

My place or yours? Art Palace presents: Sterling Allen: The ABC Project at Optical Project



Part of Sterling Allen's installation of The ABC Project at Volta, 2009

April 25 - May 24, 2009

Opening reception for the artist Saturday, April 25, 6-8 pm

Optical Project

1125 E 11th St., Houston, TX (near the corner of Studewood and 11th in the Heights) ([map](#))
gallery hours: Saturdays 12-5 or by appointment, 713 863-7112

About The ABC Project:

Fresh from its cubicle at the Volta art fair in New York, Art Palace brings Sterling Allen's ABC Project to Optical Project's cubicle in Houston. It's a simple triple-encryption: 26 sculptures encode a creepy-cute alphabet, from which Allen generates a six-painting phrase that reads: "big fjords vex quick waltz nymph," which includes every letter. How Allen gets from here to there is all the fun.

About the artist:

Sterling Allen received his BFA from UT Austin in 2003, and began organizing Austin's enthusiastic art scene. A Co-director of Camp Fig Gallery from 2004-06, he then co-founded and now co-directs Okay Mountain gallery. He has shown at the Austin Museum of Art, the Contemporary Arts Museum and done residencies in Nebraska, New York, and Vermont. Allen recently completed a residency at the Artpace International Artist-In-Residence Program in San Antonio

About Optical Project:

[Optical Project](#) is an art space in the Heights run by Houston artist and writer Bill Davenport.