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## **Prime Matter**

October 16 - December 6, 2014

Opening Reception: Thursday, October 16, 2014 6-9PM

Gallery hours: Tues-Sun 12-8PM

The idea for this show began with the desire to see the range and abundance of approaches that arise from one of the most fundamental modes of art making- basic drawing. We thought it would be illuminating to see how different artists used drawing in their practice. Living in New York we are surrounded by an amazing peer group of artists and we wondered how drawing functioned for them especially since it's oftentimes a part of their process that is not shown. As a way to focus this conversation we applied narrow material parameters:

- All work is A4 (8.5 x 11 inches) or smaller
- All work is black, white or grey-scale
- All work is an original piece on a single sheet of paper

From this simple source comes an extravagant array of approaches from the diaristic to the diagrammatic and spans from elegant and refined finished works to raw gestural explorations.

The notion of Prime Matter as a material that carries within it the potential for any other form originates with Aristotle. This idea is elaborated on by Thomas Aquinas in his explanations of change, and in the alchemical tradition as a raw material that has within it the components for all other forms, including the perfect form. The wild diversity that arises from this fundamental mode of art-making is a corollary to this ancient notion of potentiality of matter.

Zoe Pettijohn Schade and Christopher Schade

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Brooklyn, NY

### **Exhibiting Artists include:**

Michael Alan  
David Ambrose  
Nils Folke Anderson  
Mike Arvan  
Nichole van Beek  
Michael Berryhill  
Gianluca Bianchino  
James Bills  
Jeff Caramagna  
Michael Christy  
Marc Connor  
Vince Contarino  
Alec Dartley  
Peter Dudek  
Raymond Dumas  
Will Duty  
Anna Ehram  
Alyssa Fanning  
Chie Fueki  
Patricia Gaeta  
Nancy Goldring  
Everest Hall

Sue Havens  
Madlen Herrström  
John Hodany  
Michael Holden  
Jackie Hoving  
Grant Huang  
Colin Hunt  
Serban Ionescu  
Charles Irvin  
Erick Johnson  
Josh Jordan  
Clint Jukkala  
Sara Klar  
Philip Knoll  
Jesse Lambert  
Michael Lee  
Carlos Little  
Joshua Marsh  
Norm Paris  
Katherine Patterson  
Gary Petersen

Alexandra Posen  
Noah Post  
Lucy Pullen  
Jon Rappleye  
Laurie Riccadonna  
Enrico Riley  
Gina Ruggeri  
Christopher Saunders  
David Sena  
Christopher Schade  
Zoe Pettijohn Schade  
Edouard Steinhauer  
Sarah Steinwachs  
Dan Sutherland  
Emma Tapley  
Matt Tiernan  
Sarah Walker  
Sandy Winters  
Rachael Wren  
Geoffrey Young