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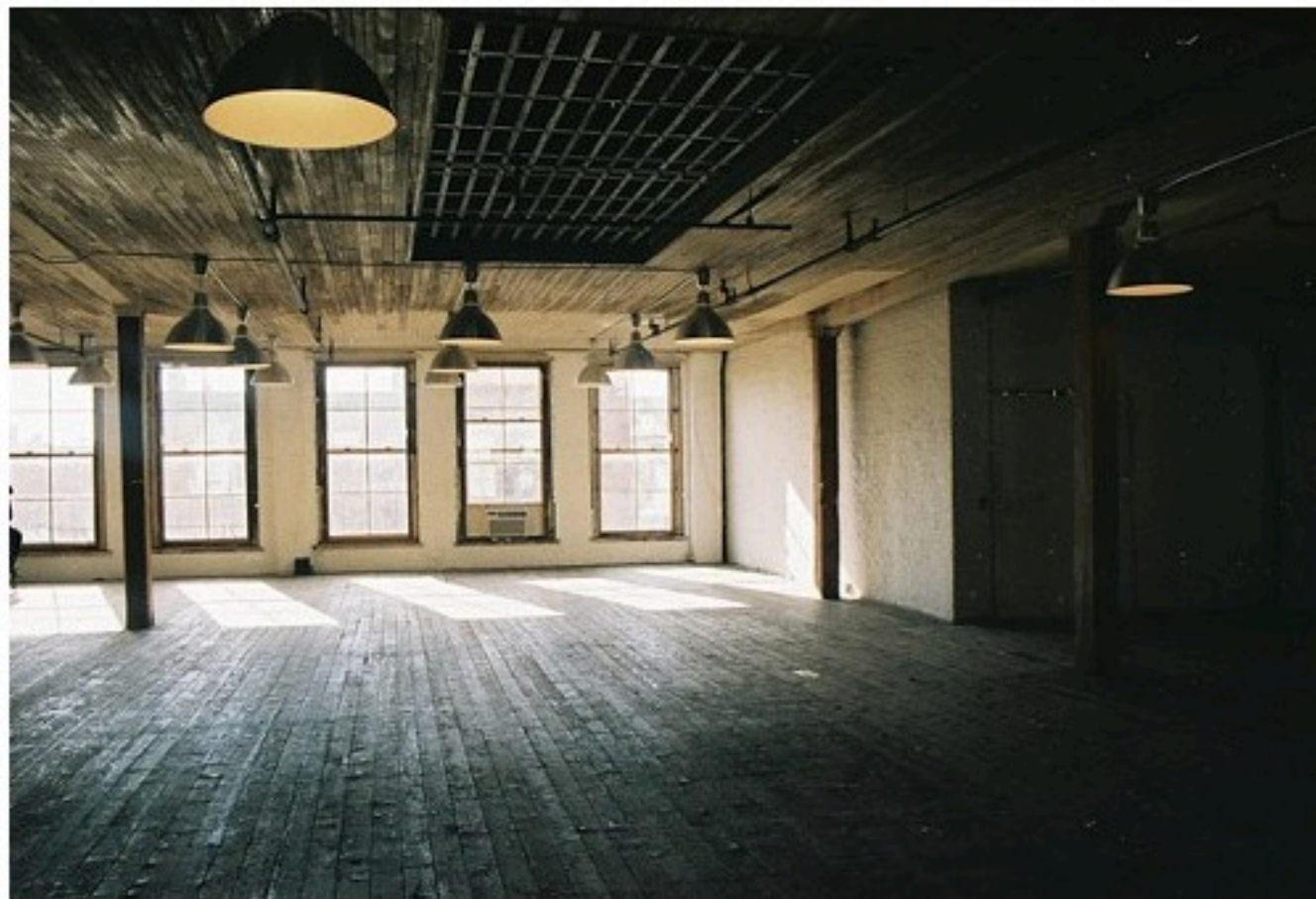
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THE INVISIBLE DOG ART CENTER: WHERE EVERYTHING HAPPENS

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Located in Boerum Hill, the Invisible Dog Art Center has been in operation since 2009 and is a multidisciplinary venue that transcends the idea of a gallery or communal artists space and offers something unique to the Brooklyn art scene. Speaking with Risa Shoup, associate director for the Invisible Dog, makes it clear why a space like the Invisible Dog can thrive in Brooklyn, and what it will take to continue to foster such an innovative artistic culture. Shoup tells us, "I find it sort of challenging to articulate what, if anything, clearly differentiates the artistic community of Brooklyn from the rest of the City. I do think there is more of an emphasis on community in Brooklyn - at least in comparison to Manhattan. I think Brooklyn-based artists are more open to collaboration; I also think there is a something about the 'newness' that creates solidarity in Brooklyn and leads to greater exposure of the work happening in Kings County - exposure to both the media AND to other artists and arts workers."

Additionally, Shoup says how lucky she feels to be amid such "inspiring people," mentioning, "the artists I work with who remind me every day that creativity and vision are crucial; the teachers, especially now at Pratt, who inspire me to think beyond my own needs and wants." Specifically, she mentions Invisible Dog founder, Lucien Zayan for making Invisible Dog such a "magical place" and for bringing a "wealth of professional experience, and the vision for what a creative community should be." Shoup tells us, "I think one of the best things about Brooklyn is the volume—of neighborhoods, cultures, activities, experiences, land! You have to travel in Brooklyn, but I love that because it makes you really connect to the borough as a whole in relation to wherever you live." This idea of Brooklyn's volume, of its lack of limitations, is reflected in the Invisible Dog itself—its the perfect venue to see the infinite possibilities of the arts.

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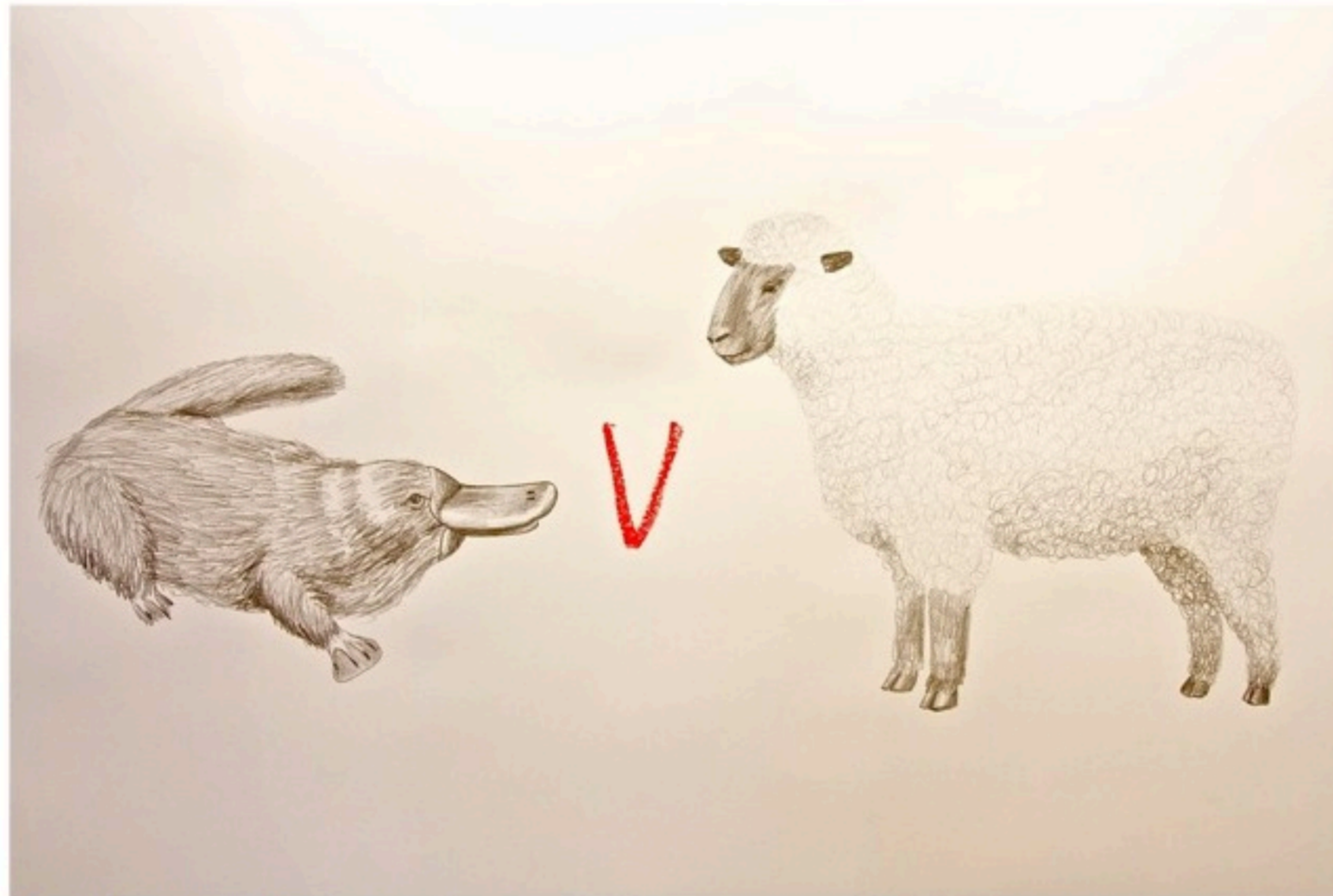
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Events

Invisible Dog Open Studios

By Lisa M. Collins
March 7, 2013



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Saturday, March 9, noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, March 10, noon to 5 p.m. Free

Once a year, the Invisible Dog Art Gallery opens its doors to let visitors check out the studios and work of all of its resident artists, many of whom are internationally known and quite successful. It's a fun event, a really fun show. Kids are invited as artists offer drinks and snacks as they show and sell their work. Don't miss it!

The Artists of The Invisible Dog

Douglas Adesko, Vanessa Belli, Juan Alfaro, Bina Altera, Julia Cocuzza, Sathya Balakumar, Rachel Barrett, Gabe Benzur, Malcolm Brown, Chong Gon Byun, Dean Dalfonzo, Andre da Loba, Dillon DeWaters, Aaron Freed, Maria Gracia Donoso, Nemo Hoffman, Nancy Hubbard, Oliver Jeffers, Kiya Kim, Anna Levikova, Giles Lyon, Anne Mourier, Joanna Neborsky, Prune Nourry, Mac Premo, Claudia Paneca, Sarah Palmer, Xavier Roux, Aaron Ruff, Ian Trask & Susan Weinthal.

This is the fourth season for Invisible Dog, a gallery launched by Parisian Lucien Zayan in the large old warehouse that used to make invisible dog leashes as well as belt buckles and other stuff. It's a great gallery and hub of international artists and multimedia activity. There's almost always something fabulous going on at Invisible Dog, and it's definitely a must-see for anyone living around here.

The gallery opening launched a renaissance of sorts on Bergen Street.

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In addition to the open studios, on March 9 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. is the opening for:

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Invisible Dog Open Studios
Annual art party on Bergen St.

Talking to Daughters About Sex
Sunday, for moms of girls ages 6 to 10.

Photo Exhibit: Boerum Hill
Travis Roozée at 0.00156 Acres Gallery. Opening Saturday.

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BOROUGHWIDE Even if you have no intention of visiting one of the many art fairs in town this week and investing bundles on a masterpiece, Saturday is an excellent day for gallery hopping and art happenings in Brooklyn. As part of Armory Arts Week, **The Invisible Dog** is opening its 32 studios on Saturday from 1–10pm; Brooklyn Glass is hosting a **farm-to-table event** with hand-crafted glass and metal tableware; and Bushwick and **Williamsburg** galleries are welcoming guests till 10pm or 11pm, all the more time to enjoy special installations like Kevin Cooley's epic ceiling projection of the L.A. sky at **The BOILER**. Get details on all the events [here](#).

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