



Rehearsal Art Book Fair

Sep 15-16, 2023

University Settlement, 184 Eldridge St, New York, NY 10002

Public Hours:

Sep 15 Fri 7-9:30pm

Preview & Opening Event: "Publishing Punchlines: Poos from the Press" Open Mic

Sep 16 Sat 11-7:30pm

Book Fair

Timed Tickets will be available on Aug 20, 2023 at rehearsalartbookfair.org

TO BRING A BOOK FAIR BACK TO BOOKS.

The Debut of Rehearsal Art Book Fair, taking place on Sep 15 and 16, 2023 in New York City, seeks to explore and present the essence of independent art and literary publishing within highly capitalized and/or censored contexts.

Derived from the French word “rehercier”, “rehearsal” means “to practice” or “to repeat, to understand anew.” **We invite independent presses, editions, collectives, and individuals from both local New York and around the world to join this fair. Additionally, a collection of curated Samizdat from mainland China will be exhibited for the very first time.** We appreciate the continuous practices of bookmaking as personal rehearsals and revolutions.

The book fair will happen at the theater space and bathhouse-converted classrooms of **University Settlement (184 Eldridge Street, corner of Eldridge and Rivington Streets, on the Lower East Side of the Manhattan borough of New York City)**, a historic community hub that has been supporting immigrant workers and low-income families since the 19th century. It provides numerous services for the mostly immigrant population of the neighborhood and has since 1886, when it was established as the first settlement house in the United States.

By ‘Rehearsing’ an art book fair, we will organize an **open mic stand-up sharing event “Publishing Punchlines: Poos from the Press”** that brings together publishers, editors, and industry professionals for a night of laughter and storytelling on Sep 15, 2023, at 7PM along with book fair opening. This unique event provides a platform for publishing insiders to share their funniest and craziest anecdotes, mishaps, and encounters from the world of books, editing, and publishing.

Applications are [OPEN](#) through Aug 16, 2023 23:59 ET, the complete list of exhibitors will be announced shortly after Aug 16 at rehearsalartbookfair.org.

Rehearsal Art Book Fair is committed to creating an accessible and safe environment for all visitors, exhibitors, and staff. Each day of the fair will be fully-masked indoors, with timed entry and wheelchair-accessible facilities.

Any inquiries, feel free to contact rehearsalartbookfair@gmail.com

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The fair is co-organized voluntarily by [Bungee Space](#) (a photography, image study- and image criticism-focused art book store based in New York) and [Accent Sisters](#) (a speakeasy literature bookstore and publishing studio based in New Jersey).

Rehearsal Art Book Fair is made possible with the voluntary efforts of the team, who rely on fundraising to produce the fair. Feel free to email us rehearsalartbook@gmail.com if you have any recourse to support by any means, i.e, funding, press, printing service supports, snacks/food/drink supports, volunteers, fundraising editions, etc. Spreading the words to whom could possibly support us is also a huge support!

TEAM

Organizers: Shisi Huang, Bungee Space & Jiaoyang Li, Accent Sisters

Shisi Huang, owner and director of Bungee Space, 1/3 of 3standardstoppage studio. Bungee Space is an image study- and image criticism-focused art book store, which also sells coffee, wearable designs, and works as an artist-run space & publisher. Rooting in where we come from, our ways of working, and means to survive, we simultaneously try to pursue independence and sustainability to provide a valuable space for emerging contributors to our art ecology. Standing beyond conventional definition of a bookstore, we involve, form, and transform community, intervene social, political, and cultural lives, creating chaos.

Jiaoyang Li, co-founder of Accent Society and Accent Sisters Speakeasy Bookstore. Accent Accent is a nomadic literary organization that facilitates synergies across borders, languages, and media. It is a home where accents become the strongest notes. Our mission is to connect writers and creators who identify as Chinese and of Asian heritage through various activities, including bilingual workshops, publishing, residencies, and text-related, narrative-driven art exhibitions. Founded in 2019, the Accent Accent team is primarily based in New York City. In 2022, we opened “Accent Sisters,” our speakeasy bookstore and art space, in Jersey City, the phantom limb of New York City, where many new Chinese immigrants and Asian Americans work across the river in Manhattan, live, and sleep.

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