

Your Week in Culture: Lana Del Rey, ‘Gianni Versace,’ the Murder of Malcolm X Onstage

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An advertisement for a Neil Goldberg performance. Neil Goldberg/Cristin Tierney Gallery, New York

Art: Neil Goldberg’s Wit and Insight

Jan. 14, all day; free; cristintierney.com. Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.; \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door; dixonplace.org.

The observations the artist Neil Goldberg jots down on lined three-by-five index cards range from winkingly self-conscious to disarmingly insightful; most often they are a strange and hilarious combination of the two. (My favorite: “What Primo Levi said about the psychology of prisoners saving their cigarettes in Auschwitz, but about me & the olives in a Martini.”)

Watching Mr. Goldberg flip through his deck and read these thoughts aloud is like eavesdropping on a high-concept game of mental solitaire lightly inflected with Henny Youngman. You can catch his all-day performance on Jan. 14 at the Cristin Tierney Gallery in Manhattan. He will also be on stage Jan. 15 at Dixon Place as part of the annual Association of Performing Arts Professionals Conference. *WILL HEINRICH*