

MURRAY GUY

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In The Beginning

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Janice Guy and Margaret Murray announce the inaugural exhibition of their gallery.

Perhaps the sum and substance of language is in its familiarizing effect. By a wide variety of media, the artists in this exhibition show how disparate the expression of the word can be. Using texts that are found, invented, literary, particular, anecdotal, descriptive, poetic, the diversity between the intimate and public aspects of language emerge. This manifestation and communication of thought through words demonstrates the juxtapositioning of coherence and disintegration. Encouraging participation and association, these artists also use words to reveal the contradictory elements of alienation and dislocation. Through an awareness of the subcultural codes that form and deform the logic of identity and meaning, a play is initiated between similarity and distinction.

Referencing the weight of cultural influence, the importance of authorship and the role of context are also questioned. Varying in style and tone, both prosaic and erudite, the texts in this exhibition display their ability to evocatively transmute the ethereal into the concrete without the use of imagery. The resulting crystallization of meaning into object demonstrates how perception and experience is cultivated and arranged, offering a potentially transformative relationship with language.

Please call the gallery for further information.

Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 6pm.