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## some gamut

Laura Figa

January 27 – February 26, 2023

Opening Reception:  
January 27, 7–9 pm

*some gamut* considers the inner “gamuts,” or full-fleshed ranges of something within a larger expanse. The phrase contextualizes the four works in the show, each of which engage in queries about scale, limits, and contact.

Figa’s ongoing *chiasmus* series features drawings on paper only slightly larger than the palm of the artist’s hand. Typically understood as a rhetorical device in which a reversal of syntactic structures takes place, the “chiasmus” of this series takes influence from Maurice Merleau-Ponty’s utilization of the term as a visual metaphor for perception. A departure from her larger works on paper which employ more negative than drawn space, the works in the *chiasmus* series are entirely marked, or in the artist’s words, flooded with drawing.

As Figa scales down her works on paper she simultaneously scales up her sculptural investigations. *Propositional variation xiii* is the latest in the artist’s ongoing series of graphite sculptures. The series takes formal influence from analog communication and navigation devices, in addition to musical aids, such as tuning forks. Presented as a single object here, the six graphite rods can be separated and scattered across the gallery space.

– Written by Isabel Casso + Laura Figa

Laura Figa is an artist and writer whose work has been shown at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, 500 Capp St., Temple Contemporary, Et al., Bass & Reiner, and elsewhere. She holds a bachelor’s degree in English literature from the University of Oregon and a master’s degree in fine art from California College of the Arts. She lives and works in San Francisco.

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## CHECKLIST

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chiasmus i, 2021  
graphite on paper  
2 1/4 x 3 1/2 in.  
\$700



chiasmus ii, 2022  
graphite on paper  
2 1/4 x 3 1/2 in.  
\$700



chiasmus iii, 2022  
graphite on paper  
2 1/4 x 3 1/2 in.  
\$700



propositional variation xiii, 2022  
graphite, epoxy  
13 x 5 x 3/4 in.  
\$4,500