

9 ART EVENTS TO ATTEND IN NEW YORK CITY THIS WEEK

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Siah Armajani, *Tomb for Frank O'Hara*, 2014, painted wood.

COURTESY THE ARTIST AND ALEXANDER GRAY ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK

Opening: Siah Armajani at Alexander Gray Associates

This show will feature drawings, models, and sculptures from Siah Armajani's ongoing "Tombs Series," in which the artist eulogizes poets and philosophers who inspire him, albeit in very abstract ways. Combining vernacular architecture and various household objects, these works are, in their own strange way, portraits of figures such as Frank O'Hara, Arthur Rimbaud, and Arthur Rorty. With this exhibition, the Iranian-born artist brings text to the fore, debuting the 14-foot drawing *100 and One Dead Poets* (2016), in which Armajani excerpts poems from 101 writers and redoes them in calligraphy. Their writings then become an abstraction—something which looks at once like traditional Iranian art, and also could be interpreted as something wholly new.

Alexander Gray Associates, 510 West 26th Street, 6–8 p.m.