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*Ad Words* is a companion text for the solo exhibition *This is Who I Am Now* by Amber Eve Anderson.

The exhibition is based on an archive of every advertisement that Anderson viewed on Instagram over a one-week period. Composed of 126 images that almost exclusively depict household goods, the archive presents a portrait of the artist through the lens of targeted advertising.

The exhibition vacillates between physical and digital worlds, combining images and found objects through installation and video, functioning as a case study in the aspirational. Objects ranging from rugs to sofas to earrings to soap portrayed amidst orderly, plant-filled, sun-dappled rooms, suggest affluence, aesthetic integrity, and a good night of sleep. Anderson highlights the way one's surroundings, whether virtual, manmade, or natural, come to shape one's identity and behavior.

By bringing representations of social media into physical space, the work calls attention to everyday technologies by upsetting the usual means of interaction. Her work functions as a playful, funny, and poetic critique in order to explore how identity is reduced by consumerism.

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#### SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2020

8:39pm @katepearcevintage8:39pm @underclubco8:40pm @toast8:41pm @mandukayoga8:42pm @ourplace

#### MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2020

10:28am@westelm 10:28am@ruggable 10:29am@tuftandneedle 11:59am@thuma.co 12:00pm @awarasleep 12:00pm @leaffilter 12:00pm @stitchfix 12:01pm @thredup 2:07pm @rothys 2:08pm @prose 2:08pm @casper 2:09pm @peglegvintage 2:09pm @misenkitchen 2:10pm @crateandkids 2:10pm @mejuri 2:35pm @avocadomattress 2:35pm @amtrak

#### TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2020

9:39am @siggisdairy
9:39am @rothys
12:32pm @rejuvenation
12:33pm @blueapron
12:34pm @brentwoodhome
12:35pm @floyddetroit
1:50pm @awarasleep

1:50pm @thuma.co 2:00pm @nectarsleep 2:00pm @tuftandneedle

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

10:26am@brentwoodhome 10:27am@overstock 8:10pm @avocadomattress 8:10pm @nytimes 8:11pm @nectarsleep 8:11pm @polyandbark 8:12pm @modsydesign 8:14pm @floyddetroit 8:14pm @allswellhome 8:14pm @thuma.co 8:15pm @rejuvenation 8:15pm @thredup 8:38pm @westelm 8:47pm @overstock 8:48pm @ruggable 8:51pm @insideweather 8:55pm @esalerugs 8:56pm @joybird 9:19pm @crateandkids 9:20pm @revival\_rugs 9:30pm @the\_citizenry 10:27pm @luluandgeorgia 10:28pm @brentwoodhome 10:29pm @parachutehome 10:31pm @foryoureyesonlydc 10:32pm @interiordefine

#### THURSDAY JANUARY 16, 2020

7:26am @ruggable 2:09pm @crateandbarrel 2:09pm @the\_citizenry 11:01pm @brentwoodhome 11:02pm @cb2 11:03pm @merrell 11:03pm @chasingpaper 11:04pm @revival\_rugs

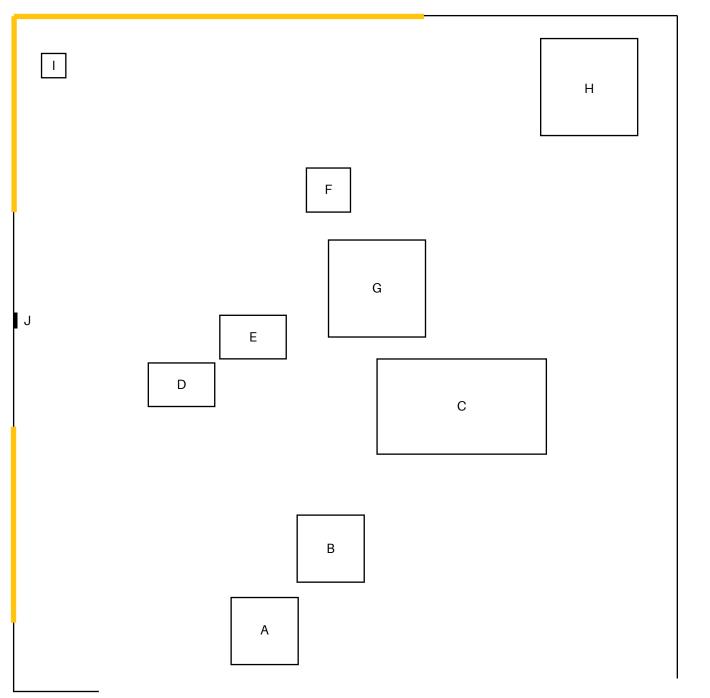
#### FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 2020

7:25am @crateandkids 7:26am @ruggable 7:27am @wayfair 7:27am @everybodyandeveryone 7:29am @luluandgeorgia 7:30am @modsydesign 8:56am @crateandbarrel 8:57am @the\_citizenry 8:57am @nytimes 8:58am @amazon 11:13am@esalerugs 1:56pm @polyandbark 1:57pm @theinsside 1:57pm @insideweather 1:58pm @Rugs Direct 9:06pm @article 9:07pm @moderncitizen 9:40pm @joybird 9:42pm @brentwoodhome 9:43pm @bloomscape 9:44pm @parachutehome 9:45pm @sleepokioki 9:45pm @framebridge 9:46pm @stitchfix 9:47pm @linephono 11:31pm @westelm

#### SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2020

9:38am @burrow 9:39am @casper 9:40am @stitchfix 9:41am @floyddetroit 9:42am @bombas 2:37pm @jossandmain 2:38pm @modernica 2:38pm @nytimes 2:39pm @siggisdairy 3:47pm @westelm 3:47pm @theartifox 3:48pm @overstock 3:49pm @lemonade\_inc 3:50pm @Bellhops Moving 3:50pm @ruggable 3:51pm @joybird 3:52pm @rothys 3:53pm @grovecollaborative 3:54pm @luluandgeorgia 3:55pm @cleancult 3:55pm @interiordefine 3:57pm @thuma.co 4:58pm @mylifewellloved 4:58pm @tuftandneedle 4:59pm @casper 5:00pm @lullbed 5:00pm @crateandkids 5:00pm @crateandbarrel 5:01pm @allbirds 5:02pm @thredup 5:02pm @molekuleair 12:31am@buffy 12:31am@quip

12:32am@rejuvenation



A. Rugs B. Entryway C. Living Room D. Kitchen E. Dining Room F. Bathroom G. Closet H. Beds I. Exterior J. Travel

POEMS GENERATED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USING **INSTAGRAM** CAPTIONS

Fall in Love with the Beautiful Don't close yourself to opportunities. You will only get a temporary high. Don't cheat on a good thing. Fall in love with the beautiful. Make the most of the hard work to stop compromising. Address all your needs and goals. Life is stressful. Make a statement. Believe in creating space for your everyday escapades. Don't close yourself to opportunities. You will only get a temporary high. Don't cheat on a good thing. fall in love with the beautiful. Make the most of the hard

to define your needs:

home equity takes time to build, it's a process

but the impact is most

significant after the decision to move.

It's only then you'll know how it feels to be free.

Let your legacy begin now.

If you were to create your ideal home it would be pretty clean and it would be functional and beautiful and awesome and it would be functional and beautiful and awesome and you would like it a lot and you would drive a Honda and you would live there forever and no one else would live there and it

## Make the Most of the Hard Work

#### BREATH FRESH.

Nurture yourself with the sights, sounds and smells of the outdoor season. Get outside.

Enjoy your time and adventures.

Discover your adventure.

Planning and executing a trip is easier than ever before with services like No Vacancy Reservations, ParkWhiz and GetThere. But what if you just want to plan a weekend away from the airport? Or make a last-minute decision and go to see a friend? Or travel with kids? No worries. Here are a few tactics to make it easier for you to get where you

### POEM 3

## The Hard Work to Stop Compromising

## Life is Stressful

#### **BREATH IN LIGHT**

Invite light into your space.

Plant where there's a lot of light

make your bed to climb out of in the morning

turn on the lamp.

All the ways light

relieves the senses and lifts your mood.

Makes you feel safe.

Helps you relax.

Increasing or decreasing the amount of light in your home can make a big difference in your daily stress levels. Also be sure to pay special attention to your bedroom during summer when the sun might stream in during the day.

Put away the shoes.

More

## Make a Statement

Amazingly available Authentically brilliant. Feel like a princess in this Stealthy design Custom designed to celebrate your very best self. Little hiccup The Soulmate Knot

A random drawing will be held on May 1, 2019 at a future date to determine who will be the first to win this incredible prize.

Those who are not selected as a winner in the random drawing will be included in the final drawing.

Believe in Creating Space The space you create for yourself will influence your mood. Make a choice to take control with whatever it is that you need the most. Your space needs to be comfortable so you can relax with your space. Balance is key. Always use a tiny bit of everything. Give yourself a little more to make you more comfortable. Can you say minimalist? Will you strive to improve your space in 2019? How could you improve it? What tools, tips, and tricks do you have to share? This post is

Everything You're Looking for Perfect for Your Life Define your style. Forget the past and take some risks. Learn to work smarter. Work on your relationships. Spread your wings and be an explorer. Be willing to work hard. Remember that you are in charge of your life, and there is a lot that you control. Hold on to your dreams and create a roadmap you can use to reach them. Love the journey. Breathe. This is a journey about not giving up. What a difference a year can make. The most beautiful sound is silence. Think of your

Equal Parts Refuge & Functional Space On a night like tonight I stare at the stars I wonder if I could stay like that forever. Savor every minute of summer. 7. WE CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD Find hope. Play more games Follow the stories in the news Conquer our fears Our broken hearts The kids that don't have a voice Those who don't know how to be kind. Just write what you believe Let it be seen. 8. UNDER THE MOON Look for moonlight For me Under the moon I look for you. To you, I may Just be me. So I will keep on

## Tailored to Your Wallet

for you and those you love.

FREE add-ons include a downloadable

Ritual for Happiness Love Ritual, a custom daily gratitude quote, and a weekly blissy horoscope.

What are we saying with our work?

It isn't about selling anything.

It's about showing the world that it is okay to express yourself, that it is good to share and to make.

We work to make your life

make your dreams come true

– just like in the song.

What is that song? "Hello"

Follow The Lightning Round:

Follow us on

For Your Everyday Escapades Make time for you. Take stock. Recharge. Live life to the fullest

each day.

So before you pack it all in, don't forget to live your life and be happy. Do what makes you feel beautiful and special. And whenever you're feeling sad, instead of shutting it out, focus on positive, feel good vibes. Let love in.

Today, remember that nobody else can make you feel attractive or beautiful. It's your choice, and you're free to live your life however you wish. So look into your heart and ask

## BREATHFREE

**BREATH FASTER** Breaks that refresh and recharge by rewiring your environment to help restore your power and fuel your fulfillment Your Sanctuary Spend the day in this time of stress Your Escape to go for a walk in nature Where You Come Into the White Box **Discover Your Space** In the Hidden Power of Your Senses Paint The World For The Essence Of Life Paint your face with words make your body remind you of your future. Yours for the future. Come Into The White Box With Me Be

POSTSCRIPT PERFORMATIVE SCREEN RECORDING SCRIPT

- 1. Google "google data center."
- 2. Click on first result.
- 3. Scroll and click link in middle story.
- 4. Click to watch video.
- 5. Watch video for 10 seconds.
- 6. Open new tab and search "ominous orchestra music."
- 7. Click on first video result.
- 8. Right click video after it starts playing and select "Loop."
- 9. Go back to Google Data Center video and watch until Wong gets into her car.
- 10. Open new tab and search "google privacy policy."
- 11. Pause for long enough to read.
- 12. Go back to Google Data Center video and watch until car drives through gate.
- 13. Google "what is the most valuable resource on earth."
- 14. Pause long enough to read first result.
- 15. Return to Google Data Center video and watch until Wong badges into the building.
- 16. Open new tab and type "news.google.com."
- 17. Search for "google antitrust lawsuit."
- 18. Click first article from The Wall Street Journal.
- 19. Click out of pop up box.
- 20. Click "Listen to this article."
- 21. Return to Google Data Center video and mute.
- 22. Turn on closed captioning.
- 23. Watch video until Wong badges through door after white woman.
- 24. Open new tab and search "surveillance capitalism."
- 25. Click "Videos" in results.
- 26. Click first video.
- 27. Return to Google Data Center Video and watch until Wong goes through door.
- 28. Return to The Wall Street Journal article and listen until "reinforcing cycle of dominance."
- 29. Return to surveillance capitalism video.
- 30. Click "skip ad."
- 31. Click "no thanks" on trial offer.
- 32. Click unmute.
- 33. Return to Google Data Video and watch until captions read, "user's data is our highest priority."
- 34. Return to surveillance capitalism video.
- 35. Watch until Zuboff says, "downright bamboozle all of us all the time."
- 36. Return to Google Data Center video.
- 37. Watch until the aerial shot after disks are shown being destroyed.
- 38. Return to surveillance capitalism video and watch until"the big datarobbery" appears on screen.
- 39. Pause video.
- 40. Return to Google Data Center video and unmute.
- 41. Watch to the end.

**Amber Eve Anderson** (b. 1982) lives and works in Baltimore. She received an MFA from the Mount Royal School of Art multidisciplinary program at Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in 2016 and a BFA from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2005.

Her work has been exhibited in group shows across the US as well as in Canada, Finland, Morocco, and Peru. In 2019 she received an Individual Artist Award in Media from the Maryland State Arts Council. She was a 2019 and 2020 Trawick Prize Semi-finalist and a 2016 Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance Baker Artist Award Finalist. Her work has been featured in Bmore Art Magazine, Hyperallergic, and The Creator's Project. She volunteers on the Advisory Board of the Institute of Contemporary Art Baltimore.

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## A SOLO EXHIBITION



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