

**PETER SHEAR**  
**Magnolias All At Once**

**Fortnight Institute**  
**60 east 4th st. NYC**

June 15 - August 13, 2017

Opening reception: Thursday, June 15, 2017, 6-8pm

Fortnight Institute presents *Magnolias All At Once*, Peter Shear's first solo exhibition in New York City. The title of the exhibition is borrowed from the title of a book of poems by Norman Fischer, a poet and Buddhist whose writings and talks Peter enjoys. Shear currently lives in Bloomington, Indiana.

For Peter Shear

1. The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
2. The elephant in the waiting room, its walls a shade this side of turquoise.
3. At the end of the road, Friday night lights.
4. New York as it never was, or in other words, Nebraska.
5. "The crayon is purple."
6. Around the corner lived a man named Morandi who was always smoking a cigarette, and he was very friendly with the shadows of trees.
7. Nostalgia for what was then the future.
8. Someone once said of my favorite painter, "he loved blue because of the way it became green."
9. Is there life on Mars? Let's find out on Saturday.
10. The definition of nuance: a loaf of bread placed outside a church.
11. Civilization is about building tunnels, and it is the job of the poet to enjoy walking instead of taking the subway.
12. Look, the moon! It's beautiful tonight.

- Matthew Wong, 9:58 AM Monday the 15th, New York