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<@~*}*•ΔΔ}~> is a public activity presented by DHC/ART – Education in conjunction with the exhibition *Cory Arcangel: Power Points*, which runs from June 21 to November 24, 2013.

Cory Arcangel is recognized as a major exponent of a pop-ping, computer-centred art. Arcangel embraces the Internet's anarchic potential and its Utopian open source culture, making works that question authorship, the status, and value of the art object. Exploring both the promises and deceptions of software, electronic gadgets, games and other devices—with an emphasis on how they become old and quickly out-dated—Arcangel's art eulogizes technology's built-in obsolescence while also wittily celebrating its noise, mindless repetitions, and inevitable failures.

To take part in <@~*}*•ΔΔ}~>, we invite you to come to our REFERENCE room located at 451 St-Jean to write some “velcro poetry” using a combination of text symbols and emoticons. The mixing and matching of these images encourages experimentation with the linguistic innovations introduced by the Internet and text messaging. How fluent are you in emoticon expression? How much are we actually able to communicate by using these forms of symbolic referencing? Do emoticons offer a key to evolving our inter-personal expression by providing tools for a new image-based poetic expression?

<@~*}*•ΔΔ}~> is inspired by Cory Arcangel's tongue in cheek use of emoticons in the titling and descriptions of his works, as well as his interventions that playfully subvert and reveal the potential of electronic communication. To push your “velcro poetry” experiment further, we suggest that you take a photo of your creation with your phone and then share it with friends. What do they read? You can also tweet your creation with the hashtag #dhctraces and/or send it to our email address so that we can share it on our Tumblr: education@dhc-art.org.



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