Opening Round: Thursday, September 1st, 7pm

The Stamp Gallery is located at 1220 Adele H. Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

On view August 29th through October 15th.
dearest player,

Thank you for picking up this Paradise Now player manual. By picking up this manual, you have taken the first step to becoming an unlocked player in the game.

Paradise Now is a game of unequal circumstances and varying objectives that invites unlocked players to alter and redefine the game’s Score by participating in various rounds of the game. The Score is a series of directive actions that happen over each 60 minute round of the game. Unlocked players may alter the Score by navigating the space with their bodily movements, altering the various gaming mechanisms as play, and by adding directive phrases to its structure. Although many players may be active in the game simultaneously, every player may choose to fill the role of player 1 or player 2 and respond accordingly to their set of directive actions in the Score throughout each round played. Each round of the game played throughout its occupation of Stamp Gallery in September & October of 2016 will be documented, archived and analyzed by our team, who will compose an accumulative Score. You participation is highly valued by our team and we hope you enjoy this round of the game.

With love,
The Paradise Now team

“Freedom does not come from me or from you; it can and does happen as a relation between us or, indeed, among us. So this is not a matter of finding the human dignity within each person, but rather of understanding the human as a relational and social being, one whose action depends upon equality and articulates the principle of equality. Indeed, there is no human...if there is no equality. No human can be human alone. And no human can be human without acting in concert with others and on conditions of equality I would add the following: The claim of equality is not only spoken or written, but is made precisely when bodies appear together, or, rather, when, through their action, they bring the space of appearance into being. This space is a feature and effect of action, and it only works, according to Arendt, when relations of equality are maintained.”