

**Asia Stewart**

***cat got your tongue***

Saturday, May 10, 1–6 pm

Durational performance

The curatorial fellows of the Independent Study Program are honored to invite Asia Stewart to premiere a new work as a part of their exhibition *a grammar of attention*.

Through repetition and endurance, the performance reveals the absurdity of a system that demands constant movement and tries to outrun inevitable breakdowns. *cat got your tongue* is a new durational performance by Asia Stewart, whose conceptual work centers the body as a living archive. Through the seemingly trivial task of walking on a desk treadmill and chewing gum at the same time, Stewart draws our attention to the exploitative logic of capitalism in its constant pursuit of efficiency as well as the valorised commodification of wellness. Over the course of the performance she undertakes to test the limits of both her own body and the machine itself, pushing against the expectation that productivity should be continuous and unchallenged. *cat got your tongue* ultimately presents her refusal of efficiency.

This performance will run the duration of gallery hours on May 10th. We invite you to stay for as long as you would like.