

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Danny Volk received a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Chicago and a Bachelors of Arts in Theater Studies from Kent State University. Recent exhibitions include Made-Up with Danny Volk at Screen Share at the University of Chicago, The Baby Gap, at Outhaus (Urbana, IL), Submissive Exhibitions at The SUB-MISSION (Chicago, IL), Lucchiche: Simposio di Videoarte at Ponte de Perro (Cararra, Italy), Closed at Demo Projects (Springfield, IL), Presentism at PARSE Gallery (New Orleans, LA). Volk has received grants from the Knight Art Challenge Grant through the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Akron Community Foundation Grant, DCASE (City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events) Individual Artist Program Creative Project Grant, Propeller Fund Grant, and the Mary E. Hofstetter Legacy Scholarship for Excellence in the Visual Arts from the Banff Centre in Alberta, Canada.

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# THE NEWS GALLERY

Danny Volk (Akron, OH)

On view: January 25 - March 22, 2019

# PROPOSAL

On May 16, 2017 I sent the following proposal to the programming committee at The New Gallery in Calgary, Alberta for their Main Space open call. "Regrettably, TNG does not contact unsuccessful applicants due to high volumes of submissions." I never heard back from them.

*The News Gallery* is a show and a weekly-published newspaper that highlights and focuses on the work and practices of artists who applied but were not accepted to show work at The New Gallery's Main Space. Using these artists' proposals, CVs, artist statements, and supportive documentation as newspaper copy, *The News Gallery* will publish (with the consent of the artists) these materials as articles, blurbs, notices, photos, etc. The TNG's Main Space will be used as the newsroom where we build, design, and publish *The News Gallery*. Visitors may show up to the newsroom to watch the work taking place, talk with us about the project, pick up the latest copy of *The News Gallery*, etc. Additionally, subscriptions may be purchased remotely and *The News Gallery* will be delivered to doors all across Canada, the US, and the world. This subscription option means that audiences from all over can become familiar with artists they may never have encountered before, and artists can broaden their audience at the same time.

For the physical space, we would need the use of tables to work on, chairs to sit on, and walls to arrange the weekly layout of the newspaper pages. The walls would remain covered as layouts are built, and new, uncovered wall space would be used for upcoming *The News Gallery* issues. This would mean that the walls and tables act as performance documents of the gestures done in the gallery space itself while the newspaper acts as its weekly, climactic object. Each week of exhibition for the show *The News Gallery* would result in one published, hardcopy issue. By the end, all artists who have submitted a proposal and agree to participation would be published in *The News Gallery*.

**Project proposals by the following artists are published in *The News Gallery*, Volume 1:**

Logan Hamilton Acton, Unum Babar & Matt Kushan, Carolyn Ballou, Tyler Bohm, Timothy Callaghan, Thomas Choinacky, Hope Esser, Morgan Rose Free & Jessica Earle, Xia Gao, Katie Hargrave & Brett Hunter, Nora Hartlaub, Johannah Herr, Kevin Hunter, Andrew (Andy) Jackson, Roland (R.W.) Miller, Ricardo Miranda Zuniga, Alessandro Ravagnan, Agnes Ray, Jon Reike, Chrystal Robinson, Ron Shelton, Kathryn Shinko, Grace Summanen, Susie Underwood, Jacqueline van de Geer, Gabriel Walker, Moira Williams, Julie Wills, E.D. Taylor, Elizabeth Withstandley, and Margarita Benitez & Markus Vogl

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**Danny Volk**  
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Artist,

Hello! My name is Danny Volk and I'm an artist currently living and working in Akron, OH. I have an exhibition coming up at SPACES in January 2019 and I'm hoping you will consider participating!

The project, titled *The News Gallery*, is a weekly newspaper that highlights and focuses on the work and practices of artists who applied but were not accepted to show work at Spaces R&D over the past few years. **As artists competing for opportunities to show our work, this piece proposes a practice of art making that creates rather than consumes opportunity.** Using artists' SPACES proposals (CVs, artist statements, and supportive documentation) as newspaper copy, *The News Gallery* will publish (with your consent) these materials as articles, blurbs, notices, photos, etc.

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As contemporary art practices expand with social engagement, opportunities for artists need to be seen as opportunities for all artists. In a context of limited exhibition opportunities and resources, contemporary artists are rethinking the structure of exhibitions and inclusivity. *The News Gallery* posits one such gesture.

If you have any questions about this project, I'd love to hear them. You can email me and I will answer your questions there or we can schedule a phone call or Skype time. (If you are interested in being involved, you can send me a quick email giving me the go ahead and I'll be in touch with next steps.) In 2016 I did a similar project in Chicago called *Submissive Exhibitions* and it was a lovely way to build a community of artists based on this experience that happens to all of us. I hope you'll consider allowing your proposal materials to be published in *The News Gallery*. I look forward to speaking with you.

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The letter sent to potential contributors to *The News Gallery*

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