

*Dorner Prize*, February 15, 2018-June 3, 2018

## CHECKLIST OF THE EXHIBITION

Ramkumar Rajendran  
Indian, b.1990  
Vishnu Vijithatma Uppalapati  
Indian, b. 1991  
*Kolam – Mysticism in Geometry*, 2018  
Self-adhesive vinyl  
Courtesy of the artists TL23.2018

The sixth floor of the RISD Museum holds a vast collection of artifacts from across the Eastern Hemisphere. Such a space demands a deep-rooted element that represents inclusive awareness of the universe. The kolam, a meditative Hindu practice that originated about 5,000 years ago in India and has been translated in many parts of Asia, was chosen.

A kolam is a geometric pattern drawn daily at the entrance of the home to invite prosperity and drive away evil spirits. Edible materials are often used to provide for local insects. The simplest kolams are made using rice flour, with more complex versions calling for colored stones, flower petals, and so on. In this representation, white over a darker background highlights the pattern's geometric logic, while the red—chosen from the RISD Museum's graphic-design palette—excites the eye as it spans the image.

Raina Wellman  
American, b. 1996  
Theia Flynn  
Swiss, b. 1996  
Eliza Chen  
American, b. 1996  
*Draft Catalog*, 2018  
Courtesy of the artists TL24.2018

In the process of making, most things never see the light of day. These are at once the most important and the least visible objects of the creative process. *Draft Catalog* is a publication and installation celebrating critical incompleteness- unresolved moldings, rejections,



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middle iterations, three-day scrambles, things unused but still kept. Viewing art in the gallery can seem daunting, and this project aims to show audiences how uncertain, beautiful, and rigorous the artifacts of making can be.

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