# Aether.exe
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Originating in mythology yet still present throughout science, Aether was thought to be the matter which permeated the universe beyond the limits of the terrestrial sphere.

For their duo show, Henry Galano and Jacob Sirkin have negated the recognizable elements of Greatorex, which confront the viewer upon entering the galley. Starting from the street they pose the question when does reality switch into an artistic experiment?

Visceral and emotional responses to an unknown environment have been utilized to displace the viewer and delete the distance usually established between an art object and the spectator.

Through illusion and manipulation of both the digital and physical space, the audience is invited to consider a constant negotiation of alternate realities. Meandering through some that are tangible and some that are code.

The formal means which have been deployed act as symbols of a modernist past; we see here the icon of the minimalist cube, transformed into a camouflaged projection display method. In turn, a large-scale sculpture is created highlighting light and its impermanent nature, fully situating the experience of the viewer in the present physical moment.

An industrial quantity of water has been carefully camouflaged, disturbed by a dripping mechanism re-connecting the work to the space it inhabits. A constant noise revealed to be digitally amplified completes the transience between the real and the virtual, with the creation of the digital media we consume today referenced here as a never-ending process.

The duo has re-invited the concept of quintessence and mythology into the digital era, arguing that the invisible matter which binds humans to the world around them is not only social and scientific but also an artistic conundrum.

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List of works:

1. Aether.exe
Black paint, PLA

2. Gallery Lights
LED Tube lights, fishing line, extension cord

3. Alt + Tab
Showreel of 3D animated scenes, projector, timber, dust sheets

4. Transformer
Water, timber, black acrylic, black polyphene, glass jar with spigot, hose

5. Engine
3D image rendering, laptop, metal stand, bluetooth clip-on mic, bluetooth speaker