through files defined by time.

The Kentler Flatfiles have been an essential element of Kentler International Drawing Space since its founding in 1990. A collection of over 2,000 artworks by 290 local, national and international artists, this living archive represents the incredible breadth and diversity found in contemporary drawings and works on paper today. Selections from the Flatfiles are regularly presented in guest-curated exhibitions at Kentler and in traveling shows.

A brochure with an essay by the curator 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](http://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.



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