



# KENTLER INTERNATIONAL DRAWING SPACE

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## ***Language Landscape*** Golnar Adili

**September 9 – October 23, 2016**

Opening Reception: Friday, September 9, 6 – 8pm

Artist's Talk: Saturday, October 15, 4pm

Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 12 – 5pm

Kentler International Drawing Space is pleased to present *Language Landscape*, an exhibition of new works on paper by Brooklyn artist Golnar Adili.

Inspired by the preserved letters of Adili's late father, *Language Landscape* probes issues of identity, distance, loss and reclamation. Adili was born in the United States but raised in her parents' native Iran. Her father, an outspoken member of the intelligentsia, was forced to leave the country and his young child amidst political unrest. After more than a decade, the two reunited briefly before his death in 2002. In her great loss, Adili inherited an archive of writings that became a rich resource for artistic pursuit.

In these works, Adili isolates, amplifies and repeats written characters to create new associations. She painstakingly dissects her father's words, identifies variations on a specific letter, and physically rebuilds them in an emotional diagram. Alongside the textual works are renderings of the artist's body, specifically prints of her chest meticulously altered by cuts and layering. This subtle approach to self-excavation is both raw and removed, prompting the viewer to look closely and respond emotionally.

Occupying Kentler's entire ground floor, *Language Landscape* comprises two-dimensional, three-dimensional, and multi-media structural works. The site-specific installation transcends the boundaries of drawing and investigates the role of physical space in feelings of separation and longing.

A brochure with an essay by Jessica Holmes accompanies the exhibition.

Kentler International Drawing Space is located at 353 Van Brunt Street (between Dikeman & Wolcott Streets) in Red Hook, Brooklyn. For more information, contact Executive Director Florence Neal, 718.875.2098 or visit [www.kentlergallery.org](http://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 the community. Kentler's Programs: Exhibitions and Events, The Kentler Flatfiles and K.I.D.S. Art Education. The gallery is open free to the public Thursday - Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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