You have probably already received an invitation to participate in the 11th Annual Avant Garde Festival, to be held November 16, at Shea Stadium in Flushing (Queens), New York. In the event that you cannot, or do not, wish to do your own video piece or installation, we would like to show a videotape of yours as part of a continuous 12hr group video showing.

We will be equipped to present EIAJ 1/2" color and 3/4" videocassette format tapes, displayed by one or two color video projectors (e.g. Sony or Advent) in the Press Room at Shea Stadium. Because of time pressures, it will be difficult to show works longer than 30 minutes.

If you would like to participate in the Festival group video program, please send in the title of your work, length, production credits, special playback instructions and any other information you consider important about your tape as soon as possible. We could also use brief biographical material and your autograph for our brochure.

We would appreciate that all tapes arrive by Thursday, November 7 c/o Annual Avant Garde Festival, 47 West 46th street, (Apt. 3-R), NYC, NY, 10036. Where possible, send first generation copies of your master. Your tape will be returned immediately after the one-day Festival and we guarantee that no other use will be made of it beyond the specific November 16 showing.

The group video program is one of the most popular events at the Festival which is always free to the public (attendance at recent Festivals has exceeded the 10,000 figure). In addition the Festival receives a considerable amount of coverage in the local and international art press.

We strongly hope that you will be part of the 11th Annual Avant Garde Festival and look forward to hearing from you soon. We are available around the clock at (212) 246-7616.

Yours sincerely,
Charlotte Moorman
Director

Shridhar Bapat
Video program director

tel: (212) 246 7616
P.S. If we have already contacted you by phone, please consider this letter a confirmation and a reminder.
November 29, 1975

Dear Stein and Woody,

Thank you so much for a beautiful Festival.

Each and every artist together with the National Parks Service, Park Service Recreations and Cultural Affairs Administration; New York Police and Fire Departments; United States Coast Guard; Federal Aviation Administration; National Endowment for the Arts; New York State Council on the Arts; Howard Wise of Electronic Arts Intermedia (and even the timely ending of the hurricane) brought this year's Festival to over 20,000 New Yorkers. But, as always, the essential ingredient in your mission and hard work.

Thank you again for participating in the 12th Annual Avant Garde Festival of New York. Letting me show your tape "Homemade TV"—I only hope you can be in NY at next Festival because we really missed you.

I love you,

[Signature]
Charlotte Mloorman presents

The 10th Annual Avant Garde Festival of New York

Aboard Penn Central Railroad Cars, In Grand Central Terminal, New York City, East 42nd Street between Vanderbilt & Lexington Avenues, Tracks 34 & 35, Sunday, December 9, 1973, Press Opening 12:00 noon, General Public 1 p.m. 'til midnight, free admission

PROGRAM

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And personal thanks to Frank C. Pileggi, Festival Chairman; Peter Moore, Festival Photographer; Jerald Undover, Festival Attorney; Shridhar Bapat, Festival Video Co-ordinator; Jud Yalkut, Festival Film Program Director; Si Fried, Festival Events Director; Michael Cooper, Festival Poetry Co-ordinator; John Kinder, Publicity Photos; Sally Di Martini, Maura Fried, Jim McWilliams, Barbara Moore, Lydia Silman, Alison Simmons, Anne Tardos, Ethel Velez, John Tatman and Juan J.T. Crovetto
The Festival Film Car

ARTISTS' INFORMATION FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL AVANT GARDE FESTIVAL OF NEW YORK

The 12th Annual Avant Garde Festival will be presented at Gateway National Recreation Area/Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y.C. on Saturday, September 27, 1975. Press opening: 11 a.m. General public: 1 p.m. till midnight. As always, the Festival is free to the public. (Raindate, Sept. 28, regardless of weather).

If you have not already done so, you must supply us the following information:
1) A complete list of all equipment you are bringing (with serial numbers where possible).
2) A diagram (no matter how primitive) which indicates placement of all equipment, chairs, etc. THIS IS URGENT.
3) ALSO URGENT: the electrical requirements of each piece of equipment. There will be no problem providing whatever power you need. But, Floyd Bennett Field is not theatrically equipped, so you must bring your own heavy-duty extension cords, multiple plugs and floodlights, etc. if needed.

For the program the absolute deadline for information, eg. titles of works, credits, names of helpers, biographical notes, explanations of your piece, etc. is September 24. If you would like to give a page of information about your work, please bring 300 copies to the Field, by Thursday, September 25 and help us collate a kit to be given to the press.

The Field will be available for you to see from 9am to 5pm daily. Please take advantage of the fact that, unlike previous Festivals, we have several days of advance set-up time. Installation can begin from 10am, Monday, September 22 onwards. Secure equipment storage areas have been arranged. Please tell us in advance the day and time you are coming with your equipment. The Festival will have its own entrance to the Field, but prior to the Festival day, September 27, you will have to use the main entrance to the Field and show the enclosed pass to the guard on duty. In addition, you should place the accompanying car sticker in the lower left-hand corner of the windshield.

We will dismantle our pieces after the end of the Festival at midnight. As in the past, your help in cleaning up would be greatly appreciated. We must leave the Field as we found it.

The Parks Service liason is Patrick Bauer, Park Ranger, (212) 252-9286, (9am to 5pm).

Thank you so much for participating in the 12th Annual Avant Garde Festival.

Love,

Charlotte Mooorman
(212) 246-7616

PS: Be prepared for chilly weather and bring picnic food, the nearest food/shopping is more than 2 miles away. A reminder to participants in the group video, film, and electronic music shows: if you have not already mailed your works I hope you have made alternate delivery arrangements to allow us enough time for programming.

DIRECTIONS TO GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA/FLOYD BENNETT FIELD

By Mass Transit: Take subway, then bus as follows: Either a) IRT 7th Ave line no. 3 to end of line at Flatbush Ave (corner Nostrand) or b) IRT Lex Ave line no. 4 to end of line at Flatbush Ave (corner Nostrand). If line no. 4 does not go as far as Flatbush Ave, change to no. 3 at Nevins, then catch Green Line bus no. 35 at corner of Flatbush & Nostrand, go south on Flatbush and ask bus driver to stop at Floyd Bennett Field. By Highway: a) From Brooklyn Battery Tunnel take Belt Pkwy east to Flatbush Ave (south)/Rockaways exit 115. Festival entrance approximately 2 miles from exit 115. b) From George Washington Bridge take West side highway to 44th St. exit, follow alternate route to Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, then proceed as in (a) above. c) From Holland & Lincoln Tunnels, take west side alternate route to Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and proceed as in (a) above. d) Northbound on Interstate 95 or Garden State Pkwy, head for Staten Island Expwy, and take Fordham Road exit 9 to Belt Pkwy eastbound and exit as in (a) above. e) Southbound on Interstate 95 (from New England) take southbound 678 over the Whitestone Bridge and follow the Van Wyck Expwy to Kennedy Airport, just before airport enter Belt Pkwy westbound to Flatbush Ave (south)/Rockaways exit 115. f) From Nassau & Suffolk counties (Long Island) take Southern State Pkwy into Belt Pkwy westbound, then proceed as in (e) above.

Note: The main Field entrance 2 mile further along Flatbush Ave. (just before toll bridge), and must be used prior to the day of the Festival.
November 3, 1972

Dear Woody and Elaine,

Thank you for a fantastic Festival!

I am very sad that the insurance and funding problems prevented the Alexander Hamilton from going to Poughkeepsie and Albany, but I am very grateful that we had such a beautiful Festival in New York City.

I can not find enough words to thank you for the art, work, time, equipment, love and beauty that you gave to the Festival.

Monday, November 6th, there will be a party for all the people who made the Festival possible at Jim McWilliams' loft, 154 W. 27th 3rd floor from 8 pm on. I hope you will be able to attend.

Thank you for everything.

I love you,

[Signature]

P.S. Please don't tell Howard Win about the party, because it is also his birthday and we want to surprise him.
November 24, 1974

Dear Woody and Stein, 

We would like to thank you for your participation in the video program of the 11th Annual Avant Garde Festival; the continuous 12 hour showing was one of our most successful events, with the 150 seat screening room crowded beyond capacity during much of the day.

The video program surveyed the full spectrum of video experimentation and we were particularly pleased with the overall quality of work presented since many in the audience were experiencing video art for the first time.

Equally gratifying was the performance of the Advent color video projector in handling both color and black and white images. With brightness and clarity rivalling the best of conventional t.v. monitors, the 4 -1/4 ft. x 5 - 2/3 ft. Advent screen added a significant new dimension to the act of watching video.

We look forward to showing your latest work in next year's Avant Garde Festival. Until then, with our warmest thanks.....

Very sincerely yours,

Shridhar
Shridhar Bapat,
Festival Video Director

Charlotte Moorman,
Festival Director
ARTISTS

Maryanne Amacher/Luis Frangella - "A Step Into It", Spatial 3-D Drawings, assisted by Glendor Strei.
Beth Anderson - "Torero Piece", "Goodbye Bridget Bardot or Hello Charlotte Moorman" performed by Beth Anderson and Jill Kroesen.
Eric Andersen - "Become a Member of Eric Andersen's Random Audience".
Oliver Andrews - "Sundials", mylar sculptures assisted by Barry Pogorel, David Hardy, David Kaplan, Helen Daphnis Avlon - "Multi-Media at Westbeth" performed by Artemis Daphnis, Lauri Stichman, Paula Saphire, Bill Manscara.
Ay-o - "Rainbow Flags".
Gregory Battcock - "Umpire".
John Beaulieu - "Alphabet Soup", "Clothesline" assisted by Pam Beaulieu.
Eric Broadus - "Spring".
Arthur & Corinne Cantrill - "Skin of Your Eye Seen".
Giuseppe Chiari - "Play the Cello in Tramway", performed by Charlotte Moorman.
Christo - Maysles Brother's film of "Christo's Valley Curtain".
Fletcher Copp - "Explanations of the Ards".
Juan Tomas Crovetto/Jerome Smith - "Shea Stadium Fans".
Douglas Davis - "Invisible Video I (from the USSR)".
Sari Dienes - "Plant Fall" helped by Dermot Harvey.
Hans Joachim Dietrich - "One Small Electronic Piece".
Eugene Dolgoff - "Watch the Birdie", assisted by Robert Stirbl, Richard Virca, Michael Metz, Angela Venzon.
Paul Earls - "Laser Music Waiver" assisted by Bart Johnson.
Lette Lou Eisenhauer - "Sun, Rainbow & Clouds".
Electron Movers Research in the Electronic Arts, Inc. Dennis Hlynsky, Bob & Dorothy Jungels, Laurie McDonald and Alan Powell - "Streaking".
Bill Etra/Louise Etra - "Crowd Interactions - Live Interactive Video Work".
Clay Fear - "Susan Hayward has Brain Surgery or as the Music Faded".
Luigi Ferro - "Ombre" (Shadows).
Scott Fischer - "In Time".
Bill Fontana - "Compositions for Preferred Objects".
Andrew Frank - "Fake Interview with/without Participants".
Peter Frank - "Ives Schoenberg Anniversary Event".
Jerry Fried - "Dis Is Art?", "Silhouette '75" with Jeff Shooker, Jeff Preiss, Dave Harvan.
Si Fried - "Travesties '74".
Davidson Gigliotti - "The Big Picture".
Boris Goldmund/Xi Liary Twil - "Untitled".
Daniel Goode - "The Serial Faust Interviews (For Shea Stadium)" assisted by Byron Bernheim.
Guerrilla Art Action Group with Jon Hendricks, Jean Toche, Virginia Toche, Joanne Stamerra, & Jean-Noel Herlin - "United States of America vs. Artist Jean Toche" open letter.
Marc Grafe - "Foxylocks & the Three Hares; Environmental Fable of our Times".
Al Hansen - "Conz Desiato E Nitsch Cancelled Parachute Jump (Big Wind) & Sexual Intercourse with a Female Great Dane Dog".
Richard Hayman - "Please Sit Here For Service", "Doll and Breeze".
Richard Hayman/Michael Jaffrenou/Leigh Landy - "Why We Are Not Here".
Geoff Hendricks - "Blanket" a 12 hour meditation ritual, assisted by Susan Bailey, Susan Clark, Bitz Ennis, Cindy Ho, Seth Laderman, Paul Levitt, Molly Lipschitz, Greg Sclight.
Charlotte Holtzermann/Leonard Horowitz - "Duets Shadow Dances", "Duets in black and white".
Takahiko Iimura - "A Line in a Loop".
Emilio Isgro - "Kissinger".
Louis Jaffe/Alexandra Ogsbury/Nannette Sievert - "Stacion Dance".
Bart Johnson - "Laser Star Flake".
Sandra Johnson - "Dance Painting".
Felix Kemner - "Star Selling".
Kipper Kids - Harry and Harry Kipper performing.
Jeffrey Kleinman/Cara De Vito/Vito Brunetti - "History Lesson", helper: Arby Schuman.
Alison Knowles - "Malaman Chant" assisted by Barbara Bloom and Anna Lockwood.
Jill Kroesen - "Fay Shism Blues Begun in the Home" performed by Jill Kroesen and Leonard Neufeld.
Shigeko Kubota - "Video Wind, Video Stripe".
Anna Lockwood/Ruth Coron Omabegho - "Interchange- a visual- vocal dialogue" assisted by Chuck Marks.
Lomholt - "An Epitaph Carved in Human Flesh with Blood Stained Fighting Gloves".
Lynn Lonidier - "Choose Chews" and Colonel Rogues.
Mary Lucier - "Chalk Writing with Air Writing, Video" assisted by Guy Van Baalen and D. Van Baalen.
Jackson Mac Low - "# Units of a Vocabulary for Charlotte Moorman".
Andy Mann - "Take Him out to the Ballgame; the Team with No Name".
Judith Mann - "Totem Process" with the Emergency Group: George Box, Susan Canon, Bard Clahr, Chris Cox, Kent Cox, Michael Frink, Tom Giles, Tobe Hait, Ed Hasselbrinck, Lee Kanon, Mara Sandler, Ron Scheff, Diane Smith, Marc Stager, Ann Stanner and Julie Surrao.
Max Mathews - "Electronic Cello" performed by Charlotte Moorman.
Harvey Job Matusow - "Silver Bus Piece".
Jim McWilliams - "Flying Cello/a Trapeze Music Event", technical assistant: Warren Bacon; assistants: Richard Hartenstein, Don Paradise, Allan Guilmette, Gene Koenig; performed by Charlotte Moorman.
Antoni Mira Alda - "Crumbs", helper: Donna Damoorgian.
Peter Moore/Barbara Moore - "Documentation".
Franklin Morris - "Syn City"; credits for visual part: General direction-Franklin Morris; Filming-Ronald Marquisee; Video Switching-Bill Viola, Carl Geiger, Fred Kessler; Technical Video Assistance-Warren Lombard; Laser projector-George Stadnik; 8mm film on monitor-Bob Edgar; Video done at Synapse Studios, S. U.; Assistance in performance of visuals- William Gangi, Martha Gangi, Fred Kessler, Marilene Nagel, Bob Edgar, George Stadnik; sounds created by Dr. Morris, Electronic Studio, S. U.
Lady "N" - "Fly".
Maurizio Nannucci - "Creare L'Artista Creativo / Create the Creative Artist".
Juan Navarro - Baldeweg - "Source and Sink" lithograph.
Henry Niese - "Peace for the Hoop of Nations" with representatives from the Cherokee, Apache, Hopi, Winnebago, Seneca, Lumbee, Camanche, and Oglala Sioux tribes; the New York Thunderbirds; the Brooklyn Drum; David Broken Rope, Head Gaffer; Paula Niese and Jan Wearnes, Indian Fry Bread.
Yoko Ono - "46 Reflections" from Dawn to Knight. This is a wish piece. Each time the sun hits a mirror, make a wish and it will come true; assistants: Geanelle Meyers and Alan Dahl.
Gregory Reeves - "Solo Percussion".
Ken Werner - "Phil Harmonic and the Nu-Tones present the Rolling Tones Shea".
Bud Wirtshafter and the Soho Media Co-Op - "If Money is the Answer, What is the Question?"; initiators:
  Bud Wirtshafter, Jerry Oster, Bobby Samuels, Dana Lindsey, Les Davidson, Michael Solleder, Jude Ali,
  Mindy Stevenson, Jennifer Landry, Andrew Tomacchio, Joyce Denebrink, John Kilgore, Seth Tillet.
Bob Wood and the Festival Music Company - "Music Tree House".
Marilyn Wood and the Celebrations Group: Victoria Berning, Richard Burke, Michael Boughton, M'Lon Caring,
  Chris Edwards, Kenneth Charloff, Laura Eng, John Ensminger, Jane House, Barbara Kahn, Peter Maclean,
  Artie Matarasso, Ginger Miles, Alex Moir, Mitlaides Mandros, Georgia Rose, Patricia Usakowska, Donna
  Warner, Bob Wood, and Marilyn Wood performing "SIS-POOM-BA! Stadium Stances".
Jaume Xifra - "Irreversible" realized by Antoni Miralda.
Tom Zahuranec - "Plant Music" using the Serge Tcherepin Synthesizer; helped by Randy Cohen and Jill Kroezen.
Cornelius Van Zeyl - "First Hand" palm reading.
Larry Miller - "Message Service For Extra-Terrestrial Beings" assisted by William Post.

SCOREBOARD
Arman - "All the trash and garbage produced at Shea Stadium is a work of art"
John Cage - "Happy New Ears"
Robert Filliou - "Telepathic Music" - "Concentrating silently send waves of greetings weatherluck manluck
  womanluck to members of the eternal network all over the world - duration from a split second to infinity"
Si Fried - "Travesties '74"
Ludwig Gosewitz - "Planet Poem"
Knud Pedersen - "An Example of an Instant Library"
Philip Perlman - "Today it rose in the East again, today," "A year is a day, day after day"
Vera Simon - "Airborne Message"

PA SYSTEM
BIOME - Frank McCarthy, Marilyn McCarthy, Allan Strange, Pat Strange
  Frank McCarthy - "For Pauline," "A Wong Bon g," "Moog Talk"
  Allan Strange - "Propagations and Decay of Resonant Particles," "Let's not tell Them All the Old Things"
  4. "The Joshua Tree" introduction to Pulse with Charles Amarkhanian, 5. "Pulse"
Joel Chadabe - "Drift"
Philip Corner - "Breathe: Rubbing Rock (Concerto)" with Julie Winter and Carole Weber
Bob Fass - "One Hoarse Soap in Shea"
  Structures"
Toshi Ichiyanagi - "Life Music With Concert For Tape"
Karlheinz Stockhausen - "Telemusic I"
Bob Watts - "Misc. for A. G. Festival"
FILM SHOW - Directed by Jud Yalkut - Gridiron Room


VIDEO PROGRAM - Shridhar Bapat, Director - Press Room


The Video Program would not have been possible without the loan of equipment and technical aid from: Advent Corporation (Advent Color Video Projector), Cambridge, Mass.; Andreka Donovan and Robert Lewis, Northlight Video Visuals, Newton, Mass.; Technisphere Corporation, NYC.; and thanks to Vito Brunetti, Vinnie Novak and Aeby Schuman for their set-up help
For Immediate release: Plans for the 9th Annual New York Avant Garde Festival

Hudson Riverboat "Alexander Hamilton" • New York City • Poughkeepsie • Albany

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Aboard "Alexander Hamilton", South Street Seaport Museum, Pier 16, NYC, Saturday, October 28; (Hopefully) Poughkeepsie, Sunday, October 29; Albany, Monday, October 30, 1972.

The 9th Annual New York Avant Garde Festival will be held on Saturday, October 28, from noon 'til midnight, at the South Street Seaport Museum, Fulton Street at the East River, Pier 16 aboard the historical old Hudson River sidewheeler "Alexander Hamilton"; and, for the first time, the Festival hopes to be presented in other NY State communities - in Poughkeepsie, October 29, 4 PM 'til midnight on the Urban Renewal Dock, Hudson River; and in Albany, October 30, 6PM 'til midnight, Port of Albany, Hudson River. Admission is free.

The Annual Avant Garde Festival of New York is becoming a rich tradition in its own right. In previous years, the Festival has been held on the Staten Island Ferry, in Central Park, on Wards and Mill Rock Islands, in Judson Hall, as a parade down Central Park West, and last year, at the 69th Regiment Armory. More than 200 artists from all over the state will join in this Riverboat Art Festival in the Empire State.

Events planned so far are: "An Interpretation of Matter" using ultrasonic fields, electronic eyes and taped Plato texts & a performance, video and laser work "Three Way Communication by Light" by JUAN DOWNEY; "A Painting for the Alexander Hamilton" theater piece by DAVID NUNEMAKER with members of "Cloud" restoring the Pursar's Office as it was in 1922; SHIRLEY CLARKE & DON SNYDER'S "A Video Fortune Teller Booth" using video tapes corresponding to "The I Ching" tri-grams and hex-grams; DR. FRANKLIN MORRIS' "A Moog Synthesizer, Oscilloscope, Kinescope Event" from his Syracuse University Electronic Studio presented in the Alexander Hamilton's engine room; AY-O'S "Rainbow Streamer II"; "A Water Cello for Charlotte Moorman" by JIM McWILLIAMS played in a tank of water pumped from the Hudson & East Rivers; "Spectral Time, Tidal" by TONY MARTIN, water and a light pendulum modulating light which in turn activates sounds; an audience participation "Interpenning" by MARTA MINUJIN; an "Experimental Television Center Marching Band" by RALPH HOCKING, ROBERT DIAMOND, KEN DOMINICK and SHERRY MILLER; ED EMSHWILLER's "Computer Graphic No I" and "Choice Chance Woman Dance"; POETRY - recited, visual and audience participation; a continuous VIDEO SHOW of works by ABE, BAPAT, CASSEN, CAVESTANY, DEVYATKIN, DRYSDALE, HAYES, KYGER, LEWIS, MILANO, NOVAK, PERLMAN, PHILLIPS, ROWE, SCALA, SIEGEL, TATTI, VELEZ, WRIGHT, & ZAGONE; 20 "Wind Chime Sculptures" by JOE JONES; a video poetry event by JACKSON MAC LOW; WILLIAM ETRA'S "Laser Video Quantum III"; a "Projection Piece" by TAKAHIKO IIMURA; "Flying Red Lines" paper and bamboo kites by TAL STREETER; "Concerto for TV Cello & Video Tapes" and a "TV Bed" sculptures by NAM JUNE PAIK; GEOFF HENDRICKS performing a living sculpture "Sky Meditation" while STEPHEN VARBLE performs "Four Seasons" simultaneously; MAX NEUHAUS' "Multi Transparency Sea Simulation Environment in the Captains Wheel House"; DR. FRED STERN'S "Computer Laboratory", a live-time computer participation piece enabling the generation of random drawings; FRANK GILLETTE & ANDY MANN'S "Ruf-Kutt," "Kutt-Ruf", a cybernetic video context; an "Electronic Banquet" in the ships kitchen by LIZ PHILLIPS; electronically synthesized video tapes for a "Video-Kinetic Environment" by WOODY & STEINA VASULKA; projections and photographs of CHRISTO'S "Colorado Curtain Project"; EMMETT WILLIAMS' "The Boy and The Bird" light and sound environmental poem; the VIDEO FREEX communal video group creating a video environment and an "Autumn Piece"; DAVIDSON GIGLIOTTI constructing "Carpentry is Art"; 12-hour continuous FILM SHOW by BREER, DE HIRSCH, COWAN, GREENFIELD, GROB, GUTMAN, FRIED, LAWDER, LEE, LEVINE, LINDER, MATTHIESE, VAN DER REE, VAIL, "A Film of the Film"; etc.
& "The Space Probe"; LIL PICARD'S "Portraits & Selfportraits" projection and graphic performance piece; experimental jazz "Barrel Music" by ED SUMMERLIN for saxophone, synthesizer, tapes & dancer BRENDA BUFALING; "River Stories" by DAVID ROSS; "Music/Meditation" event by RHYS CHATHAM; "Speak Light" by GARY HARRIS, a sound actuated lighting sculpture; BEN VAUTIER'S "Truth Banner"; "Pier Piece" by MARILYN WOOD and "The Celebrations Group"; "Drift" electronic music by JOEL CHADABE; ALVIN LUCIER'S "Neurological Piece"; a "Vinyl Poem" by JONATHAN PRICE; ELAINE SUMMER'S Dance & Film Company performing "Energy Changes"; ERIC SALZMAN'S & Quoq Music Theater: "Saying Something"; "Philibuster" an instantaneous piece by DAVID SILVER; JOE WEINTRAUB'S "Synatron"; "Om Theater" by HERMANN NITSCH; plus works by JOEY SKAGGS, AL HANSEN, BARBARA BLOOM, ALDO & ELSA TAMPELLINI, JUDY SCOTT, DAVID WISE, CAROLEE SCHNEEMANN; ANNA LOCKWOOD; DE KNEGT; DOMINICK CAPOBIANCO; BUD DRAKE; HARVEY MATUSOW; ERNST LURKER; LARRY MILLER; MARIE NIFORATOS; GREGORY REEVE; COSMOS SAVAGE; a celebration to the memory of KEN DEWEY and many other events.

The "Alexander Hamilton" was christened in Sparrow Point, Md. October 20, 1923 and was entered into service in May of 1924. Last Fall, after 47 years of service as an excursion boat on the Hudson River, this Ship was retired. The "Alexander Hamilton" is 338 feet long; has four decks; has a passenger capacity of 3,250; a gross of 2,367 tons; is 77 feet wide; and has a draft of 13 feet.

For further information, please contact: Charlotte Moorman, Director of the Festival
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History of the Annual New York Avant Garde Festival

In the summer of 1963, John Cage, Earle Brown, Edgard Varese, David Behrman, Morton Feldman, Frederic Rzewski and I conceived the idea of a Festival of the Avant Garde for New York City. I realized this idea by choosing the program, contracting the composers, designing a brochure, addressing and stuffing envelopes and borrowing electronic equipment. For the first two seasons, Norman J. Seaman guaranteed our rental of Judson Hall, printing and mailing, although the ticket receipts were not enough to pay him back in full. Composers wrote new works and performed them; their publishers donated music and tapes; the finest players in NYC gave their rehearsal and concert time; schools and individuals loaned equipment; and highly skilled engineers worked gratis on each program. We worked without pay in order to establish the festival as an annual event.

The first year there were six concerts featuring the works of 28 composers from eight countries, with seven world premieres, 10 American premieres, and three New York premieres. (August 20, 21, 27, 28, September 3 & 4.)

The second year grew from six to ten evenings with the addition of a full-scale production of Stockhausen's Originale. There were works by 34 composers from eight countries with 17 world premieres, six American premieres and 10 New York premieres. (August 30, September 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13.)

For the third season, special evenings of Jazz, Film, Poetry and Dance were added for a total of thirteen evenings—57 works were performed, chosen from approximately 80 scores that had been submitted from all over the world. Because of the limited capacity of Judson Hall, our Festival turned away hundreds. (August 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, September 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.)

The fourth Festival took place at Conservatory Pond in Central Park in the open air from 6 AM until midnight, September 9. Sculptors, painters, poets, musicians, dancers, happening folks, playwrights, film makers and electronic composers from 10 countries presented a cross section of advanced research in the arts today with over 75 compositions. The audience totalled 15,000.

Over 30,000 people attended the fifth Festival on board the Staten Island Ferry Boat John F. Kennedy, 11:30 PM Friday September 29th through 11:30 PM September 30th. Approximately 100 artists from Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the USA presented their newest kinetic light art works, sculptures, video tape recorder compositions, environments, computer compositions as well as films, Jazz, poetry, electronic music, happenings, chamber music and dance in an exposition of the Avant Garde.

The sixth Festival was a parade down Central Park West on Saturday, September 14th, 7 to 10 PM, ending in Central Park from 10 PM 'till midnight. Artists and art works on floats, foot, push carts, stilts, placards, banners and some sailing through the air suspended from helium-filled balloons gave education and recreation to thousands of New Yorkers, as well as an opportunity to display their newest works to the public. As in past years, the artists donated their own time and materials to make the Festival a success and major New York industries including Consolidated Edison and Hertz Rent-a-Truck helped to support our Parades.

The seventh Festival was presented on two islands in the East River — Wards Island September 28th through October 4th and Mill Rock Island October 26th through 31st. Works that should be viewed from a distance (inflatable sculptures, a 90-foot flame-lit tower, tree sound glasses, sky art, neon sculpture, island outlined with balloons and electric lights) were on Mill Rock and works that should be experienced at closer range (environments, television art, films, jazz, electronic music, computer murals, poetry, electric-sulche, etc.) were on Wards Island. Over 150 artists' works were displayed in structures designed and donated by Buckminster Fuller (geodesic dome) and Yale Professor Felix Dury (polyurethane structure), in open air exhibits, hung from trees, floating on the water, and flying in the sky.

The eighth Festival at the 69th Regiment Infantry Armory, Lexington Avenue at 25th Street, November 19th, Noon until Midnight, was attended by over 20,000 New Yorkers. Works included premieres of the Video Synthesizers of Shuya Abe-Nam June Paik and the one by Eric Siegel; Shirley Clark's 45-foot "Video Ferris Wheel"; a "Video Kinetic Environment" by Woody & Steina Vasulka; a 12-hour videotape show; Otto Piene's 35-foot "Inflated Flowers Sculpture"; a 4-hour concert piped in from California Institute of the Arts; Yoko Ono's 16-foot plexiglass "Human Maze" and other sculptures; orchestral "Wind Piece" by John Lennon; Geoff Hendrick's 12-hour meditation "Ring Piece"; a glider airplane event, "Docking" by Ken Dewey; Jim McWilliams' 9-foot Birthday Cake; a small Global Village by John Reilly & Rudi Stern; individual video exhibits by Douglas Davis, Ken Dominick, Ralph Hocking, Aldo Tambellini & The Video Freex; Robert Breer's moving "Rug"; a sound structure "Electronic Bouquet" by Liz Phillips audience making random drawings in Fred Stern's "Computer Composition"; plus over 100 pieces, poetry, happenings, electronic music, computer art, environments, and a continual film show premiering 33 films.

The goal of the Festival is to bring before the public the best experimental works, both American and International. The only requirement for selection for the Festival is the quality of the work, not the reputation of the artist; thus, young unknowns are given an equal chance for performance. It is important that the Avant Garde get as fair a hearing as is possible. The Annual New York Avant Garde Festival is dedicated to this purpose and is fast becoming an equivalent in America to the Palermo Festival (Italy), the Warsaw Festival (Poland), the Zagreb Biannale (Yugoslavia).

Because NYC is now the center of the art world, as Paris was in the 20's, artists come from all over the world to participate in the Festival. It has achieved an undisputed position as one of the most significant and internationally acclaimed cultural events presented in this country. Some of the more than 600 works presented were by Abe, Andersen, Andrews, Apple, Ashley, Austin, Ay -a, Baldino, Balkin, Battcock, Bayrak, Behrman, Bekaert, Berio, Bevys, Bienstock, Black, Brakhage, Brecht, Breer, Brock, Broughton, Brown, Buehler, Bueno, Bussotti, Cage, Committer, Cassen, Chiarini, Christiansen, Christo, Clarke, Conner, Cooper, Capobianco, Corner, Cowan, Crafts, Davis, Davison, Devyatkin, Dewey, Dominick, Downey, Dugas, Dupuy, Emshwiller, Engel, Feelisch, Feldman, Ferrari, Fino, Fillioui, Fischer, Forbes, Frampton, Frazier, Fried, Fulop, Gelmetti, Gerson, Gillette, Giordano, Giorno, Giffure, Goldstein, Goosewitz, Greenfield, Grossi, Hansen, Harris, Hausmann, Heckman, Heinz, Heliczer, Helms, Hendricks, Hidalgo, Higgins, Hirsch, Hogking, Holowitz, Hulsenbeck, Ichiyanagi, Imamura, Immoundoff, Isgra, Isobe, Jacobs, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kagel, Kaprow, Klintberg, Kluger, Knowles, Knowlton, Kroek, Kropin, Krokin, Leibl, Moolgat, Lennon, Le Parc, Loup, Luria, L.getDescription of the document's content goes here.
For Immediate Release: Plans for the 14th Annual Avant Garde Festival of New York and the 2nd Annual Cambridge River Festival

Cambridge, Massachusetts

INFLATABLES, BANNERS, VIDEO ART, PAINTINGS, FILMS, JAZZ, POETRY, HOLOGRAPHY, ACTIONS, OCTOPUS ART, SCULPTURE, DOCUMENTATIONS, FASHION ART, KINETIC LIGHT ART, EVENTS, POST CARD THEATER, ELECTRONIC MUSIC, EMBROIDERY ART, PROJECTIONS, ENVIRONMENTS, EDIBLE ART, WATER PIECES, DANCE, COMPUTER ART, DRAMA, AIR ART, STRUCTURES, PHOTOGRAPHY, SYNTHESIZER ART, PARADES, STEAM ART, MIME, STREET THEATER, LASER PROJECTIONS

Saturday, May 20, 1978 (rain date, May 21) Noon to Midnight (Press Opening 11 A.M.)

FREE ADMISSION

The 14th Annual Avant Garde Festival of New York will join the 2nd Annual Cambridge River Festival in flying over, floating on, emerging from, and lining the banks of the Charles River with inflatables, water pieces, air art, dance, laser imagery, computer art, films, performances, projections, video, and music. This is the first time that two events of this nature and scope have come together for a grand celebration of the arts.

The 14th Annual Avant Garde Festival of New York is designed to bring new audiences in touch with the latest works of artists in modes ranging from complex applications of advanced technologies to the most basic forms of expression in poetry, music, dance, and theater. The Festival has always been concerned with the innovative use of public spaces for the presentation of art. In past years this has led to unique and spectacular events at Shea Stadium, Grand Central Station, on the Alexander Hamilton Hudson River Boat, at the 69th Regiment Armory, in Central Park, on Wards and Mill Rock Islands, in C.A.M.I. Hall, as a parade down Central Park West, at Gateway National Park/Floyd Bennett Field, aboard the Staten Island Ferry, and, last year, at the World Trade Center, all in New York City.

The Cambridge River Festival is an annual week-long (May 14-20) celebration of the city, spring, and art, sponsored by the Cambridge Arts Council, an agency formed by the Cambridge City Council in 1974, with a mandate to enhance the lives of its citizens through the arts and to maintain the city's diverse cultural heritage. The Festival unites the talents of every variety of creative Cantabrigian to celebrate the city's own special character - reflecting
Events planned so far include a group participation from the CENTER FOR ADVANCED VISUAL STUDIES, M.I.T., OTTO PIENE, Director. ANDREW GURIAN's floating video barge "The Egyptian Queen". "Laser Imagery" by STEVE BENTON, LOWRY BURGESS, HERB MINGACE, RICK SILBERMAN, and WILL WALTERS. "Living Space Paintings" by DAVID NUNEMAKER and (CLOUD) AMERICAN CIRCUMFERIENCE ART. a 400-foot high reflective helium teepee by JEFF STETSON. "Cipher," a gestural language piece by JILL RILEY. KENNETH KANTOR's "Responsive Robot". a sculptural garden by the MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART SCULPTURE DEPT., GEORGE GREENAMYER, Dept. Head. BETSY McGURK's 6-foot geodesic drum. MARILYN WOOD AND THE CELEBRATIONS GROUP will be joined by hundreds of collaborating Cambridge artists who will perform in, on, around, and above the Hyatt-Regency Hotel accompanied by mountain climbers and a sky-diver starburst. "TV Environment with Fish tanks" by NAM JUNE PAIK. Light sensors will activate CHIP NAGLE's ten "Sound Paintings". CATHY SKOPIC's airborne circles. ANNEA LOCKWOOD will present a photo album-headphone piece. "Forest," an environmental photography piece by BOB LEHMANN. Indian rituals "Inipi" and "Sweat Lodge Ceremony" by HENRY NIESE. ANDOR ORAND's "Tipi Telephone Booths". GREGORY BATTOCK will be Professor Otto Piene. JESSICA GOODYEAR will continue her on-going photo-realist embroidery. a 12-hour meditation piece exploring the river's shore by BRIAN BUCZAK and GEOFF HENDRICKS. a 12-hour continuous film screening including works by STAN VANDERBEEK, ROBERT BREER, JAMES BROUGHTON AND JOEL SINGER, STORM DE HIRSCH, SI FRIED, WALTER GUTMAN, LEONARD HOROWITZ, and BOB PARENT (co-ordinated by JUD YALKUT). a "500 Balloon Aerial Water Sculpture" by ROBERT ADSIT and KIP INCHECK. a helium light work by TOD RUSH. JIM McWILLIAMS' Cambridge Special for Charlotte, elephant, and cello. EDITH STEPHEN'S DANCE CONNECTION will perform inside a plastic bubble with CLARENCE BUNCH's environmental sculpture "Air Whips". MINORU YOSHIDA and his flying canvas "Absolute Landscape No. 317. The Drawing of the 4 Dimensional Topology". a participatory "Festival Music Treehouse" by ROBERT WOOD. ROBERT RUTMAN's U.S. Steel Cello Ensemble. a 600 balloon "Helio Arc" by STEPHEN O'DONNELL. a non-stop videotape program by over fifty videomakers including MARY LUCIER, CAROLEE SCHNEEMANN, ED EMMESWILLER, JON ALPERT, NELSON HOWE, STEINA VASULKA, WOODY VASULKA, LEWIS LUSARDI, and JOEY SKAGGS (co-ordinated by SHRIDHAR BAPAT). JAN VAN RAAY'S "Bottle Fish 14". a masked performance
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"Information".....documentation of CHRISTO's California "Running Fence" project.....

WOOFY BUBBLES, MR. E., AND THE WOO WORLD PLAYERS will present a ritual
cyclic performance featuring body worn soft sculptures.....CHARLES BERNSTEIN and
BRUCE ANDREWS will co-ordinate the poetry corner featuring PETER FRANK, JACKSON
MACLOW, HANNAH WIENER, JAMES SHERRY, SHARON MATTLIN, MICHAEL ANDRE,
ED FRIEDMAN, and others.....ELIRCUS MAGNUS will pitch a music tent....."Soft
Sculptures" by SARI DIENES.....a series of banners by JOYCE UPSON.....ELLEN
ROTHENBERG's storefront "Species Observation".....paraboloidal sound reflectors
for LARRY JOHNSON's "Spring Rounds"....."Wish Poem" by YOKO ONO.....BETH
ANDERSON's "Microphone Music from Harvard Bell Tower".....a continuous audiotape
concert featuring DIETER JUNG, ANN McMILLAN, LAWRENCE KUCHARZ, RUTH
ANDERSON, PETER VAN RIPER, plus others.....light work water choreography by
PHIL McALARY.....a surprise laser projection by PAUL EARLES.....a collaborative
"Stop and Slow" projection by KATHY ARNOLD, ANN BRAY, TONY MENDOZA, LEE
POST, and NICOLE SIMON.....NICHOLAS KILMER's theater piece "The Marriage of
the Charles River to the Atlantic Ocean".....jazz by STAN STRICKLAND AND SUNDANCE.....
KEN BROWN's mounted photographic costumes....."Floating Mattes," photographic pro-
jections on a river boat by JON RUBIN.....JOAN BRIGHAM's "Steam Art" in collaboration
with the PHOENIX DANCE THEATRE.....CAROLYN BROWN will direct a series of
collaborative dances throughout the city.....IVAN TCHEREPNIN's outdoor music concert
with amplified baby and Serge synthesizer.....plus works by JODY BURNS, PHILIP
CORNELL, BILL DI BIASI, JUAN DOWNEY, SHALOM GOREWITZ, SHIGEKO KUBOTA,
PAULINE OLIVEROS, VALERY OISTEANU, WALTER STEDING, FRED STERN, YASUNAO
TONE, JOHANNA VANDERBEEK, OTTO VON RUGGINS, ROBERT FILLIOU, WOLFGANG
FEELISCH, ELI KUSLANSKI, INGE BAECKER, VIRGINIA GUNTER, DR. FRANKLIN MORRIS
with BILL GANGI and MARTHA GANGI, DIMITRI DEVYATKIN, ROBERT LEWIS, RAY
JOHNSON, JUAN T. CROVETTO, ALDO TAMBELLINI, ANTONI MUNTADAS,
MARGARITA D'AMICO, JOHN CAGE, THE CAMBRIDGE ART ARMY organized by JEFF
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