

# ART SPIEL

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Upstate Art Weekend, If You Missed It, It is Still Here!

***Until the Sun Goes Dark, Taylor Davis at September, @septembergallery, 4 Hudson St., 3rd Flr. Kinderhook, NY***

**Featured Artist:** Taylor Davis



*Taylor Davis, Untitled (Floor Workl 3), 2022, milled sugar maple, elm, and oak, 9 x 67 x 83 inches*

Why are we living in an era of barbarity worldwide? Is it naturally ingrained? Why are some repulsed while others regale in violence as festive entertainment? What is the joy found in power over others through brute force? Celebrated artist Taylor Davis, known for beautiful, cerebral works, takes on this burden in September in Kinderhook, NY. She is not seeking answers or conclusions, but through biblical readings, specifically Psalms, Job, and Ecclesiastes, and using found images, text, sculpture, painting, and works on paper, she examines the nature of humanity and inhumanity.

Relying on systems of chance and logic and a mindset that the materials are collaborators, Davis does not merely execute an idea but deeply interacts with the texts and characteristics of the mediums she uses. What emerges as compelling art is the proverbial two sides of a coin, beauty and anxiety. Ecclesiastes, when translated from the Greek, means one who convenes an assembly. This book of the bible presents several questions, and that is exactly what Davis has done in September. Don't miss it; you have till September 15th.