

Manhattan Happenings, Week of Sept. 19, 2019

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Pope.L in “The Great White Way: 22 Miles, Nine Years, 1 Street” (2000-2009) (Courtesy of the artist and Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York)

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The big crawl: Pope.L will give a Public Art Fund Talk on Fri., Sept. 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at The Cooper Union, Rose Auditorium, 41 Cooper Union Square, at E. Sixth St. Visual artist and educator Pope.L’s lecture coincides with a major moment for him, when three New York City arts organizations — Public Art Fund, Whitney Museum of American Art and The Museum of Modern Art — will co-present “Instigation, Aspiration, Perspiration,” the title of a singular concept linking a trio of complementary exhibitions: “Conquest,” “Choir” and “member,” which explore Pope.L’s boundary-pushing practice. On Sat., Sept. 21, Public Art Fund will launch the exhibition with “Conquest,” Pope.L’s largest performance to date, in which some 140 people will crawl over five hours in relay on the sidewalks of Downtown Manhattan. For this free performance, “participants will abandon their physical privilege, embrace their vulnerability and express the power and contradiction of collective expression.” Free — but get set to crawl! Registration required.