Video Exhibition: **ED EMMSHWILLER & WOODY VASULKA: NEW WORKS**

**MAY 24 - JUNE 19, 1988**

Opening Reception: **TUESDAY, MAY 24, 7:00 -10:00 pm**

**ARTISTS' PRESENTATIONS 8:00 pm**

Continuous screening during LACE hours: Tues-Sat 11-5, Sun 12-5

**2 TOURS DE FORCE at VideoLACE**

Through controlled convergences of sound and image and an open-minded grace, Ed Emshwiller and Woody Vasulka each present a damaged and needy world while they inspire viewers to observe, integrate and respond.

These two internationally recognized masters of manipulated video images will show their recently completed tapes at LACE from May 24 until June 19. Tuesday, May 24 the two artists will screen and discuss their work from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Ed Emshwiller will exhibit *HUNGRERS*, a 28-minute tape produced in collaboration with composer Morton Subotnick; Woody Vasulka will show *ART OF MEMORY*, a 36-minute tape.

Both pioneers of video art, Emshwiller and Vasulka began in experimental film and mixed media events and shifted to video soon after the equipment became available to independents. Vasulka developed his own analogue and, later, digital video synthesizers. Emshwiller combined existing equipment in new ways and became a major influence in video animation.
In contrast, Woody Vasulka worked more singularly on his highly complex, very evocative *ART OF MEMORY*. The video opus combines a score, an arid landscape and historical stock footage into a meditation on memory, militarism and media. Against a sun setting in the desert, images of World War II, the Spanish Civil War and others are figured into biomorphic 3-dimensional shapes, appearing as though vaguely familiar forms are bumping with our cultural heritage. The images are drawn from the collective media memory to examine the violence leading to the atomic age.

**Vasulka** arrived in United States in 1965 from Prague. In 1974 he turned from filmmaking to teaching media at State University of New York, Buffalo where he began his investigations into computer controlled video, building "the Vasulka imaging system". With his wife Steina he founded the Kitchen, an important interdisciplinary art center in New York. He has participated in many major video exhibitions and festivals around the world. Vasulka just returned from a residency in Japan and is currently preparing a major retrospective of his and Steina's work at The American Museum of the Moving Image in New York.

The two tapes equally remind and question.
Tracking the Epidemic

April 17 - June 19: Tracking the Epidemic: 5 years with The Gay Men's Health Crisis (N.Y. AIDS care organization). Exhibition of graphics curated by writer Jan Grover in the LACE Bookstore April 17 from 2-5 pm. Author's Party: Simon Watney, London-based author of Policing Desire, Pornography, AIDS and the Media. Both writers discuss their work including their articles in October magazine's special issue on AIDS.

Leroy Jenkins

April 23 at 8 pm: Violinist/composer Leroy Jenkins is one of the key shapers of "new jazz." His solo concert for unaccompanied viola and violin displays influences from urban blues, gospel and bluegrass to Stravinsky. Tickets: $8/$6 LACE members.

Staley, Frisell and Mori

April 22 at 7:30 pm: Direct from the Manhattan new music scene comes the improvising ensemble Jim Staley (trombone), Bill Frisell (guitar) and Ikue Mori (drums). Joseph Paul Taylor performs solos for electronic keyboards and voice in a musical equivalent to "living television." Tickets: $8/$6 LACE members. Co-presented with the Independent Composers Association and Meet the Composer.


Rick Hink

April 27 - May 12, Rick Hink, Video Installation: Rick Hink, a Los Angeles artist, transforms LACE's video screening room into an ethereal multi-monitor and speaker installation entitled, "Clarified Object." Opening Reception: Wednesday, April 27, 7-10 pm.

Open Studio Tours

More than 75 artists' studios open in the downtown area: Saturday, studios east of Alameda and Sunday, west of Alameda. Tickets and maps for visitors are on sale at LACE on the days of the event. Tickets: $6/$4 LACE members.
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