

David Shrigley

*Text Drawings*

March 9 - April 3, 2021

Anton Kern Gallery is pleased to present a recent group of Japanese ink drawings by David Shrigley. Each of the twenty works, rendered in brushy black all-caps lettering against a neutral background, delivers a message from the artist. Similar to Shrigley's well-known Signs and News series, the text drawings are formatted to harness the immediacy of public signage and newsstand headlines. Declarative missives such as Fuck Is A Word I Use Often; The Works Make Themselves / The Works Don't Make Themselves; and Don't Blame The Idiots, Blame The Non-Idiots visually arrest the viewer's attention, offering messages that alternate between the mundane, paradoxical, and profound.

David Shrigley's Text Drawings are on view in the gallery's Third Floor Viewing Room through April 3. A special publication accompanying the exhibition is available in the gallery and on our webshop.