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## some gamut

Laura Figa

January 27 – February 26, 2023

Opening Reception:  
January 27, 7–9 pm



Laura Figa, *propositional variation xiii*, 2022, graphite, epoxy, 13 x 5 x 3/4 in.  
Photo by Jenna Garrett, 2023.

San Francisco, CA. January 27, 2023 – staircase is pleased to present *some gamut*, an exhibition of work by San Francisco-based artist Laura Figa. This is the first exhibition in staircase’s inaugural series.

*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

### **About the Artist**

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.

### **About staircase**

staircase is an experimental space from curious collaborators (Lindsay Albert + Ivana Colendich). The inaugural series is born out of the need for more alternative and affordable art spaces in the Bay Area. The project will showcase various art forms and host events centered around the visual arts. Established in 2023, based in San Francisco.

### **Address**

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### **Hours**

Opening Reception January 27, 2023, 7-10 pm  
Thursday and Friday by appointment, 1-6 pm\*  
Saturday and Sunday open, 12-5 pm

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