## **VIDEOSCOPE**

THE MAGAZINE OF VIDEOTAPE SOURCE INFORMATION John Reilly, Editor-in-Chief Karen Mooney, Associate Editor

December 2, 1977

Dear Steina,

Enclosed is the photo of you that was loaned to us for use in the "Women in Video" article. I believe Julie has already given you a copy of the issue. Thanks for the loan and, again, for your participation.

Also, since I didn't keep a copy of the letter I sent you which included the Bob Stearns interview, I don't remember if I suggested a deadline for the audio cassette you are to send us. Our deadline for the issue in general is December 15th so since we will have to transcribe and edit the piece, would it be possible to receive the cassette soon—say, within a week?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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# BACKGROUND INFORMATION on the NEW YORK WOMEN'S VIDEO FESTIVAL

The first Women's Video Festival was organized in 1972 for the Kitchen theater in New York City and it featured videotapes created, produced or directed by women videotape makers. There were no limitations as to content or form and tapes were not excluded if men worked on them, however we did emphasize that the tapes be originated by women.

The show, which presented the work of thirty women from the New York metropolitan area, was so well-received that we decided to do another one the following year. We solicited work from all over the country for the second festival and included over fifty tapes in our program.

Since 1973, presentation of these festivals has been made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts and the Women's Interart Center.

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#### SUSAN MILANO...

Susan Milano, video coordinator of the Women's Interact Center, has been involved with the medium as producer, teacher and performer since 1971. She was awarded a CAPS grant in 1973/74 for her work in documentary and in the following year she began using video and sculpture in performance when she toured with the TP Video-space Troup. As the coordinator of the Women's Video Festival since its inception in 1972, Susan has helped to promote the work of women videomakers in this annual event that has experimented with and originated new approaches to video presentation. Her tapes have been shown widely in the U.S. and in Europe.

### NANCY CAIN...

Nancy Cain has been a member of the Videofreex since 1969. She works as a staff member of Media Bus and the Media Center in Lanesville New York where each year dozens of visiting artists use production and post-production facilities. A CAPS fellow in 1973, she is interested in new approaches to broadcasting and has been involved in production of over 200 programs for Lanesville TV. She recently worked on a six-part series called "It's a Living" for public television in Chicago.

### MARY ELLEN BROWN...

Mary Ellen Brown teaches a course, "Women and the New Video", in USF's Women's Studies Program. She has been involved in video education and in using video tape as a creative and social medium since 1970. In 1977 she studied video synthesizers, computer graphics, experimental film and video techniques at the Global Village Video Center through the New School for Social Research in New York City and at Newhouse Communications School at Syracuse University. She was project co-director and producer of "The Paradox of Freedom: Private Rights and Public Interest", a series of TV programs in 1976-77 and has also been a production consultant and graphic artist for WUSF, WEDU and WTOG TV stations in Tampa.

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2:00 P.M. "Program A" New York Women's Video Festival

Let It Be, (1971) STEINA VASULKA - 4 minutes - b/w A short tape inspired by the Lennon/McCartney song. First prize winner; conceptual category; First National Video Festival, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1972.

Mary, (1973) WENDY APPEL & PAUL GOLDSMITH - 10 minutes - b/w

A strangely humorous video comic strip, technically superb.

Tattco,(1972) SUSAN MILANO - 27 minutes - b/w
A modern-day tattoo artist demonstrating his craft is
inter-cut with Jean Carroll, a woman in her sixties who
has spent most of her life as a professional tattooed lady.

#### INTERMISSION

Video Vitae, (1975) PAT LEHMAN - 10 minutes - color This piece, executed on a hybrid computer developed by the Computer Image Corporation, is an impressionistic view of a woman in conflict.

Snapshot: FIORYNCE KENNEDY (1975)

L.O.V.E. - 4 minutes

Feminist Party founder Flo Kennedy speaks at a

Lesbian Feminist Liberation program in New York City. Shot on ½".

Lesbians Organized for Video Experience.

Women of Northside Fight Back, (1974) CHRISTINE NOSCHESE, MARISA GIOFFRE & VALERIE BOUVIER - 27 minutes - b/w When an expanding paper box company threatened to destroy the homes of a working class community in Brooklyn, New York, residents in the area (many of them women) discovered that with a lot of determination, you can fight city hall.

- 3:30 P.M. SUSAN MILANO
- 4:00 P.M. NANCY CAIN, selected tapes
  "Sharon Briggs Talks with Nancy Cain" Video Portrait of
  a Battered Woman.
- 5:30 P.M. BREAK ....

### Friday, April 21...

- 2:00 P.M. "Program B" New York Women's Video Festival
- 3:30 P.M. SUSAN MILANO
- 4:00 P.M. MARY ELLEN BROWN-"The Dot and The Ovum":using an oscilloscope connected to a mogue synthesizer, a playful look at wave forms is set to a harmonica soundtrack.

"Ovum" A sensuous tape generated by a video synthesizer in Binghamton, New York. Audio track is a flute choir.

- 7:00 10:00 P.M. RECEPTION in CTR 252
- 7:00 P.M. "Program A" New York Women's Video Festival
- 8:30 P.M. SUSAN MILANO
- 9:00 P.M. NANCY CAIN, selected tapes

# Susan Milano

365 Greenwich Street New York, New York 10013 May 11, 1978

Dear Steera

As promised, I am sending you a follow-up report on the Women's Video Festival tour to the University of South Florida in Tampa. I arrived in Tampa Tuesday night/Wednesday morning, April 18/19, and after a short night's sleep immediately started setting up for the show which was to open on Thursday afternoon April 20. The University had arranged a press conference for Wednesday morning and surprisingly enough three daily newspapers showed up and spent more than two hours with myself and Mary Ellen Brown (one of the main people responsible for selling the show to the school). Most of their interest centered around what was happening with video in general and with women in particular. Enclosed are the articles that resulted from these interviews.

Thursday the show opened with a matinee, rather sparsley attended, and a visit from WTVT-TV (the local CBS affiliate). Their report was broadcast that evening on the 11:00 p.m. news. Whether or not it's any indication of progress made in recent years, you might be interested to know that both the producer and the cameraperson (the entire crew) were women. Nancy Cain, whose work was specially featured as well as shown within the Women's Video Festival, had arrived on the scene and did an afternoon presentation of her tape "Sharon Briggs Talks with Nancy Cain".

In the evening, attendance picked up and as you can see from the program listings that I have also enclosed, there were two different Festival programs (A and B) which were switched (afternoon to evening and vice versa between Thursday and Friday) so that people with schedule conflicts would have the opportunity to see both. Audience reaction was very good and the variety of the type of work shown gave people who were not even familiar with the medium (much less women's involvement with it) a pretty good idea of the range of possibilities therein. The people who sponsored the show said that it was the highest quality presentation that had come to the University Center this year and were quite pleased.

And so I'd like to thank you once again for your involvement and add that if you know of any places that might be interested in presenting the show please put them in touch with me. Keep me posted about your new works and let me know if you have a change of address.

Yours truly,

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Susan Milano

Enclosures

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The Women's Video Festival will be held from April 10-26 at the Women's Interart Center at 549 West 52nd Street, New York City. The Festival will present tapes made by women from all over the U.S. and there will be live video events, video games and sculpture. For further information call (212) 246-6570 between 2 and 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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For More Information Contact: S. Milano, A.E. Volkes, (212) 246-6570 (Mon.-Fri. 2-10 p.m.

### THE THIRD WOMEN'S VIDEO FESTIVAL

At the first Women's Video Festival in 1972, someone quipped,
"well we had Pop Art, now Mom Art." Final judgement, however,
must be reserved. This year more than 100 tapes were submitted by women videomakers from throughout the USA in
categories such as documentary, video art, eroticism and
multi-channel presentations. A number deal with the classic
themes of love and politics as in the case of:

-Keeping the Door Open - Ann Shafer (by Kim Beaman and Lydia Kleiner) - Ann Shafer, the subject of this tape, is a labor negotiator, a feminist, and a founding member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, who has worked at the Kellogg's cereal plant in Battle Creek, Michigan for nearly 30 years.

or

-Ama L'uomo Tuo (Always Love Your Man) (by Cara DeVito)

Others such as <u>Harriet</u>, in depicting the flight of a 40 plus woman from five kids and rural life, to living on her own in New York City illuminate with a rare cadence this new social phenomenon. So that in time, the Women's Video Festival may represent a major interdisciplinary effort in the fields of art and visual media.

Susan Milano, one of the organizers, stated however, that
"We want to live on the edge of our committment to the
original concept. For me this means that we must continue
to reach out to find video women from all racial, economic
and political groups so that the Festival will really be a
forum for the presentation of the best video work being done
by women today."

The first Women's Video Festival was organized in 1972 by
Ms. Milano with Laura Kassos and Shridhar Bapat for the
Kitchen, the electronic media theater. In 1974, Ms. Milano
and Ann Eugenia Volkes moved the Festival to the Women's
Interart Center. A non-profit educational corporation, the
Center is a feminist-oriented organization for women in the
arts. Its facilities include a gallery and a theater and
it offers programs and workshops in the performing arts
and in almost every visual medium. Located at 549 West
52nd Street, the Center will be the site of this year's
Festival which will take place from April 10th to April 26th.

For this year's show, the gallery/theater space will be transformed into multiple viewing environments. Each room will be reflective of a certain mood, for example there is the glitter room, resplendent with wall sculptures made from fashion fads of the fifties...spiked heel shoes and pointed bras, painted and metallicized.

On display in part of the gallery will be video games and sculptures such as the <u>Video Toys</u> devised by Wendy Clarke.

One of these toys resembles an elephant designed so a participant can stand in the sculpture and paint his or her body by looking at a live monitor image only. The camera is mounted in the elephant's trunk.

The Festival is made possible by a grant by the New York State Council on the Arts. For more information about either the Women's Interart Center or the Festival call 246-6570 (Monday - Friday, 2-10 p.m.).



Dear Participants,

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for being part of this year's show. Attendance at the eleven programs presented averaged around 80 per evening. The environments that were built were a huge success and many people who had been to previous Women's Video Festivals expressed their pleasure with the juried show as opposed to the open entry. Programming was tighter and we felt a lot better about it.

Reviews about the show have already appeared in <a href="Majority Report">Majority Report</a> (May 3, 1975), Show Business

(May 1, 1975) and Vid News (May 12, 1975) as well as a review that was broadcast over radio station WQIV-FM in New York City. Yet to come is an article in the current issue of <a href="TeleVisions">TeleVisions</a> (formerly called Community Video Report). Press releases of the show appeared in at least nine publications including, <a href="Mss.">Ms.</a>, <a href="New York Times">New York Times</a>, <a href="Millimeter">Millimeter</a>, <a href="SoHo Weekly News">SoHo Weekly News</a>, <a href="Avalanche">Avalanche</a>, and others, but only one (<a href="TeleVisions">TeleVisions</a>) did a follow-up story. We hope to be able to improve on this situation next year with a full-time press agent soon to be on the Women's Interart Center payroll.

Regarding your tapes, if you have not yet received them please let us know since they were insured. Your rental fees (80¢ per minute) should arrive in the mail soon and hopefully by next week we will have purchased mailing tubes so we can send you a poster and a copy of the program.

The Interart Center in conjunction with Women Make Movies has begun a program of monthly showings of the International Video Letters. This is a tape exchange between eleven cities in the U.S. (and Sydney Australia) where different women's groups make tapes on a monthly basis about things that are happening in their respective cities that might be of interest to other women. On the second Saturday of each month (June 14, July 12, August 9 and September 13) we will be showing any tapes that have been sent to New York at the Center at 8:00 p.m. It is our hope that we'll be able to start regular open showings as well if the videoletters generate enough interest.

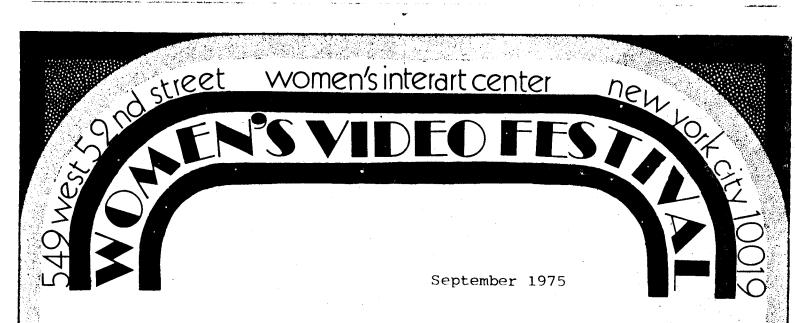
If you are not currently on the mailing list at WIC (being on our list does not automatically mean that you are) and you wish to be, you can write or phone and ask to be included on it. That should insure your being kept informed about all of our events, video included.

Again, thank you for your participation...please keep in touch with us.

Cordially,

Susan + aun

Susan Milano & Ann Eugenia Volkes



Dear Stein,

As co-ordinator of the Women's Video Festival since 1972 I have been asked to organize four programs for Anthology Film Archives as part of their curator's choice series. The tapes will be shown on Monday evenings at the end of November and the beginning of December.

I am writing to ask you if you would like to submit your tape, \_\_\_\_\_\_, for inclusion in the show. Rental would be on the basis of \$1.00 per minute so we could pay you \$ 10.00.

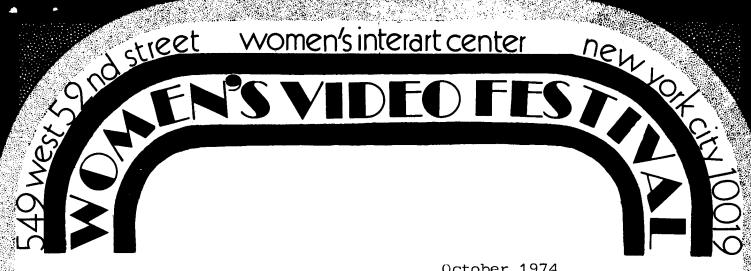
I can only say that I'm very pleased that Shigeko Kubota (video curator at Anthology) has asked the Women's Video Festival to be part of these presentations and I hope you will want to be represented too. Please respond either way immediately since the November/December calendar goes to press at the end of September and we'll want to include a complete listing for each show. Tapes can be sent as late as November 3 (so we can play them through to make sure there are no complications).

Hope to hear from you soon,

Susan

Susan Milano

P.S. I wanted to maintain a minimum rental furgitor of the above is O.K. with you I could use the copy of have so you wouldn't have to pend-any tapes through the mail



October 1974

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All work to be shown will be selected by a jury of women representing varying viewpoints as well as different personal approaches to video as a medium. This departure from the way the previous two Festivals have been organized (open entry with no jury) has evolved because of an ever-increasing number of women who are now working in video. The Second Women's Video Festival featured over fifty tapes and returned several others simply because there was not enough program time to accommodate everything that was sent.

The form of the Festival is outlined on the following pages.

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- b) While we are emphasizing tapes originated by women, we are not excluding those in which men have played production roles. A complete list of credits must be submitted with each tape.
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- d) We have received a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts to help pay the production costs of the Festival. Out of this we expect to give tapemakers 80¢ per minute of time for work included in the program as a rental fee. We intend to ask for a contribution from people attending the shows to help offset expenses.
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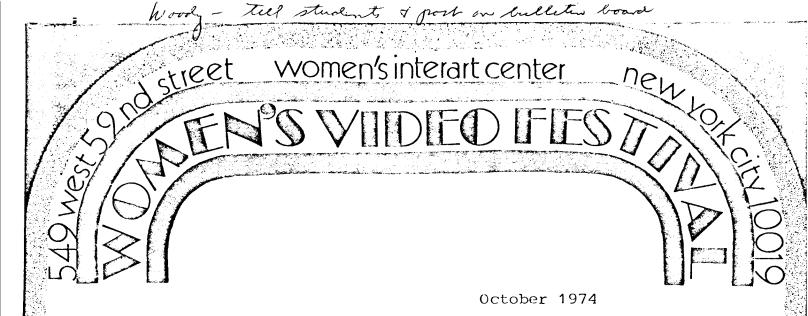
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Yours truly,

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<sup>\*\*</sup> PLEASE NOTE: ALL TAPES MUST BE NEW STANDARD WHETHER BLACK AND WHITE OR COLOR SO MAKE COPIES ACCORDINGLY.

Equipment list or Women's Viceo Testival form Susan Milano

### Equipment list

<u>chair room</u>

2 color monitors

2 b/w monitors

1 camera (and CMA if it's a portapak)

1 tripod

pillow room

2 b/w monitors 1 color monitor

1 camera (and CMA if it's a portapak)

1 tripod

control room

3 playback decks (1 color)

1 camera (and CMA if it's a portagak)

1 matrix switcher

3 preview monitors for VTR's (small monitors)
3 preview monitors for cameras (small monitors)

1 audio amplifier
2 or 3 speakers

1 mike to plug into the audio system -

1 tripod

<u>gallery pieces</u>

2 to 5 monitors b/w (at least one should be at least 18" the others can be different sizes and we'll work with what we get as far as numbers go...we can decorate all the gallery windows or just one depending on the number and size of the monitors that we have for the beckening hands piece)

LIGHTING- we'll need bright spots to put in the ceilings so the rooms will be as well lit as possible.

Also we'll need lots of co-ax cable...a few long ones and several shorter ones. We'll need audio cable..to correspond with the sound system so we can bring sound from the control room to the two viewing spaces.

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# ACT U CAN LOAN

2 STUDIO CAMERAS (1 W/ZOOMLENS I W/WIDE ANGLE)
1 PORTAPAK CAMERA (WKMA)

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4 TRIPODS

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WE ALSO HAVE (IF NECESSARY)

1 DISTRIBUTION AMP

1 MIKE MIXER

SEVERAL HEADSETS AND HISCELLANCOVI TTEMS

POWER PAKS AND BATTERY PAKS

IF ATEM THEY ARE FIXED

WE WILL HAVE

2 STUDIO DECKS

2 P-PAK CAMERS

2 P-PAK DECKS

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# Susan Milano

303 East Houston Street New York, New York 10002 March 15, 1976

Steina Vasulka 257 Franklin Street Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Steina,

Shigeko has finally gotten the money to pay for the Women's Video Festival curator's choice series presented in November. She would like to purchase Let It Be for a total price of \$50. Enclosed is a contract that describes the terms. If all is acceptable, please sign and return one copy of the contract along with a new dub of the tape to me. As soon as I receive same I will get your check from Shigeko and send it to you immediately. Please note, since they have the money NOW, it is imperative that the deal be concluded quickly. Shigeko would like to get your dub within two weeks. To eliminate confusion please send your materials to me.

Best to you and Woody too...

Susan Milano

**Enclosure** 

2/2,53, April 7/79

Tean Ms Steina VASULKA vou are invited to participate in a Stou About "Women in Video. Kindly (ontact Don's CHASE at 222 w 232d st N.y. 16011 tel 212-929-7285 The will coordinate the stow, with will take place at the clobal Village" MAY 25/73 at 7.30 p.m. Hope to Hear from you as soon as possible. Sincerely ally fright. please Send Donis information about your Vieles For press release

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Dear Skina:

Enclosed is Susan Milano! A list of equipment she will need for the Women's Video Festwal next week, plus a list from Shene Keeler of equipment Act I can contribute.

Thursday, July 17. Can Jon Burnis you & I meet sometime before then to discuss how much equipment is available, how much we will have to rent, and a get-up proceedure. Of some sort

1 will be at WBFO (#5393) every afternoon this week -Thanks July Treible