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**Martin Désilets**, *Matière noire*, exhibition view, Occurrence, Centre d'Essai et d'Art Contemporain, Montreal (Canada), 2019

Looking Forward while Looking Back:

## **Guiding Principles**

Aug 21 - Sept 10, 2020  
NARS Virtual Gallery

With works by **Martin Désilets**, **Shoko Masunaga** and **Monica Mazone**.

Curated by Elisa Gutiérrez Eriksen

NARS Foundation is excited to present the new iteration of *Looking Forward while Looking Back: Guiding Principles*, with works by **Martin Désilets**, **Shoko Masunaga** and **Monica Mazone**.

From a set of defined variables following a series of instructions, to the use of geometry as a guiding principle for rationalizing emotions, these works are the result of processes based on predetermined rules and protocols.

But even if a structure is in place, the interactions along the way and the multiple external variables can generate results that inform, simultaneously, the process itself and the viewer. Among the variables are weight and gravity, optical illusions, and spatial structures that reveal a path for contemplation of ideas, memories and relationships as they change, transform and appear.

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This exhibition is part of the NARS **Mutual Support Network**, a platform that will host a series of virtual initiatives, based on NARS' social media accounts with the aim to nurture creative inspiration and innovative cross-pollination of ideas between our Alumni and our virtual audiences.

With our social media platforms as meeting grounds for a creative dialogue, NARS will present these virtual exhibitions every two weeks with the work of 2 - 3 Alumni, and will be paired with written interviews with each showcased artist presented as a continuation in the second week of each exhibition.

About NARS: The New York Art Residency and Studios (NARS) Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit arts organization committed to supporting artists and curators on an international level as well engaging the local community in Brooklyn and the Greater New York area. NARS provides an array of creative support services and professional development opportunities for emerging and mid-career artists through short-term integrated residency programs, progressive exhibition programs, international exchanges, and engaging public programs that foster global understanding and dynamic cross-cultural dialogues. These services operate in conjunction with our community outreach initiatives to promote greater accessibility to contemporary art for the under-served local community in south Brooklyn. Our mission is to present diverse platforms on which to nurture creative inspiration and innovative cross-pollination of ideas.

Accessibility: NARS Foundation is only wheelchair accessible via prior arrangement - please contact [info@narsfoundation.org](mailto:info@narsfoundation.org) to arrange this. Free filtered water is available. Seating with backs is available. The closest train station is 0.3 miles away (R train at 45th Street). The closest wheelchair accessible train station is 3.2 miles away (Atlantic Avenue/ Barclays Center). On street parking is available. Please consider coming to this event scent free. For further questions regarding accessibility, please contact NARS directly at [info@narsfoundation.org](mailto:info@narsfoundation.org).



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