



KENTLER INTERNATIONAL DRAWING SPACE

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Shelby Shadwell

HAECCEITY

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Artist's Talk & Opening Reception: Saturday, November 4, 4 – 6pm

Drawing Demonstration: Saturday, December 16, 2 – 5pm

Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 12 – 5pm

Kentler International Drawing Space is pleased to present *HAECCEITY*, a solo exhibition of nine monumental drawings by WY-based artist Shelby Shadwell.

Shadwell creates large-scale, monochromatic drawings using charcoal and pastel on polyester. The works featured in *HAECCEITY* depict polymer “space blankets” and lumps of coal rendered in extreme detail. Their zoomed-in compositions move between representation and abstraction, emphasizing the texture and sheen of each material. The drawings’ surfaces are dense and dark with areas of high contrast achieved by layering and erasing.

The word *haecceity* refers to the essence or “this-ness” of a particular thing. Shadwell spotlights and magnifies these natural and manmade objects to reveal their innate presence. Each drawing reads as a portrait; the relationships between them are open to interpretation. Shadwell’s illusory, hyper-realistic style activates the viewer as his subjects remain silent and still. His work pushes the boundaries of genre and challenges audiences to look closer.

A brochure with an essay by Jason Franz accompanies the exhibition.

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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.

