nARCHITECTS, PARUL VORA
PARTY WALL
Artists Space, 38 Greene Street
March 9 through April 23

Voyeurs beware! An installation of an interactive wall prototype at Artists Space this month could expose any Peeping Toms if it were to go into production. Party Wall, designed by nARCHITECTS, the New York-based firm founded by Eric Burge and Mimi Hoang, and MIT Media Lab graduate Parul Vora, is a 9-by-9-by-1-foot bunch of 2-inch-thick foam slats engineered to react to passersby. Sensors drive tiny servo motors that tense up or relax synchronmesh pulley cables threaded through foam strips, creating unexpected apertures and, according to the artists, “opportunities for exchange”. The $7,500 installation is part of Artists Space’s Architecture and Design Project Series.