

Art Daybook: Sculpture that mouths off :: At the Assistance League's Celebration of Texas Art, John Adelman shows some lip

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John Adelman's sculpture "Yours for the Taking" is among works by 60 artists on view at Williams Tower Gallery through Feb. 24 in the Assistance League of Houston's Celebration of Texas Art 2017.

Assistance League's 38th Annual Celebration of Texas Art through Feb. 24

Williams Tower Gallery, 2800 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, Texas.

Why: Because the noise is just deafening. You probably don't have to look far to find a person who just needs to put a sock in it these days -- or, er, a coin slide. Laugh or cry; and put your money where your mouth is. While John Adelman has recently begun adding three-dimensional elements to his obsessive pen and ink drawings, this piece surprised me because it's entirely 3D, composed of a plaster cast bust, a metal coin slide (that perfectly suggests a flapping tongue!) and a marble base; yet it's still in keeping with what Adelman calls his "dismantling" concept. Juror Jose Esparza Chong Cuy, an associate curator from the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, also included two of Adelman's drawings in the Assistance League's annual show, which features an impressive selection of works in a wide variety of media by 60 area artists.