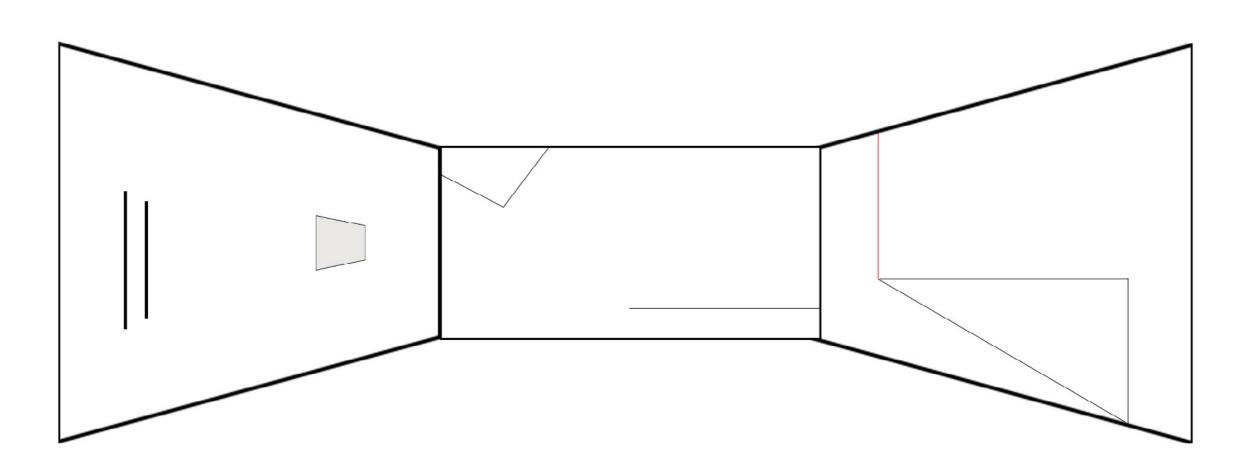




Peter Downsbrough

Born 1940 in New Brunswick, USA. Lives in Bruxelles, Belgium.



The basic language and vocabulary that are inherent in Peter Downsbrough's works, can be overlaid on all kinds of different contexts, adapted and integrated into the changing environment. So the work grows, goes from A to B, from when it was made until it dies, when it falls apart or is taken down.

If it goes three times the distance, that is fine too; It's like the city with its constant growing pains.

When you're younger you think that things are just the way they are. And then you find out that it's not like that. It's growing, it's organic, it just keeps changing in various ways. So you rethink, reframe, interact, and put poetry in motion.

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Peter Downsbrough

Three Walls - One Booth Provisional project visualization Feature Sector - Art Basel 2023



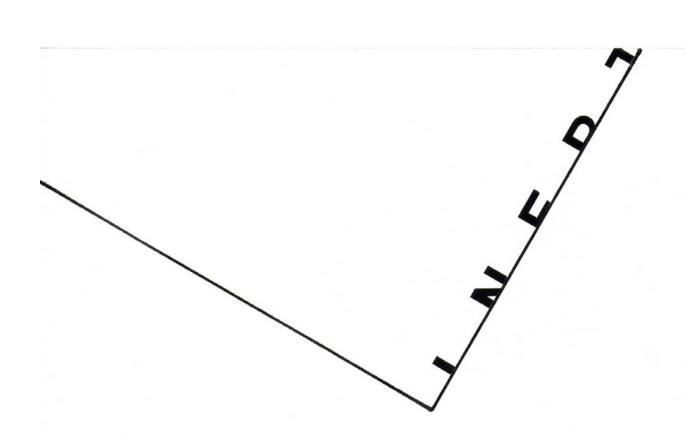
Tape

He uses tape to delimit a portion of space. It isn't about the object or the material, it is an act of reframing a space with minimal vocabulary.

"More than changing the space, it is interacting with the space," he says. "The space is a given. Somebody organised and designed it, and then I have the opportunity to put something into that space and enter into a dialogue with it, and ultimately with the people that use the space. People seeing or not seeing. People have the choice. It's about interacting with the space with the least intrusion.

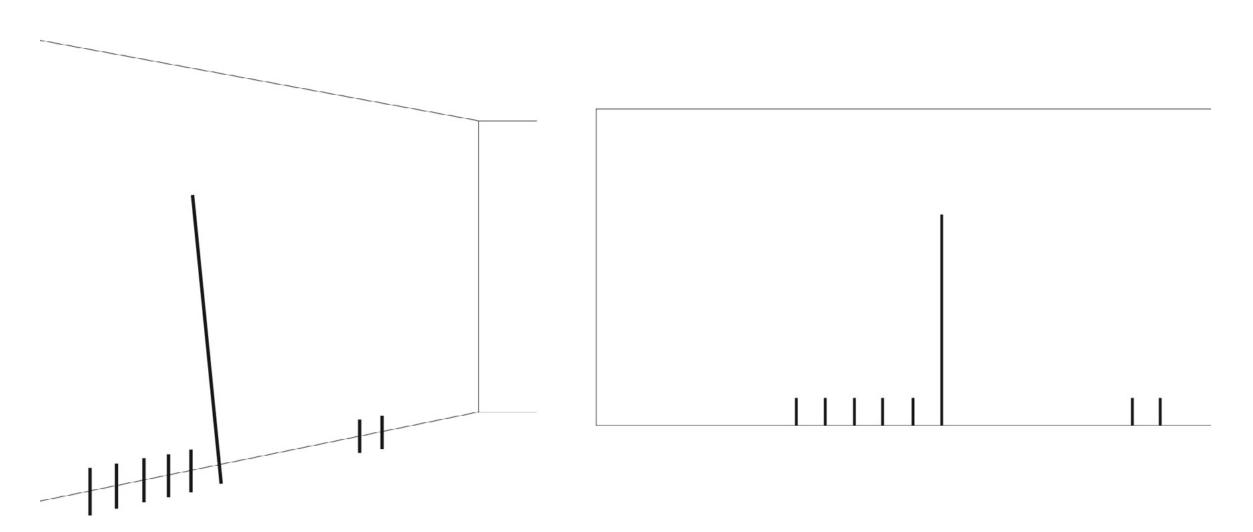
Peter Downsbrough

INERT/INERTIA
Wall piece (center Wall), 1988/2023
Tesa 4651 black 19 mm tape, adhesive letters on a wall.
Letters 20 cm high, cut horizontally
Dimensions variable (wall size)
Provisional project visualization
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Pipes



The Pipes, which are dating back to the 1970s, are the idea of a sculpture redacted down to the question of vertical lines, a simple gesture, that doesn't define, but de-marks and delineates the space. Part of the force of those pieces was only noticeable when you took them down. Suddenly it wasn't there anymore. It sat so well in the space, that taking it out, created a slight turbulence.

Peter Downsbrough

Three Walls - One Booth (left wall), 1980/2023 aluminium pipes, matte black acrylic Provisional project visualization Feature Sector - Art Basel 2023



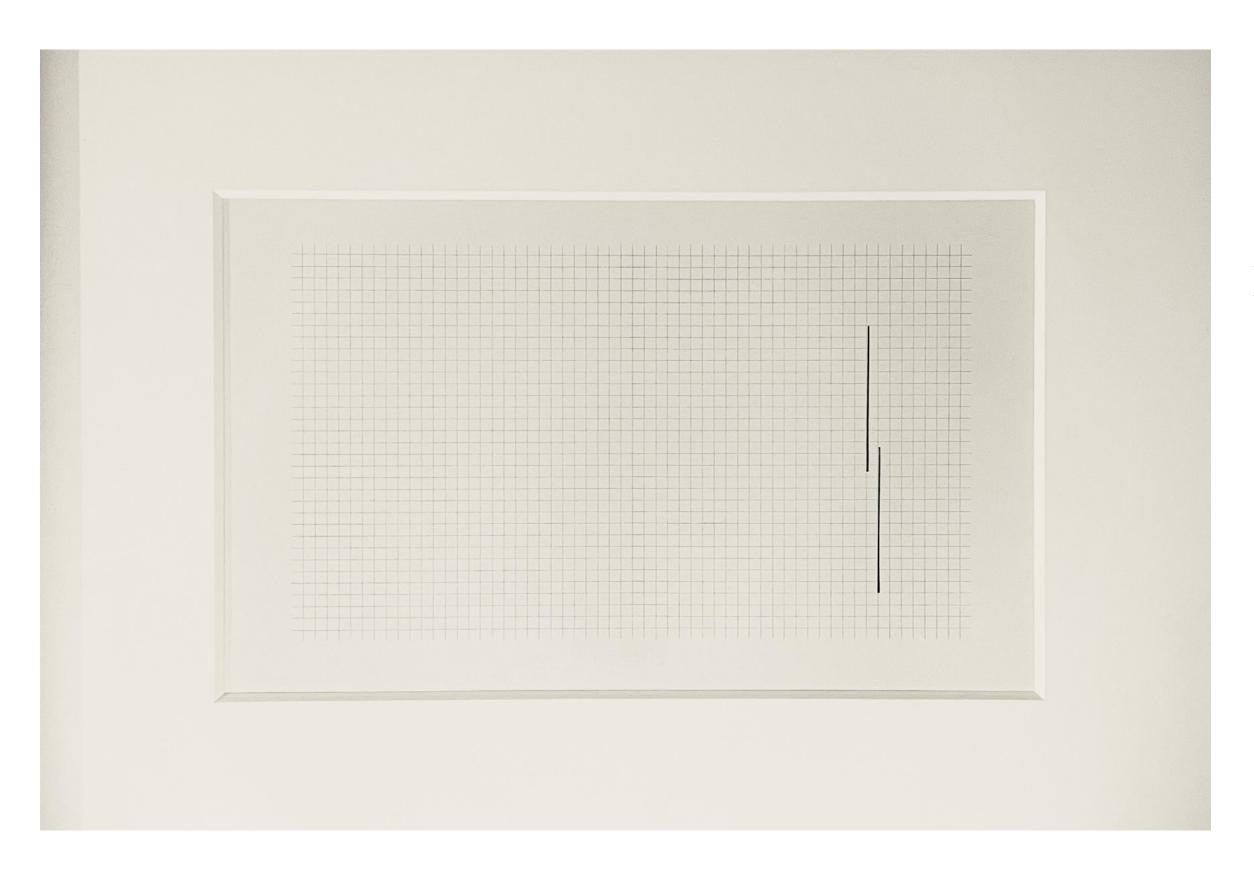
Words

The normal context of a word is a sentence. That is what defines words and makes clear what subtle meaning or implication is intended. By taking them out of their context, and only using one or two of them, you leave their meaning open-ended. So people have to put it into their own context; recontextualise it.

Peter Downsbrough

OR
Wall piece, 1986
Tesa 4651 19mm tape (black, red) and adhesive letters
Letters 4,5 cm high
Dimensions variable (wall size)





Drawing

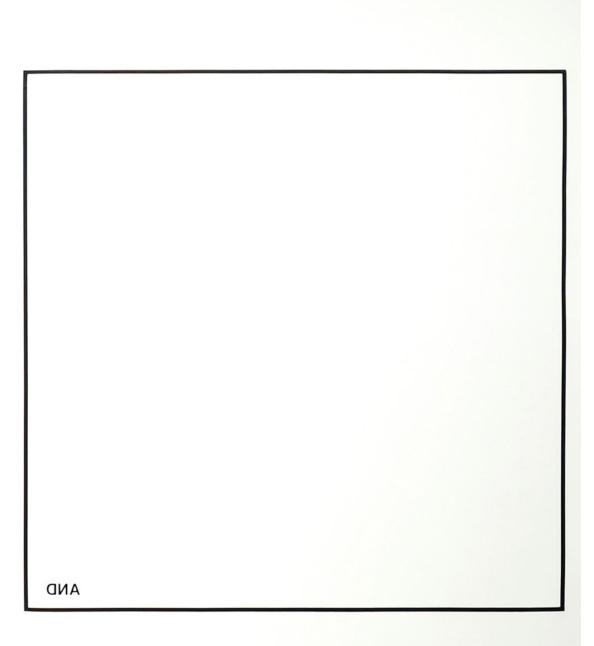
I had done Two Lines on paper . . . which allowed the concept to continue and fill out a bit, become a little fuller with meanings and able to move into more spheres. Working on sketches I decided to work only with two elements. I kept two elements because it was not a unit, nor a composition. I continued this work until 1977-78. During five or six years, I was doing nothing else.

Peter Downsbrough

Two Lines, 1973-1974 Rubber stamp on printed graph on paper cm. 21,6 x 35,5







Meticulously indexed, Peter Downsbrough's artistic body of work is so extensive as to seem almost diffuse. In terms of form, the work of Downsbrough is highly rigorous and exhibits a powerful geometric sense, restricting itself primarily to the use of line, plane, negative space (cutting away), and delimitation.

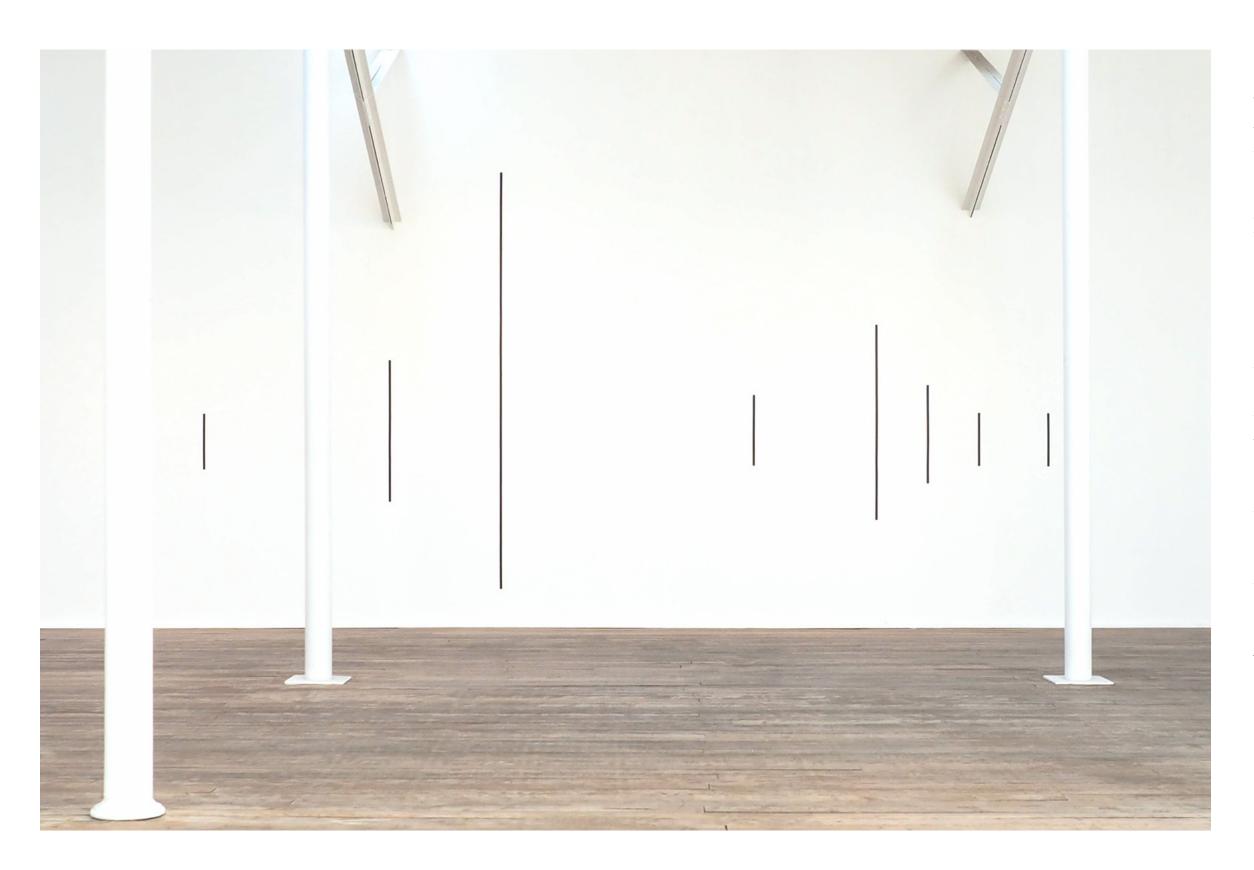
In addition to his spatial manipulations, the artist also has a keen interest in place, as is evidenced in his cartographical works and city photographs, maps, sculptures, sound works, scale models, videos, typographic design... And yet, his is one of those extremely cohesive oeuvres – a mosaic of techniques and strategies perfected over decades as a means of exploring a relatively small set of ideas, which recur in each of those formats.

"In reality, it's all about space." Urban space, and the subtle interventions of its architectural elements, which Downsbrough carries out by applying imaginary frames, boundaries, and cuts that force us to rethink the everyday in terms of inside-outside, visible-invisible, symmetrical-asymmetrical, and before-after.

Peter Downsbrough

Four Walls & One Room (AND/), 2021 Tesa 4651 black 19 mm tape, acrylics, adhesive letter on wall. Specifically conceived for LOOM gallery





Peter Downsbrough's installations define a space: a possible location where the work could be placed or imagined. In fact, Downsbrough's work is rooted in these very indicators of position: the reference to the space is the artwork, or rather the artwork is the space, in a reversal of perception. Like other conceptual artists of his time who did not make actual works, preferring simply to describe them, Downsbrough indicates the position they could occupy; he offers suggestions and forces us to choose: This or that? Here or there? As, And, Then.. as we read in some of his texts, which always employ the same clean, linear font. It is up to us to understand, if we choose: for that matter, in order to grasp the world around us, we must know where we ourselves are situated.

Peter Downsbrough's works are embodied in three-dimensional space, on a two-dimensional surface or in the form of books, films, sound recordings... They unfold in relation to architecture, linguistics and philosophy. This is an open body of work, unbounded by the medium, site and techniques involved, one that invites us to appropriate it.

Peter Downsbrough

Four Walls & One Room (Pipes), 2021 Aluminium bar, acrylic, adehesive letter on a wall Specifically conceived for LOOM gallery





The project specifically conceived for the Art Basel application, offers a reflection on the importance of the position taken: that of sculpture within its context, that of the viewer vis-àvis the work, that of the artist within the world that surrounds.

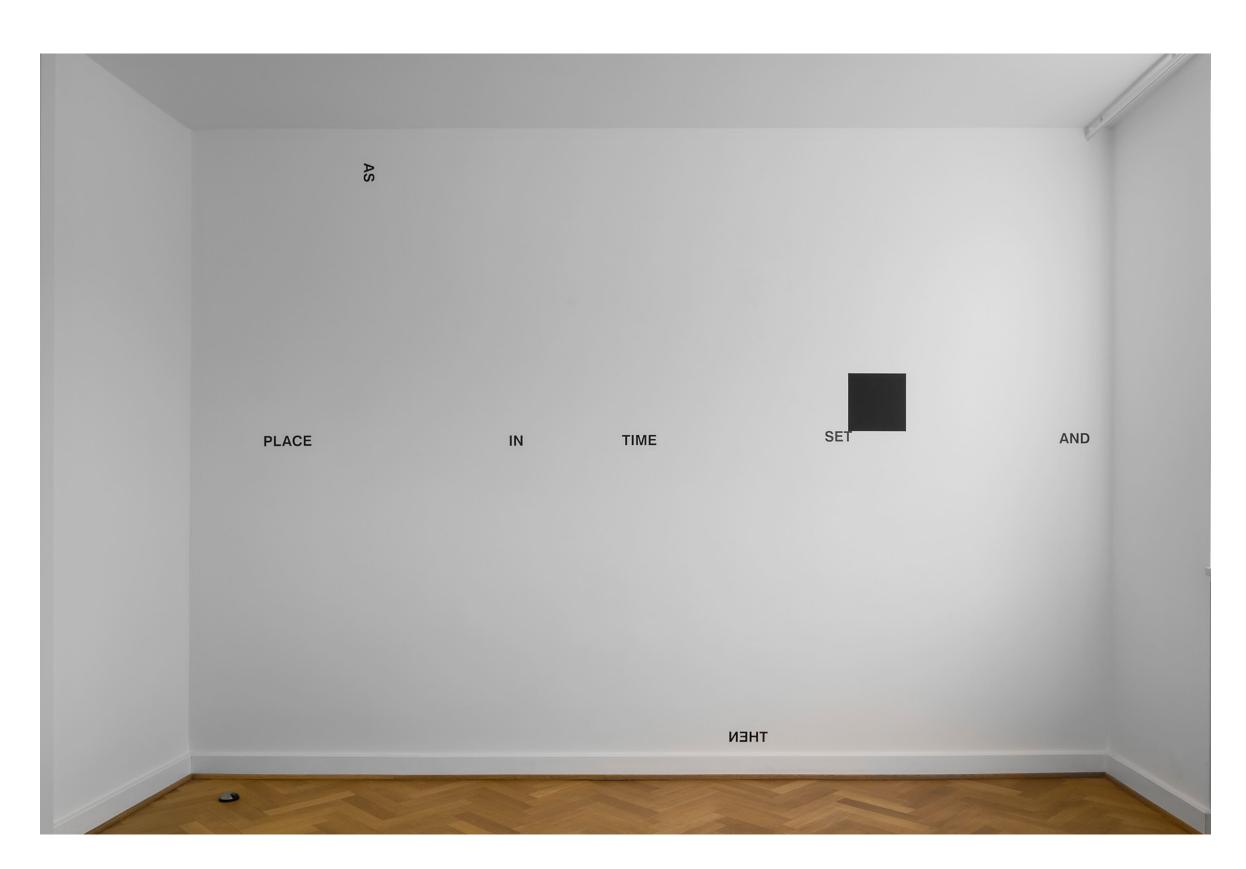
Within these complex but simply structures the position of each element plays a decisive role, and this goes for language as well as architecture. The lines and the words used to mark or underline the architecture, the passage thus offer an opening onto the environment, an opening towards interpretation.

Conjunctions articulate relationships that leave everybody free to decide their terms. We are invited to shift our gaze in a different way to read the place, the context and the work in a different way.

Peter Downsbrough

Two Poles (Segrate, Milano), 1974 Published in: Two Pipes, Two Lines Studio International, London (GB) Volume 188, Number 971, November 1974, pp.177-180





Peter Downsbrough began his career in New York in the early 1960s, and in the years since, his Notes on Location have gone down in art history.

After several years of work and exploring on materials, including cardboard, wood, steel, lead and neon tubing, Peter Downsbrough (1940, New Brunswick, NJ) began his research in 1970 with Two Pipes, Two Lines, Two Poles, summarised in his first artist book Notes on Location (1972).

A few years later, he also started taking photographs from different angles and distances of "cuts" that already existed in the urban landscape.

The first audio work, FROM, was released as vinyl in 1982, and a series of works made with dice date back to the late 1970s. Some of the photographs were first used in books, some appeared in magazines, but it wasn't until 1980 that they showed up in exhibitions.

Peter Downsbrough

AS, PLACE ..., 2015
Tape, acrylic, adhesive letters on a wall
Exhibition Mies van der Rohe Haus Berlin, 2015
Photograph Reiner Hausleitner
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New York





From 1977 on, Downsbrough realised several videos as well as audiotapes. A record was made in 1978 and released in 1982. Looking to expand the vocabulary, he developed a series of works using dice.

In 1980, on the Spectacolor Board on Times Square, New York, he realised a piece, a 30 second spot shown once every hour for four days, and documented it in a short film, "7 come 11".

Around 1980, he also started using regular postcards, initially by applying two lines, later to be followed by the use of words. The work with maquette as a means of exploring space and structure started around 1983.

The first commissioned public work was a wall piece realised in Rennes, France, 1990. The film "Occupied" was produced in 2000, ten years after it was conceived.

A public work, AND/MAAR, OP – AND/POUR,ET, commissioned by the City of Brussels, is situated on the Emile Jacqmainlaan since June 2003. Today, all these disciplines occupy the field of his activities.

Peter Downsbrough

With ET/C, Peter Downsbrough suggests a journey traveling through different cities. He reveals how important the urban matter is and how its perception is increased by frequency of traveling.



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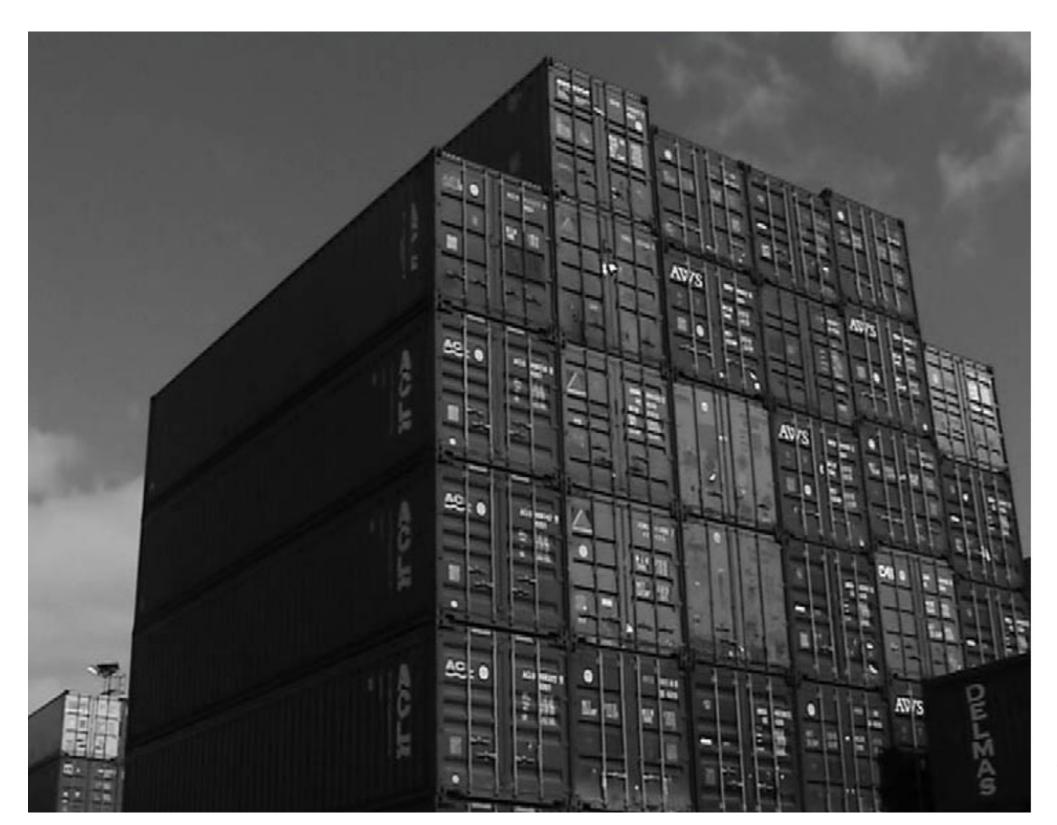
The collaborations between PD and LOOM began in 2018: since then had been produced a solo exhibition (Four Walls - One Room, 2021), which led to the publication of a limited edition of four postcards, relating to the exhibition; a publication of a hand printed limited edition pamphlet, with the original text by Franco Toselli (the first Italian art dealer th show PD's works in Italy) and a original, signed limited edition poster, printed in collaboration with the Italian based international publishing house Tonini Editore.

Loom Gallery opened in Milan in 2015 with a special focus on young and emerging artists. Following the opening of its program and its participation in fairs such as Miart and Artissima, the gallery expanded its scope to work with mid-career and established artists solo shows, such as David Horvitz, Jonathan Monk, Ignacio Uriarte, and Francisco Ugarte. Since 2018, Loom added historic artist estates to its roster, including those of Enrico Castellani, Endre Tót, Willy de Sauter, Paul Gees, Annamaria Gelmi and Peter Downsbrough, focusing its research on Minimalism and Conceptual Art.

Peter Downsbrough

LOOM poster, 2022 inkjet on paper cm. 70 x 50 Ed. of 10 - signed





Collections

MoMA, The Museum of Modern Art, New York City, N.Y. Centre national d'Art et de Culture Georges Pompidou, Paris MACBA, Museu d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona S.M.A.K., Stedelijk Museum voor Aktuele Kunst, Gent The Norman Fisher Collection, MOCA, Jacksonville, FL. The New York Public Library, New York City, N.Y. The Getty Research Institute Research Library, CA. Musée d'Art Contemporain, Lyon Musée des Beaux-Arts, Dijon Musée International de la Parfumerie, Grasse, Musée de Toulon LaM Musée d'art contemporain, Villeneuve d'Ascq Le Consortium, Centre d'Art, Dijon Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Paris FRAC Bourgogne, Dijon FRAC Bretagne, Châteaugiron FRAC Centre, Orléans FRAC Lorraine, Metz FRAC Nord-Pas de Calais, Dunkerque FRAC Rhône-Alpes, Villeurbanne Mamco, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva Fonds Municipal d'Art Contemporain, Genève Koninklijke Musea voor Schone Kunsten, Brussels Musée de la Photographie, Charleroi MAC'S, Musée des Arts Contemporains, Hornu Ministerie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap, Brussels Communauté Française de Belgique, Bruxelles Province de Hainaut, La Louvière MuZee, Museum aan Zee, Oostende CGAC, Centro Galego de Arte Contemporanea, Santiago MUSAC, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Castilla y Leon: Musée d'Ixelles, Brussels Collectie Stad Antwerpen, Middelheimmuseum - Vlaamse Gemeenschap



Peter Downsbrough Selected Solo Exhibitions

2022

Two Pipes 1970-2022, Cologne, Skulpturenpark Köln, Kunst-Station St. Peter, Schlosspark Stammheim, Cologne, Germany

2021

Four Walls - One Room, LOOM gallery, Milan, Italy Peter Downsbrough, Kunstraum Lakeside, Klagenfurt, Austria

Peter Downsbrough, Facade de L'Ecole Nouvelle, St Gilles, Brussels, Belgium

2019

OVERLAP/S, Le Botanique, Brussels, Belgium

2018

Peter Downsbrough / John Cornu, Attic, Brussels, Belgium Association interface, Dijon, France

2017

ETE 78, Brussels, Belgium

2015

Peter Downsbrough. Centre de Livres d'Artiste, Saint-Yrieixla-Perche, France

Another Space. Kunstbibliothek, Staatlie Museen zu Berlin, Germany

UND, Mies van der Rohe Haus, Berlin, Germany TIME, Kunstsaele, Berlin, Germany FILMS 2003 – 2012, LG London, London, UK Photographs, Àngles Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

2014

Peter Downsbrough, Musée régional d'art contemporain Languedoc-Roussillon à Sérignan, Sérignan, France

2013

Peter Downsbrough: The Book(s) 1968-2013 / curated by Moritz Küng, Fabra i Coats, Centre d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Spain

The PS1 - Special Project (1980) And Other Works, Galerie Thomas Zander, Cologne, Germany 2012

Peter Downsbrough, Laure Genillard, London, UK

201

Peter Downsbrough, Galerie Thomas Zander, Cologne, Germany

Platform3, Munich, Germany

Y8, Hamburg, Germany (curated by Marc Glöde)

The Book(s), deSingel, international arts campus, Antwerp, Belgium (curated by Moritz Küng)

Centre Culturel Jacques Franck, St.Gilles, Brussels, Belgium

2010

Pôle édition, École nationale supérieure d'art, Dijon, France La BF15, Espace d'art contemporain, Lyon, France Galerie Martine Aboucaya, Paris, France

2009

Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts, USA Galerie Thermal, École nationale supérieure d'art, Nancy, France

La Verrière Hermès, Brussels, Belgium

Five Films and Two Books, Galerie Erna Hécey, Brussels, Belgium

Galerie Ho, Histoire de l'oeil, Marseille, France Figge von Rosen Galerie, Cologne, Germany

The Published Books, Specific Object, New York, USA Le Cabinet du livre d'artiste, Université Rennes, Rennes, France

2 Peter Downsbrough / Artists and Photographs, Musée de Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

2008

Showcase Alfred Vandaele, Drongen, Belgium Dead Center / Marginal Notes, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, USA (with Jeanne Silverthorne) Galerie Erna Hécey, Brussels, Belgium Àngels, Barcelona, Spain

2007

Galerie de Multiples, Paris, France Centre d'art contemporain la Synagogue de Delme, France Galerie Erna Hécey, Brussels, Belgium

2006

White-Out Studio, Knokke, Belgium Intérieur, Lille, France

SMAK, Stedelijk Museum voor aktuele Kunst, Ghent, Belgium

871 Fine Arts, San Francisco, California, USA

2004

Peter Downsbrough. POSITION, Muzeum Sztuki, Łódz, Poland

Galerie cent8, Paris, France

FRAC—Fonds régional d'art contemporain, Bourgogne, Dijon, France

Films, videos, editions, 1980–2004, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland

2003

Galerie Evelyne Canus, Basel, Switzerland Peter Downsbrough. POSITION, Espace de l'art concret, Mouans-Sartoux, France 2002

Épreuve d'artiste, Lille, France Unrealized Projects, Peter Downsbrough, cent8, Paris, France (with Laurent Parriente) Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels L'Aquarium, École des Beaux-Arts, Valenciennes

2001

La Première Rue, Briey en Fôret, France Manfred Baumgartner Gallery, New York, USA (with Marjorie Welish)

2000

Galerie Martine et Thibault de la Châtre, Paris, France Lycée Européen Montebello, Lille, France Art Connexion, Lille, France Kent Institute of Art and Design, Canterbury, UK École des Beaux-Arts, Nîmes, France 1999

Sint Lukasgalerij, Brussels, Belgium La Criée, Rennes, France (with Cécile Bart) Stéphane Ackermann Contemporary Art, Luxembourg Vitrines du hall, École des Beaux-Arts, Valenciennes Modèles 1983–1998, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland

1998

Maison Levanneur, Centre national de l'estampe et de l'art imprimé, Chatou, France Espace d'art contemporain Agi Schöningh, Demigny, France La Box, École nationale des Beaux-Arts, Bourges, France Galerij Annie Gentils, Antwerp, Belgium Kunstverein Grafschaft Bentheim, Neuenhaus, Germany

1997

Angle art contemporain, Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux, France Galerie Walzinger, Saarlouis, Germany Galerie Martine et Thibault de la Châtre, Paris, France Dehors-Dedans, EPSM Lille, France Métropole Centre régional de la photographie, Douchy-les-Mines. France

996

Densities, Galerij S65, Aalst, Belgium (in collaboration with Christian Kieckens) Pavillon de Bercy, Paris, France École des Beaux-Arts, Nîmes, France

1995

École des Beaux-Arts, Quimper, France Galerie Lydie Rekow, Crest, France École des Beaux-Arts, Valence, France Galerie Épreuve d'artiste, Lille, France Galerie Rupert Walser, Munich, Germany One Five, Brussels, Belgium

1994

Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, Poland



1994

Multiples, Les Entrepôts Laydet, Paris, France Book Art Museum, Łódź, Poland Tropismes Libraires, Brussels, Belgium Architectural Gallery, Moscow, Russia

1993

Fondation pour l'architecture, Brussels, Belgium Books—Bücher, Neues Museum Weserburg, Bremen, Germany

École nationale des Beaux-Arts, Nancy, France

1992

Galerie Anne de Villepoix, Paris, France L'Usine, Dijon, France Photographs, The Archives, Rotterdam, Netherlands Maquettes, The Archives, Rotterdam, Netherlands

1991

Tilman, Fesler & Coufo, Brussels, Belgium Zeger Reijers Galerie, Rotterdam, Netherlands Galerie Rupert Walser, Munich, Germany Dům Umění Města Brna, Brno, Czechia Open Column, Glyptothek, Munich, Germany

1990

Galerie Sylvana Lorenz, Paris, France Musée de la photographie, Charleroi, Belgium (within the context of the Quatrième Triennale Internationale de la photographie) Livres / Books, Bibliothèque Municipale, Rennes, France Tilman, Fesler & Coufo, Brussels, Belgium Zeger Reijers Galerie, Rotterdam, Netherlands Galerie Vega, Plainevaux, Belgium

1989

Tilman, Fesler & Coufo, Brussels, Belgium Ars Musica Festival, Radiogebouw / Maison de la Radio, Brussels, Belgium Musée Saint Pierre d'art contemporain, Lyon, France Galerie Hoffmann, Friedberg, Germany Complete Bookworks, Archive Space (ASPC), Antwerp, Belgium

1988 Galerie De Lege Ruimte, Bruges, Belgium Julian Pretto Gallery, New York, USA

1987

Galerie Foksal, Warsaw, Poland Galerie Wschodnia, Łódź, Poland Galerie Rupert Walser, Munich, Germany The White Room, White Columns, New York, USA

1986

Le Consortium, Dijon, France (with Robert Barry) PWSSP State School of Fine Arts, Łódź, Poland

1985

Galerie L'A, Liège, Belgium

1983

Au fond de la cour à droite, Chagny, France Maison de la Culture, Nevers Tendance Bis, Limoges Gewad, Ghent, Belgium De Fabriek, Eindhoven, Netherlands

1982

Consultation Point (Network), Łódź, Poland Bureau de la Poésie (Network), Warsaw, Poland Project De Gentenaar / Studio Skoop / Radio Toestel, Ghent, Belgium Gallery A, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1981

Galerie Contretype, Brussels, Belgium Vereniging voor het Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Ghent, Belgium Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt/Main, Germany Galerie Eric Fabre, Paris, France Galerij Kiliaan, Antwerp, Belgium

1980

Librairie Post-Scriptum, Brussels Zona, Florence, Italy

Modern Art Gallerie, Vienna, Austria
Galleria Pellegrino, Bologna, Italy
Le Coin du Miroir, Dijon, France
Agora Foundation, Maastricht, Netherlands
Vitrine, Paris Un travail . . . , 11, rue Clavel, Paris, France
(curated by René Denizot)
PS1 Special Projects, Long Island City, New York, USA
The Dice, Spectacolor Board, Times Square, New York, USA
Gallery A, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1979

Printed Matter, New York, USA 1 University Place, New York, USA

1978

Pool, Fine Arts Center, C. W. Post College, Greenvale, New York, USA

1977

Galerie Maier-Hahn, Düsseldorf, Germany Stedelijk Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, Netherlands Eight Books by Peter Downsbrough, Centre for Experimental Art and Communication, Toronto, Canada Hal Bromm Gallery, New York, USA Franklin Furnace, New York, USA

1976

Salle Simon I. Patiño, Cité Universitaire, Geneva, Switzerland

1975

Wide White Space, Antwerp, Belgium Paleis voor Schone Kunsten / Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, Belgium Project Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA Galerie 32, Paris, France

Elsa von Honolulu Loringhoven, Ghent, Belgium

1974

Galleria Toselli, Milan, Italy Galerie 19, Paris, France Galerie Delta, Brussels, Belgium 1973

Jack Wendler Gallery, London, UK La Salita, Rome , Italy Galerie 8, Paris, France

1972

Windham College, Putney, Vermont, USA

1971

112 Greene Street, New York, USA

1970

Two Pipes, Cornish, New Hampshire, USA

1963

Sun Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts, USA

1961

Area, New York, USA



Francesca Longhini

Pierre-Etienne Morelle

Francesco De Prezzo

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Clemens Behr

Patrick Angus

Andreas Burger

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Francisco Ugarte 26 May - 31 July 2022

Paul Gees

08 April - 08 May 2022

Enrico Castellani

28 October - 31 December 2021

Jonathan Monk

22 September - 08 November 2021

Ignacio Uriarte 09 June - 31 July 2021

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22 September - 08 November 2020

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Annamaria Gelmi

14 November - 22 January 2020

Endre Tót

25 September - 3 November 2019

Paul Gees

16 April - 16 June 2019

Pierre-Etienne morelle 06 March - 7 April 2019

Helmut Newton & Man Ray 10 January - 24 February 2019

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22 June - 30 July 2017

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18 May - 18 June 2017

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Marco Andrea Magni

16 February - 12 March 2017

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05 - 07 november 2021

Miart 2021

16 - 19 September

Artissima 2019

1 - 3 November 2019

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Artissima 2018

2 - 4 November 2018

Miart 2018

12 - 15 April 2018

Artissima 2017

2 - 5 November 2017

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31 March - 2 April 2017

Artissima 2016

3 - 6 November 2016