

Biographical Information

Dimitri Devyatkin

Born July 31, 1949 in New York City

Attended public schools, graduated from the Bronx High School of Science. Attended St. John's College, in Annapolis, Maryland, studying classics. Studied violin for 15 years, particularly Baroque music, played with the All-City High School Orchestra, played jazz violin in San Francisco night club "The Both/And" with Rahsan Roland Kirk. Taught sciences, mathematics, etc. in 3 free schools. Began video work in early 1971 in Santa Barbara, California. Made tape entitled "The Video Tunnel" with John Rogers in May, 1971

Moved to New York, June 1971. Joined with Steina and Woody Vasulka in organizing video and music programs at TheKitchen.

Served as co-director of the Kitchen, organizing shows including the International Computer Arts Festival from June 1971 thru May 1973. Visited Europe, showed video at the Berlin Festival of Young Film, as well as in Munich, Nurnberg, Paris, London, and East Berlin. Taught video at Staten Island Community College, CUNY. Invited to the USSR, went to Moscow in September, 1973. Study of Russian language, history, literature, geography, as well as becoming the first American to attend the All-Union State Institute of Cinematography, as a directing student under the director Roman Karmen. Joined with filmmakers at the State Film Studio Mosfilm in making an experimental film, using video, about the science of suggestology.

Returned to New York, where now continuing study of Russian language and literature, making video tapes, showing tapes from Russia, etc.

Awards won- CAPS grant to make video, in April 1973.

Invited as visiting artist to Syracuse University, Feb, 1974
Participated in the CIRCUIT show, 1973

Video tapes shown- on cable television, on WGBH Boston, on Munich tv.

Museums- The Whitney Museum, Everson Museum, Munich Leben Haus
at numerous university shows, video theatres in New York,
San Francisco, etc. in video festivals, etc.

Video tapes distributed by Electronic Arts Intermix, New York.

Press notices in the New York Times, the Village Voice, Newsday, Berlin, Munich and Nurnberg newspapers, various others...



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