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A new animation by **Kiki Smith** (American, born 1954), *Being* (2016), which presents a woman breathing, is featured alongside two of the color lithographs used in the making of the animation. Each print is a variant state of the same composition that is among the thirteen images used in making the animation. In the case of **William Kentridge** (South African, born 1955)—one of today's most prolific film animators—a series of narrative prints were the inspiration for the artist's hand-drawn and photo-collaged film animation *Ubu Tells the Truth* (1997). The animation is shown along with the eight etchings, whose engraved chalk-like lines are echoed in the animation. The rotund white-line creature is based upon Alfred Jarry's late nineteenth-century play, *Ubu Roi*, which here becomes a metaphor for South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The serial and progressive nature of printmaking and animation is especially evident in **Kakyoung Lee**'s (South Korean, born 1975) *Dance, Dance, Dance* (2011), which uses an astounding 342 etchings to create a two-minute film depicting the artist dancing to experimental sound design. Each image is scratched with a needle into a sheet of Plexiglas, then filmed, and continuously scratched and filmed again and again. Twenty-four prints are installed alongside Lee’s projection, underscoring the proliferation inherent in the act of printmaking and the construction of animation. **Nicola López**'s (American, born 1975) animation *The Babel Cycle* presents the creation of an imaginary architectural world based on the story of the Tower of Babel. The artist created the animation by filming the progressive build up and break down of monumental collages comprised of hundreds of elements of silkscreen, monotype, and blue painter’s tape.

### PUBLIC PROGRAM

Please join us for a Public Program with animation screenings and a moderated artists panel on *Suspended Animation* at SVA Theatre on June 1, 6:30 – 8 pm. More information to be announced.

### ABOUT

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