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Those who have stopped by **MadArt Studio** in South lake Union have seen a sprawling installation gradually amassing in recent weeks. It is the combined work of resident artists **Gail Grinnell**, **Sam Wildman** and **Eric John Olson** for the current exhibition and events series [*We Are A Crowd Of Others*](#). Made from hundreds of yards of paper and textile woven through the space, the central installation has created an otherworldly space for interaction with the public.

Such public engagements include Olson's *Dead Dad Dining Club*, a potluck dinner series whose invitees have lost a father. Other events include lectures, poetry and reflections on [*Game of Thrones*](#). This weekend, the main event is an open rehearsal of new work by **Tia Kramer** and **Tamin Totzke**.

Kramer and Totzke have presented work outside of traditional performance venues several times in Seattle. That includes a new work at the **Henry Art Gallery**'s *Six Weeks, In Time* exhibition and event series, and a site-specific production in the Georgetown Steam Plant. Kramer and Totzke's new work for MadArt is *Each Other*, which uses the site and the rehearsal format to "examine the body as a record of lived experience and a vehicle for deep empathy."

The rehearsal on Saturday, December 17 runs from 11am to 3pm. There will be another rehearsal on Friday, January 13, also from 11am to 3pm. The final performance will come on the following day, Saturday, January 14.

On the following Sunday, January 15, Eric John Olson will host the release party for a cookbook assembled from recipes from the *Dead Dad Dining Club* series. This final event in the space for *We Are A Crowd Of Others* runs from 6pm to 9pm.

Stop by during regular open hours, Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6pm, and see the artists at work as they continue to assemble the ghostly "crowd" looming in the studio. It's great that you can see it from the street, but it deserves a closer look. (And if you have lost a father, ask about Olson's dinner series, too.)

