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John Giorno's 2009 "THANX 4 NOTHING" is included in his solo show at Nicole Klagsbrun, opening Friday, April 30.

**John Giorno, "Black Paintings and Drawings," at Nicole Klagsbrun, 526 West 26th Street, through June 12, opening Friday, April 30, 6-8 p.m.**

The subject of Warhol's five-plus-hour film *Sleep*, a participant in curator **Kynaston McShine**'s seminal "Information" show at MoMA, and an interviewee of the indefatigable curator Hans Ulrich Obrist, John Giorno has been at the periphery of major art-world events for some time. Now in his mid seventies, he's being given his first New York solo show. Though he's famous for his late 1960s "Dial-A-Poems," which allowed poem-seekers to call a phone number and hear recorded verse, he's also made poem drawings and poem painting that are on display here, with uplifting messages like "IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT" and "LIFE IS A KILLER."