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## Eye, eye: Artist R. Luke DuBois

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R. Luke DuBois: Hindsight Is Always 20/20 (detail), billboard

SITE Santa Fe's ninth exhibition in its SITElab series is a solo show of the work of new media artist, composer, and performer R. Luke DuBois. DuBois holds a doctorate in music composition and is also a teacher and lecturer on the subject of interactive sound and video performance. R. Luke DuBois: A More Perfect Union opens Friday, Jan. 19, with a 6 p.m. reception. SITElab is a gallery space adjacent to SITE's lobby and is used for small-scale exhibitions. It's open seven days a week and admission is free of charge.

The major work included in the show is DuBois' Hindsight Is Always 20/20 from 2008, which takes an assortment of 66 words from 41 State of the Union addresses by former U.S. presidents and presents them in the format of the Snellen eye chart, familiar to most of us from annual visits to the optometrist. The words, often highly charged and intended to persuade in the way of rhetoric, are arranged in descending, increasingly small letters until they barely hold up to scrutiny. Three of the images from the series are presented as billboards on the west side of the building, facing the railroad tracks. Other works in the show reflect current issues of national and political interest such as fascist.republican from 2016, a Twitter-based portrait of Donald Trump, and Learning Machine #1: Values, which features a 1940s-era voting machine where "voters" (SITE visitors) select from a series of values taken from the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m., DuBois joins composer, vocalist, and multi-instrumentalist Bora Yoon for ( (( PHONATION )) ), an immersive multimedia concert experience held in conjunction with A More Perfect Union. The event takes place in SITE's Marlene Nathan Meyerson Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for the concert; discounts are available. SITE is located at 1606 Paseo de Peralta. Purchase tickets at [www.sitesantafe.org](http://www.sitesantafe.org) or call 505-989-1199.