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Dear Woody & Steina:

The Kitchen at twenty years.

After two decades, three locations, four directors, and a seemingly uncountable number of exhibitions, performances and events, The Kitchen will mark its Twentieth Anniversary in the fall of 1992. True to The Kitchen's historic mix of evolution and resolution, next fall's celebration will reflect the singular history of The Kitchen as well as suggest the shape and contour of the years to follow.

Our plans for next fall include a range of projects from the publication of a series of anecdotal essays to six weeks of special programming and, of course, a big party. Collectively, we hope to render the role of The Kitchen in supporting artists who have consistently challenged the nature of artistic experience, material and achievement. We hope that the Twentieth will be as varied and as contradictory as you know The Kitchen to be; and that it will reflect the ways in which The Kitchen has changed, the ongoing principles underlying its mission, and the impact of your decisions in its evolution. Most of all we hope for a timely and public recognition of the artistic community that has given direction and life to The Kitchen.

We are writing to extend our invitation for your participation and input in our plans. Your thoughts and reflections would provide an invaluable living guide to the history of The Kitchen, an institution that defies definitive description, resists reductive analysis, and yet has demonstrated remarkable staying power. Over the next several months, we will be assembling the components of our celebration and hope that we might call on you for advice and support.

Thank you for your help in building The Kitchen.

Sincerely,



Barbara L. Tsumagari
Executive Director