

# KATE WERBLE GALLERY

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**JOHN LEHR**  
***IF THERE WAS***  
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John Lehr, *Tablets*, 2015

John Lehr's new exhibition, *If there was*, consists of 13 photographs that come from the artist's precise camera observations of surfaces.

Lehr's works exist in the sustained interaction between the physical and the digital. They begin as physical observations, executed digitally and then printed by the artist at a scale equal in size to the original subject. They are realized as a completed work only when viewed in person as the viewer is placed in the same position the artist was in when the photograph was rendered.

The photographs allow for an experience of reliving how they were made, looking across each picture, mark-by-mark. There is an added complexity that arises from the uncertainty of whether the gestures depicted in the image were created by the artist or an event that occurred before the artist's intervention. Functioning as life-sized imprints of a specific area, Lehr's works occupy a space between documentation and invention.

The indexical traces embedded in the works operate at the intersection of the tactile surface and the virtual screen. In this series, Lehr permanently records the fleeting moments of human interactions on walls, windows and doors but his subtle digital and material interventions render these images newly autonomous objects, even as they refer back to an actual space and time. As such Lehr's photographs make a forceful argument for a careful consideration of the world outside the studio.

This exhibit builds on his previous series, *Low Relief*, exhibited at this gallery in early 2013.

*John Lehr (b. 1975 in Baltimore, MD) graduated from Maryland Institute College of Art and received his MFA from Yale University. Lehr has held solo exhibitions at Kate Werble Gallery, NY; Hagedorn Foundation Gallery, Atlanta, GA; and Kunsthalle at M + B Gallery, Los Angeles, CA. His work has been exhibited at venues including The Morgan Library & Museum, New York, NY; The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA; The Museum of Modern Art, NY; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; and The Yale Art and Architecture Gallery, New Haven, CT. Lehr will participate in a show in June 2015 at the Center for Creative Photography in Tucson, AZ. He currently lives and works in Queens, NY.*

*Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, from 11 until 6 PM. For further information and images please email [info@katewerblegallery.com](mailto:info@katewerblegallery.com).*