

Speaking Volumes

Doris Vila

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Holographic Studios

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www.holostudios.nyc

Speaking Volumes highlights holography's ability to hold more than one truth at once. Vila treats light as a narrative thread. Moving around the work, viewers catch glimpses of scenes that refuse to stay put, fragments that suggest worlds. More language than technology, her holograms whisper and contradict, offering apparitions that flicker between fact and fiction.

About the Artist

A pioneering holographic artist, Doris Vila layers stories into holograms and holograms into stories. She works across media to play hide-and-seek with the boundaries of narrative and light. Vila has taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the School of Visual Arts, and SUNY Buffalo.

She has held residencies at MIT Spectroscopy Lab, Kunsthochschule für Medien (KHM) Köln, the Canadian Department of Mines and Resources, GMD (German national computing center), the MacDowell Colony, and Global Images Laboratories, among others.

Based in Brooklyn, she exhibits internationally, lectures widely, and is a lifelong student of bird flocks. www.vilamedia.com

Every time I open my eyes, I see things, a catalog of her work, is available at the Holographic Studios gallery.

List of works

In storefront window visible from sidewalk

Device for the lifting of gravity and other serious situations

reflection hologram (12"x16"), tripod, security camera feed, video projector
installation dimensions variable, 1994/2025

Entering the gallery on the left wall, the circulating clockwise

Speaking volumes

triple-exposure reflection hologram (12"x16"), 2002

Breathing (vowels)

five-channel reflection hologram (16"x12"), 2001

Rain

reflection hologram (12"x16"), 2002

From the far corner, then along the east wall

Relic of an island hotel

triple-exposure white-light transmission (rainbow) hologram (28"x42"), aluminum floor stands,
video projection, 1985/2025

Hologram for someone invisible, delta

triple-exposure reflection hologram, 8"x10", one-of-a-kind, from a series of 15, 1990

Hologram for someone invisible, epsilon

triple-exposure reflection hologram, 8"x10", one-of-a-kind, from a series of 15, 1990

Hologram for someone invisible, iota

triple-exposure reflection hologram, 8"x10", one-of-a-kind, from a series of 15, 1990