

ABCyz

2009

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ABCyz is a collaboratively curated show of art collectives.

On October 23, 2009, **ABCyz** opens an exhibition of NYC-based critical contemporary art collectives, curatorial groups and art publishers formed over the past five years.

ABC is shorthand for the participating types of groups: **A** — artist-run spaces and projects, **B** — new curatorial initiatives and not-for-profit art groups and **C** — open forum for other types of art collectives.

ABCyz is not-for-profit, free and open to the public.

Events

ABCyz Exhibition

October 23-25, 2009

Silvershed, 119 West 25th Street, PH, New York, NY
(between 6th and 7th Avenues)

Opening Reception: Friday, October 23

8:00-11:00 pm

Open to the Public: Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25

1:00-7:00 pm

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www.ABCyz.org

Inspiration

Group Show of Group Shows

Each of the participating groups has produced at least one event. **ABCyz** simply provides a space under one roof for a group of groups to present what they do – and present themselves to broader audiences while amongst their colleagues and friends. It's a large potluck dinner of visual art: a big table is ready, the house lights are on, you're part of the conviviality. Participating groups bring their contributions and share with friends, colleagues and the contemporary art public.

Collective of Collectives

This is a collective effort – all volunteer and not-for-profit. The event is participant-driven and non-hierarchical. Collaborate. Overlap. Inspire improvisation. Aid, abet and constructively challenge your neighbors and visitors and put your best foot forward (as straightforwardly (or not) as possible). Be somewhat reasonable practically, and moreover, be somewhat un-reasonable conceptually. Let something new arise.

PowWowing, DIY Production and Dynamic Improvisation

ABCyz provides a shared stage to powwow and each group sets up its presentation; a section of wall space, a monitor or projection, a publication or performance, as it sees fit. The choice of how to present and protect work is up to each group. The combined individual and collective endeavor is supported by the participants themselves. Think of it like camping in a conceptual framework: prep-a-plan, pack-in and pack-out what you need to bring along.

Open Doors and Windows

Donate as you wish, pay what you can. Invite your neighbors and non-art-world friends too. Entry and exit is as fluid as possible. Styles, they also come and go – the post-post-modern condition in critical contemporary art is open-ended and the menu should be diverse and open-minded.

Open Source

The printed materials are free and online for downloading. **ABCyz** is open-source – in the future, anyone will be able to download a blank copy of the website and event structure info and stage a production of their own in their city. For more information about open-source access, please email us at info@ABCyz.org.

Meeting and Greeting

The art world according to Facebook is but a few degrees of separation. A very large cocktail party? Find someone who is drinking what you're drinking and say hello for a moment, suspending suspicion for an easy greeting.

Participants

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YES Gallery

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179 canal

www.179canal.com

Founded on May 1, 2009 by Margaret Lee

179 Canal is an artist run space that encourages artistic diversions, collaborations and curation.

Members:

None

Projects Include:

The Month of May

Recently collaborated with Antoine Catala, Anicak Yi, Josh Kline, Liam Everett, Annamarie Ho, Peter LaBier, Kate Bush Dance Troupe, Tim Lokiec, Stewart Uoo, Emily Sundblad, Amy Yao, Allyson Vieira, Alisa Barenboym, Trevor Shimizu, Tatiana Kronberg, Devon Costello, Common Space, Christopher K. Ho, Corin Sworn and Olivier Babin.

BHQFU

www.bhqfu.org

BOFFO

www.boffo-ny.org

Founded in January 2009 by Al-Shathir and Gregory Sparks

BOFFO is a non-profit arts and culture organization based in New York City. Our goal is to provide exposure for artists and designers through exhibitions, events and other resources, create community for artists and designers to network, and to explore a subject matter that educates and informs the public.

Members:

Al-Shathir and Gregory Sparks

Projects Include:

Objective Affection, an exhibition concerned with the influence of objects in contemporary culture.

"As an organization, BOFFO utilizes temporary locations for events and exhibitions, constantly moving, redefining both physical and theoretical parameters. With this structure our artists and designers are given the opportunity to explore many different opportunities. Additionally, every location invites a different audience to participate in activities associated with the organization, giving each event unique, location-specific characteristics."

Brooklyn is Burning

www.brooklynisburning.com

Founded in March 2008 by Sarvia Jasso and Andres Bedoya

Members:

Please see website for details.

Projects Include:

Video and performance events.

Recently collaborated with Kathryn Garcia, Theo Adams, Marnie Weber, Bed Stupack, Matt Greene, Mortie Diamond, assume vivid astro focus, Gilad Ratman, Natalie Rodgers, Lennie Lee, Tara Mateik, Cara Benedetto, Corinne Dolle, Tobaron Waxman, Divya Mehra, Rashaad Newsome, Narcissister, Rona Yefman, Skip Arnold, Nadja Verena Marcin, Katarzyna Kozyra, Desiree Holman, Joe Ovelman, Dena Yago, Alex McQuilkin and Yozmit.

Camel Collective

www.camelcollective.org

Founded in 2005 by Sarina Basta, Michael Bears, Benj Gerdes, Anthony Graves, Carla Herrera-Prats, Lasse Lau and Jacqueline Miro

Our belief in the productive force of collectivity and exchange across disciplines, along with the necessity to address social, political, and economic issues as artists is what motivates our activities.

Members:

Anthony Graves, Carla Herrera-Prats, Lasse Lau and Rob Ochshorn

Projects Include:

C-M-L www.c-m-l.org

Recently collaborated with Todos Somos Un Mundo Pequeño, La Línea, Cubo, Toro Lab, Benj Gerdes, Jennifer Hayashida, Michael Askin, g727, Jaromil and Carlos Motta.

Daily Operation

www.dailyoperation.org

Founded in March 2008 by Jon Lutz

Daily Operation is a serial curatorial project that has and will include shows in studios, apartments, parks, empty real estate, and other venues.

Operating somewhat like an itinerant gallery, the shows often highlight some of the same emerging artists while also including other outstanding contemporary artists.

Members:

All participants

Projects Include:

"I particularly liked the communal and participatory nature of my last show, 'I Wanna Be Somewhere.' For this show, I asked 20 artists to make their own version of a diorama and in a very short period of time, they came up with some amazing work. This semi-improvisational way of putting together a show was exciting and rewarding in a different way than a more traditional show."

Recently collaborated with Justin Adian, Patrick Brennan, Ned Colclough, Jaime Gecker, Sue Havens, Jesse Hamerman, Rachel Hayes, Mike Hein, Jasmine Justice, Denise Kupferschmidt, Elisa Lendvay, Ian Pedigo, Meredith Pingree, J.D. Walsh and Wendy White.

DecadesOut

www.decadesout.org

Founded on April 7, 2009 by Frank Kuzler, Jennifer Larkin and Morgan Harris

The mission of DecadesOut is to raise public awareness of the cultural impact between science and humanity and transform the dialogue between them through an artistic platform; to explore related issues that speak to our existence in this world; and to help artist's share perceptions of our life on earth that may have been otherwise hidden.

Members:

Parker Shipp, Shaunna Harry, Patrick Sullivan and Whitney Hamilton

Projects Include:

"In November 2009, we will present our first play development series, The Launch Pad, a three-day event consisting of new and established plays that celebrate and explore different aspects of science. The Launch Pad is a free arts development program focusing on international theatre."

The documentary, New Land, New Life, investigates on a national scale, the paths of the people displaced during the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season, how their lives have changed, and the impact left on the cultures of their new hometowns and on the hometowns they left.

Recently collaborated with many artists including interviews with Hannibal Lokumbe, El Franco Lee II and Mitchell Gaudet during recent trip to Houston and New Orleans.

The upcoming Launch Pad Reading Series will present new plays and work from a host of writers, directors and actors in the New York City area.

"Transforming the Dialogue between Art and Science"

The Deli Storeroom

www.artfagcity.com/2009/09/24/afcs-fall-preview-project-space-edition

Founded in May 2009 by Jesse Hamerman

Exhibit work in the back of a bodega

Members:

Rotating exhibits

Projects Include:

Use Your Illusion

Recently collaborated with Patrick Brennan, Sherri Caudell-Brennan, Ned Colclough, Sarah Dorrner, Christopher Kurtz, Liz Linden, Carrie Pollack and JD Walsh

"The Deli Storeroom is a project space in the back of a bodega in East Williamsburg. As you walk through a standard bodega, you enter another type of space in which art is showcased where it normally is not."

demonstration

performa-arts.org/blog/lisa-kirk

Founded in September 2009 by RoseLee Goldberg

To make compelling visual performance.

Members:

Open participation

Projects Include:

"Legion is/was a favorite and most recently Maison des Cartes was pretty fun too."

"This project as with all of my projects in entirely inclusive, you can find the specific information here ... <http://performa-arts.org/blog/lisa-kirk/>"

The Dirty Dirty

thedirtydirtybrooklyn.blogspot.com

Founded in November 2008 by Martha Clippinger

The Dirty Dirty functions as an alternative space for the exhibition of works already produced, a place for collaborations, and an initiative for artists to work outside their everyday studio practices.

While growing up in "the Dirty South," the creator experienced generous attitudes towards art production and distribution by Outsider artists and aims to encourage such beliefs through this open-ended forum for making, performing, collaborating and exhibiting.

Members:

Tsubasa Berg, Eric Clausen, Sarah Granett, Urayoan Noel, Anne Percoco and Tom Russotti (frequent contributors)

Projects Include:

"Panel Discussion" provided an opportunity for exhibition under the slightly awkward dimensions of 77" x 10". Many of the artists created work specifically for this vertical presentation, and because of the number of wooden panels in the Dirty Dirty, over 30 artists participated in the show. The opening of the "Panel Discussion" coincided with the Institute of Aesthetics' "Wiffle Hurling" match, a sidewalk "chair-jousting" competition by The Post Neo-Absurdists of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and readings from poet Urayoan Noel and novelist Stephen Witt.

The upcoming event will be "Pseudonymous," where all work exhibited will be displayed under pseudonyms or aliases.

Recently collaborated with Tsubasa Berg, Josh Bernstein, Dan Bina, Jessica Bottalico, Kathleen Brey, Brian Bulfer, Amy Cunat, Paul deMuro, Steve Dolnack, Andrew Colbert, Eric Clausen, Martha Clippinger, Steve Dressler, George Ericson, Warren Fry, Sarah Granet, Jessie Henson, Carolyn Hopkins, Theresa Holzknicht, Insitute of Aethlestics, Matthew Marchand, Chris Manzione, Caitlin McKee, Tom Miller, Meme Rider Media Team, Ilse Murdock, Urayoan Noel, Craig Olson, Morgan Page, Anne Percoco, Post Neo-Absurdists, Jamie Powell, Michelle Provenzano, Brian Ross, Tom Russotti, Carin Rodenborn, Sarah Sharpe, Ann Tronson, Keith Varadi, Anthony Viti, Andy Webber and Stephen Witt.

Elwa Productions

www.elwaproductions.com

Founded in 2007 by John J. McGurk and Whitney McGurk

ELWA Productions was founded by brothers John J. and Whitney McGurk. Elwa was created with the mission to promote emerging artists that are making unique contributions to contemporary art. Our goal is to help facilitate and create artist editions, independent projects and creative sponsorship in various forms.

Members:

Quinn Corey, Shawn Gilheeneey, Chris Vicini, Joan Wyand, Zane Claverie, Andrew Moon Bain, Carl Eckhoff, Linsey Wallace and David Allyn

Projects Include:

Provflux

Recently collaborated with Shawn Gilheeneey, PIPS, Rabbit Hole Gallery, Firehouse 13 Gallery, Quinn Corey, Andrew Moon Bain and Devin Powers.

"Nothing by Chin Nightingale."

English Kills Art Gallery

www.englishkillsartgallery.com

Founded on March 31, 2007 by Phoenix Lights

Please see website www.englishkillsartgallery.com

Members:

Steven Harding, Andy Piedilato and Peter Dobill will be represented at
ABCyz

"To Show What I Like"

Eyelevel BQE

www.eyelevelgallery.com

Founded on May 16, 2008 by Zachary Barnett and Gabriela Alva

Eyelevel BQE exhibition space encourages artists to submit proposals for public installations and community events for our front window. Our mission is to enable a perpetual dialogue between the viewers and artists. Additionally, Eyelevel has a satellite exhibition space in Mexico city, Antena Estudio.

Members:

Affiliate Members of the WGA

Projects Include:

Room at the Brooklyn Artillery. Malcolm Stuart "Pattern People", Andrew Robinson's "Crime Drama" and Tom Smith's "Double Vision"

"Work available to the viewer at all times."

FARIMANI

www.farimani.info

Founded in 2009 by Amir Mogharabi

A book searching for itself over the course of eleven chapters, eleven building blocks in the construction of a broken obelisk.

Members:

Amir Mogharabi, Michael Capio, Sonia Stagg, Soma Wingelaar, Samara Davis, Emily Bellingham and Brian Clifton

Projects Include:

CHANEL

Recently collaborated with Hans Ulrich Obrist, Adrian Piper, Stephen Willats, Slavoj Zizek, Olafur Eliasson, Elizabeth Grosz, Sophie Calle, Vito Acconci and Joelle Leandre.

Forté

www.magazineforte.com

Founded in April 2009 by Jackie Carpenter, Catherine Czacki and Georgia Sagri

Forté has the same format as a traditional magazine: reportage/travel/recipes/reviews/etc., though without visual images and with oral instead of written text. We believe that Forté exists for those who expect something more from a magazine. An experience that brings together a variety of voices, locations and different states of recording to reveal the style of every topic as well as each contributor's character.

Members:

Contributors: Sarah Dziedzic, Sreshta Rit Premnath, Arlen Austin, Christine Rath Selhi, Tyler Coburn, Douglas Boatwright, Cara Benedetto, Sissy Doutsiou, Jeffrey Perkins, Josef Strau, Jennifer Piejko, Amy Owen and Elizabeth Hirsch

Additional Assistance: Justin Luke and Andrea Lopez

Editors: Jacqueline Carpenter, Catherine Czacki, Georgia Sagri Website and Audio Editing by Lev Kalman, Deep Vision Media

Projects Include:

First Issue launched September 30, 2009

Recently collaborated with Sarah Dziedzic, Sreshta Rit Premnath, Arlen Austin, Christine Rath Selhi, Tyler Coburn, Douglas Boatwright, Cara Benedetto, Sissy Doutsiou, Jeffrey Perkins, Josef Strau, Jennifer Piejko, Amy Owen and Elizabeth Hirsch, Justin Luke, Andrea Lopez and Lev Kalman.

"DEAR YOU THAT YOU LISTEN WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE WE CAN HEAR YOU"

HKJB

www.hkjb.org

Founded on April 7, 2009 by Benjamin King and Jay Henderson

HKJB is an artist driven organization co-founded by Benjamin King and Jay Henderson in 2009. HKJB is interested in inviting a cross-generational group of artists together into short exhibitions where the larger contexts that surround their work can be investigated. HKJB's goal is to facilitate projects for both artists and curators that create new art contexts or shift the focus of existing ones.

Members:

Benjamin King and Jay Henderson

Projects Include:

Bad Graphic Design (July 17-24, 2009) featuring the work of Beattie and Davidson, Halsey Hathaway, Jay Henderson, Gareth Long, Janna Luttrell, Frank Magnotta, Patrick Meagher, Monique Prieto, Jeffrey Tranchell and Yadir Quintana.

Recently collaborated with Drew Beattie, Judith Braun, Chong Chu, Michael Dopp, Stacey Greci, Halsey Hathaway, Jay Henderson, Elizabeth Hirsch, Benjamin King, Shawn Kuruneru, Osamu Kobayashi, Denise Kupferschmidt, Jim Lee, Rachel Lieber, Gareth Long, Janna Luttrell, Frank Magnotta, Chris Martin, Patrick Meagher, Craig Olson, Monique Prieto, Jeffrey Tranchell, Yadir Quintana, Stephen Westfall and Wendy White.

K. Mustermann

Founded in 2009 by K. Mustermann

Because discriminating people want to have fun everyday, K. Mustermann will continue to offer something for everyone with fun always in mind.

Members:

Herman Mirman, honorary (1909-1992)

Projects Include:

Translation Series: 01. Catalogue illustré de l'exposition des arts incohérents (in progress)

Essay Series: 01. The Politics of Paul Thek's Late Painting and the Maturation of the Durrscourse. (in progress)

Publication Projects: The Cumming Erection: the New Dionysian Art of the Durrscourse (unrealized)

Audio Projects: The Creative Act (2009)

Herman Mirman - a retrospective with accompanying catalogue raisonné (unrealized)

Recently collaborated with Apartment Show (New York), Cleopatras (New York), Komplot (Brussels, pending), Provence (Frankfurt), Showroom (Basel) and Triple Canopy (New York).

"Tschüß!"

KCLOG

kclogblog.blogspot.com

Founded on September 6, 2008 by Kris Chatterson

KCLOG is a visual journal covering shows and artist run spaces in New York City and Los Angeles.

Members:

The most active members are Kris Chatterson and Vince Contarino.

Projects Include:

Featuring artists and artist run initiatives in NYC and LA.

Recently collaborated with Rachel Hayes (NYC), Meridith Pingree (NYC), Franklin Evans (NYC), Pamela Jordan (LA), Jay Lizo (LA) and Mary Addison Hackett (LA).

"KCLOG's (pronounced clog) agenda is to look beyond the gloss and find the communities that keep art and artists at the forefront. Starting as a simple journal, KCLOG has turned into a supportive network of artists working in NYC, LA and points in between."

Kunstverein NY

www.kunstverein.us

Founded in 2009 by Sarina Basta and Michael Portnoy

By the invitation of Krist Gruijthuijsen and Maxine Kopsa, founders of Kunstverein based in Amsterdam, the New York chapter joins a new network of sister-organizations (Amsterdam, Istanbul and Milan), starting an open dialogue with artists, curators, writers and theorists working world-wide.

Kunstverein NY is a curatorial office and an international platform for exhibitions, discussions and the circulation of ideas.

Members:

In development

The Metric System

www.themetricsystem.org

Founded in Summer 2008 by Andrew Gori, Dumaine Williams and Ambre Kelly

In the effort to promote thoughtful amateurism and cultural evolution, the Metric System encourages cross-disciplinary collaborations between artists, thinkers, scientists and social activists. Reaffirmation of the necessity for live community events, intelligently mixing professionals with enthusiasts, and pulling off the ridiculous in the name of personal expression + bird flipping towards typical life-hurdles are all signature gang signs of the group.

Members:

Jesse Allen, Stephanie Bauman, Matt Casuccio, Adam Christopher, Lisa Clair, Jesse Cutaia, Joe Dillingham, Ezer Lichenstein, Molly McKinley, Ryan Muller, Jean Pesce, Hanlon Smith-Dorsey, Corey Sullivan, Mickey Sumner, Bjorn Quenemoen, Bettina Wilhelm, other people, you

Projects Include:

NAIVETE volumes I & II - artist salons incorporating a fusion of visual and audible work by members within & without The Metric System.

Recently collaborated with Revel Woodard, Reka Reisinger, Gabriel Garcia-Colombo, Ryan Muller, Tyler Drosdek, Nate Green, Silvershed and Flux Factory.

NORTE MAAR

www.nortemaar.org

Founded in 2004 by Jason Andrew and Julia K. Gleich

Norte Maar encourages and supports innovative and educational projects in the arts, offering unique exhibitions and unusual performances. Norte Maar aims to be a leader in building collaborative partnerships between artists and other organizations whereby uniting cultural forces to foster artistic expression and raising the imaginative energy in us all.

Members:

None (our organization does not have members)

Projects Include:

<http://www.nortemaar.org/08thepelcianrevised.html>

Recently collaborated with Bushwickbk.com, Bushwick Starr, Arts in Bushwick, UBS Art Gallery, Estate of Jack Tworkov, Bushwick Impact and Rouses Point Historical Society.

"Norte Maar: encouraging, promoting and supporting collaborations in the arts."

Peru Ana Ana Peru

peruanaanaperu.com

Founded in 2006 by peru and ana

invisible ubiquity

Members:

peru and ana

Projects Include:

A large scale advertisement take over of NYC illegal operated street level billboards, which included the painting over of 20,000 sq. feet of illegal ad space, and the replacing of these ads with artwork by over 50 artists.

"Sell more art, eat more tacos."

said

www.saidprojects.com

Founded in August 2009 by Caroline Pham, Kerry Hassler and Nyna Mezan

Presenting the differences that unify all people.

Members:

Caroline Pham, Kerry Hassler and Nyna Mezan

Second Floor

www.second-floor.info

Founded on May 2, 2009 by Kathryn Garcia and Sarvia Jasso

To provide a space and platform, outside of the gallery system, for artists to exhibit, perform, convene and discuss their work.

Members:

Various

Projects Include:

SWF Seeks Same (upcoming) an exhibition based loosely on the film *Single White Female* (1992) that explores the idea of obsession, identity and the double.

Recently collaborated with Vanessa Albury, Cara Benedetto, Catherine Czacki, Jamie Diamond, Kathryn Garcia, Melissa Greenberg, Nadja Verena Marcin, Natalie Rodgers, Georgia Sagri, Dena Yago, Theo Adams, Arlen Austin, Andres Bedoya, Michael Bilsborough, Brendan Carney, Azul Ceballos, Tara DeLong, Chloe Dzubilo, Juan Pablo Echeverri, Danielle Levitt, Richard Lidinsky, Megan Lindeman, Lovett/Codagnone, Quinn Luke, Hector Madera Gonzalez, Elizabeth Neel, Marc Robinson, Julika Rudelius, Dean Sameshima and Michael Sharkey.

"In part fueled by the economic crisis, we want to challenge the 'white cube' mentality, plus challenge artists to work outside of the 'normal' exhibiting structure, i.e., works made specifically for a domestic setting, works that engage the space both conceptually and thematically."

Silvershed

www.thesilvershed.org

Founded in June 2008 by Patrick Meagher, Yunhee Min and Oliver Lanz

Silvershed is an artist-run indoor/outdoor contemporary art space exploring issues of 21st century consciousness through artist-organized exhibitions, moderated talks and screenings.

Members:

Alexis De Chevron Villette, Nili Gilbert, David Guinan, Jeanie Hahn, Georg Krummenacher, Emily Lenz, Marc Maleika, Colin Stewart, Sophie Tusler, Friederike Zenner and Nico Zimmerman

Showing in **ABCyz**: Dawn Blackman, Damaris Drummond, Danielle Freakley and a preview of "The Silvershed Reader" featuring interviews with Peter Halley, Matt Mullican and John McCracken, by Patrick Meagher and Yunhee Min.

Projects Include:

Collaborating on ABCyz.org

Recently collaborated with PR17 (Berlin) and ACP (Los Angeles).

"Silvershed is not-for-profit and is a sponsored project of Fractured Atlas, a non-profit arts service organization."

Smartspace.org

www.smartspace.org

Founded in 2007 by Ellen Scott + Hillary Strong, Franklin Boyd, Brian Strong, Nick Kraly, Tristine Skyler and Ron Shah

To make art accessible to EVERYONE by placing high-quality art in the windows of vacant storefronts.

Members:

The public at large.

Projects Include:

Video art at 160 Columbus Avenue. Tamara Gayer's installation at 266 W. 37th Street. Show & Tells.

Recently collaborated with the Alliance for Downtown New York and curator Stacey Goergen. Show @ 88 Greenwich in late September. Collaboration with open-player www.open-player.com on technology and video content for 160 Columbus Avenue.

"You've never seen a For Rent sign like this!"

Temporary States

www.temporarystates.com

Founded in August 2009 by Ella Levitt and Rebecca Pristoop

Temporary States is a contemporary art initiative devoted to revealing hidden potentials as curators, artists and viewers. Our creative practice is to push boundaries in society through challenging exhibition content and by questioning what constitutes an exhibition itself. Among our endeavors is to facilitate meaningful encounters in limbo spaces. We unabashedly play with sustainable financial models between traditional, non-profit institutions and bottom-line, profit driven galleries. The prospect of transcending these stagnant, social structures is exhilarating.

"Our projects are conceptual and are still in progress."

"We resist the need to delimit a fixed stable of artists and strive to maintain a dynamic and evolving network."

Tompkins Projects

www.tompkinsprojects.com

Founded in September 2009 by Milton Stevenson and Jeanne Jo

Tompkins Projects is an artist-run contemporary art gallery showcasing compelling work by emerging and mid-career artists. It is located in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York.

Members:

n/a

Recently collaborated with Anthony Baab, Laura Braciale, John Fasano, Joshua Abrams Howard and Ziad Naccache.

the Underground Library

www.theundergroundlibrary.com

Founded on May 8, 2009 by Andrew Gori and Ambre Kelly

the Underground Library is a book-making and distributing community project curating and circulating non-established words, films, art and music, mysteriously. Books published have a unique HEIRLOOM style of distribution. Books are given out to Members, who are asked to SIGN their name and PASS the book to someone who they think will like it. In addition to this method of circulation, a limited edition of KEEPSAKE books can be obtained depending on level of membership or simply by purchase.

Members:

The world

Projects Include:

The Gotham Carnival, is currently circulating across the globe. And, so far, one book has made its way back home after a long journey. The next limited edition, Forever, Michael, will be released on October 30th at the official launch event.

Recently collaborated with Hit Factorie, The Metric System and Kickstarter.

Memberships can be obtained at
www.fracturedatlas.org/site/contribute/donate/2696
ALL ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Membership details can be found at...
www.theundergroundlibrary.org

Under Minerva

www.underminerva.com

Founded in October 2008 by Tony Orrico and Chris Achong

Under Minerva is an art gallery and event space just south of Park Slope, Brooklyn, the first of it's kind in the neighborhood. In the basement is shared studio space. Exposure in the gallery is included for resident artists.

Members:

Jake Nelson, Vanessa Juriga, Nicole Concepcion, Mathanki Kalapathy, Matt Harvill, Georgie Porgie and Ben Angotti

Projects Include:

"Tough to pick just one... We had an event where a couple bands played and Jake painted live."

Recently collaborated with Jungle installation of light and sound by Melissa Diaz, collaborations with Danny Coeyman and Isaac Royffe (Video)

Musical Performances by: Zachary Moldof, Eleven and the Falcons and DJ La guerra.

"This is Brooklyn."

Vector Productions Inc.

www.vector.bz

Founded in June 2007 by Peter Gregorio

Vector Journal is an annual publication, which compiles a collection of written works by artists for print and online for download.

Members:

Peter Gregorio, Valerie Garlick, Paul Selesko and Antonino D'Ambrosio

Projects Include:

Vector Journal

Recently collaborated with David Ambrose, Siah Armajani, Kenseth Armstead, Perry Bard, Erica Baum, Wolfgang Betke, Brenna Board, Robert Buck, Sarah Chacich, Damien Crisp, Hilda Daniel, Leo De Goede, Jen DeNike, Cheryl Donegan, Mike Egan, Valerie Garlick, LuisGispert, Hadassa Goldvicht, Moo Kwon Han, Suzanne Joelson, Alisha Kerlin, Branden Koch, Tamara Kostianovsky, Stuart Krimko, Jane LeCroy, Jason Bailer Losh, Drew Lowenstein, Britta Lumer, Stephen Maine, Greg Martin, Justin Mata, Bertold Mathes, Bjarne Melgaard, Klaus Merkel, Kristina Newman-Scott, Lars Norgard, Pierre Obando, Lucio Pozzi, Seth Price, Ted Riederer, David Row, Austin Shull, Thury Sigurthorsdottir & Thor Sigurthorsson, Gary Stephan, Ryan Sullivan, Solange Umutoni, Ricardo Valentim and Aaron Williams.

WET ROPES

www.bustersmagazine.com

Founded in 2007 by J. Patrick Walsh 3 and John P. DiCosmo

SHARE THE SICKNESS

Members:

J. Patrick Walsh 3 and John P. DiCosmo

Projects Include:

Dennison Hill Residency Upstate NY, Sound Performance and In the Circle of Peacefull

Recently collaborated with Cleopatra's, BHQF, Siebren Versteeg and West Nile.

"I want to share with you."

Whitney Does Chelsea: The Royal Show (formerly Whitney's Bi)

whitneysbiennial1981.blogspot.com

Founded one snowy night in January 2009 by Martha Mysko, MaryKate Maher, Elise Rasmussen and Davida Nemeroff

D.I.Y. Biennial

Members:

Shawn Kuruneru, Samara Golden, Per Billgren, Mira Dancy, Michael Berryhill, Leidy Churchman, Paul Heyer, Anna Rosen, Roe Ethridge, Fia Backström, Austin Schull, Carrie Schneider, Chelsea Knight, Christine Kim, Jacob Shamberg, Douglas Boatwright, Jesse Harris, Joey Whiteley, Joshua von Brown, Julia Kennedy, Kara Walker, Kelli Thompson, Kotama Bouabane, Oliver Jones, Mauricio Salgado, Peter Harkawik, Roshani Thakore, Tony Romano, Tuomas Korpijaakko, Valerie Piraino and Victoria Cheong

Projects Include:

Whitney's Biennial was a D.I.Y. Biennial held in Greenpoint, Brooklyn over the course of one weekend in late August 2009. With 38 artists participating, the show was one piece.

Whitney's Biennial was an interdisciplinary group exhibition that re-envisions the ubiquitous Biennial formula by personalizing the institution, pairing it down to one single person. Whitney is the proverbial every artist, the flesh-and-bone actor laboring under the shadows of giants.

Recently collaborated with Whitney's Bi collaborated with c.r.e.a.m. projects who provided an awesome space for the show.

In addition, Whitney's Bi considers herself to have collaborated with all its members. (see members)

"I Survived Whitney's Bi"

Why and Wherefore

www.whyandwherefore.com

Founded in 2007 by Summer Guthery, Lumi Tan and Nicholas Weist

W+WF intends to investigate current curatorial practices and provide a forum for experimentation for ourselves, artists and guest curators.

Members:

n/a

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