

# Datebook: Jitish Kallat at Philadelphia Museum of Art

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Jitish Kallat. 'Covering Letter', 2012. (Installation view). FogScreen Projection  
(Courtesy: Philadelphia Museum of Art)

Philadelphia Museum of Art will be hosting an exhibition “Covering Letter” by Jitish Kallat that will be on view from November 13, 2016 through March 5, 2017.

The exhibition presents an immersive installation by Mumbai based artist Jitish Kallat, featuring a historic letter by Mahatma Gandhi to Adolph Hitler, written just a few weeks before World War II. In the spirit of his philosophy of universal friendship, Gandhi addresses Hitler in the letter as “Dear Friend.” Projected onto a traversable curtain of cascading fog, the mist diffuses Gandhi’s projected text, replicating the fate of his message, which went unheeded. Jitish Kallat illustrates this correspondence as

an appeal from one of the greatest idol of peace to arguably most violent dictator who ever lived on earth, inviting for self-reflection, as its scrolling words speak to the ferocious violence at large in the world today.

*The exhibition will be on view at Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130, United States.*

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