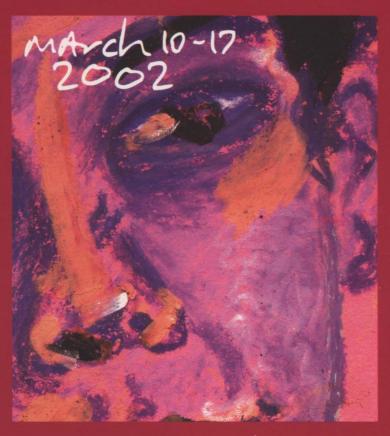
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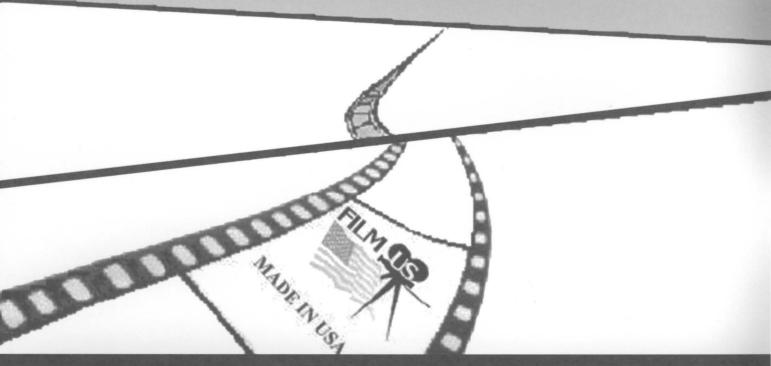
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#### **ABOUT THE FESTIVAL**

As the oldest festival of experimental film in the United States, the Ann Arbor Film Festival is a showplace for independent and experimental 16mm film. Founded in 1963 at the University of Michigan School of Art by filmmaker/artist George Manupelli, the festival is now independent of the university, and continues to cater to independent works by film artists under the direction of Festival Director Vicki Honeyman As the premiere festival of 16mm independent & experimental film, the Ann Arbor Film Festival exists to provide a worldwide public forum for 16mm film screenings, to encourage and showcase independent & experimental film artists, to promote film as art, and to offer educational outreach. High-quality projection is also a priority. We appreciate the state-of-the-art facilities provided by the Michigan Theater and its staff.

The festival received a total of 440 films this year. Each film was viewed by a five-member Screening Committee, who selected the films being shown in the main auditorium and the screening room during festival week. Committee members are chosen for their respect for and knowledge of independent and experimental film, as well as for their commitment to the Ann Arbor Film Festival's goals. Members of this year's Screening Committee are Ken Bawcom, Ross Ewing, Vicki Honeyman, Linda Kendall, Peter Knox (& Abbie and Lucy).

Because the amount of film entered exceeds the available public screening time, not every film can be programmed into the festival week screening, though every film entered is in competition. Film entries arrived from all over the world: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, England, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, Scotland, Singapore, Slovenia, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and all around the United States. Films are chosen for the festival program based on their overall qualities of creativity, technical expertise, and artistic expression. The length of films programmed varies from one minute to two hours. Every show has a mix of every genre submitted, including experimental, animation, documentary, personal documentary, and narrative.

The festival also includes seminars, panel discussions, and additional screenings in the theater's screening room. Programs of films centered around themes are making it possible to include more entries into the schedule. Programs of other media are broadening the festival's inclusion of media artists (these programs are not in consideration for awards). The Ann Arbor Film Festival is supported by kind and generous members of the Ann Arbor community who donate money, food, time, and in-kind assistance. Festival operations are funded by filmmaker entry fees, ticket sales, memberships, dollars contributed by local businesses and friends and supporters from around the U.S, as well as by grant and sponsorship funds. The Ann Arbor Film Festival is a non-profit organization that is organized by one full-time, one half-time, and an enormous staff of volunteers. A board of directors oversees activities.

This year's festival is dedicated to Founding Director George Manupelli and his vision, which we will honor throughout Festival week.



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The Board of Directors is delighted to welcome everyone to the 40th anniversary party being held to celebrate the films, the individuals who make them, the people who labor diligently to bring the party to all of us, the past directors who set the Festival in motion forty years ago and everyone who will be part of this, our 40th birthday. The Board especially thanks the director, her assistant and the welcome energy of many volunteers, performers, artists, contributors, sponsors and the Michigan Theater. All played parts in the production which will make this a Festival and party to remember.

The 40th Anniversary of the Ann Arbor Film Festival, or any milestone like it, owes debts to many who nurtured, cajoled or pushed it forward over the years. The past 15 years reflects the prodigious and relentless energy of our Director, Vicki Honeyman, whose efforts have made the Festival the film landmark event of its kind. We are also delighted to welcome the founder and the others directors of the Festival who have returned to celebrate the occasion with us.

The Board is also happy to welcome sponsors, new and old. This year's prizes include the first Ken Burns Award of \$3,000 for Best of Festival. The award honors this Ann Arbor native who has generously committed to supporting the Festival's continuing pursuit of excellence in film and imagination. The Board is happy to welcome other award sponsors including Michael Moore who, besides continuing his award for Best Documentary, will be here to contribute his personal energy and effort to the celebration. As always, the Board is deeply appreciative of the sponsors of awards, the Festival sponsors, the generous grants from the NEA, Michigan Council of the Arts, the Academy of Motion Pictures, Arts and Sciences and others too numerous to mention individually whose contributions form the economic backbone around which the Festival is built. We are grateful to the noteworthy support of the DeVarti family whose endowment this year highlights the depth of community support that nourishes the Festival. Thank you all.

This year's Festival promises to set a new standard for scope and breadth of its films and live performances. We'll have reviews of historic and seminal films from Andy Warhol and others and host a pre-release screening of Jodie Foster's new film, *Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys*. Personal appearances by Oscar winner John Nelson and a rare return visit by performance artist Pat Oleszko in too many roles to mention will contribute to the celebration. The list goes on and we're proud to be part of it.

Finally, the 40th anniversary of the Festival reaffirms our commitment to filmmakers and their art in all its forms. We welcome the Festival's traditional contributors and supporters and as always, we extend its stage to their new, innovative, fresh contributions to film, fun and art.

The week promises much and will deliver more than promised. You'll see films that will engage you, enrage you maybe and entertain with their audacity, perception, humor and whimsy. There aren't enough adjectives to describe what you'll see and experience. Welcome to the party. Enjoy!

Ann Arbor Film Festival Board of Directors

#### FESTIVAL DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

For the past month I've been talking to filmmakers and filmgoers, with one specific message: this is *the* year to come to the Ann Arbor Film Festival!

Ten years ago, to celebrate the Festival's 30th anniversary, we held a 4-day conference, 30 Years and Beyond: A Celebration of Independent and Experimental Film. This year, in honor of our 40th anniversary, we decided to spend an entire week celebrating our history and presence in the independent film community, as well as recognizing a few seminal and/or emerging artists.

How we're celebrating is as important as what we're showing. The work we're offering in the Sidebar Programs may not be available in this area for years... or ever again. The programs Craig Baldwin, Alison LaTendresse, and Lux Mundi have curated represent young artists who may be putting their current work in the closet as they continue to develop. Though Andy Warhol can't be here on the festival stage to repeat his 1966 premiere performance of the *EPI*, Warhol expert Branden Joseph joins us to discuss the piece and its importance in Warhol – and Ann Arbor Film Festival – history.

Chrisstina and I are both filled with pride to share with you the Festival's legacy. Since the end of the 39th Festival, we have labored to bring you an incredible assortment of work and talent for you to fill up on. We appreciate of all who've made it possible.

The really big deal for us is a woman who used to grace the festival stage in its early days of the 60s and early 70s — the queen of the festival, Pat Oleszko. Pat's being here is reason enough to throw a party and to celebrate the Festival's 40th year. It is such an honor to have Pat back on stage, as well as to have her judging entries all week long with filmmakers and friends of the Festival, Jay Rosenblatt and Chel White.

There are many other special people to note who have worked really hard to help organize the Festival. This year I feel even more indebted to those people who came through for me and for the Festival. I wish to point them out and thank them.

Chrisstina Hamilton, Managing Assistant Director of the Festival, operates on an energy level that would send most to the hospital for needed rest. Her love of and commitment to the Festival equals mine. She has done a fabulous job since arriving on our scene, and deserves recognition for her stamina. Chrisstina is my star and, though we can't always work in the same room together, at the end of the day, preferably over martinis, our friendship remains strong.

Willie Northway, the Festival's Webmaster, deserves ten rounds of applause. Receiving no stipend or salary, Willie has devoted endless hours to improving, perfecting, and updating our webpage. I've learned that this is a full-time position, and Willie is all over it with a smile and a twinkle in his eye. Thank you so very much for creating what I feel has become a top-notch professional and useable webpage, complete with a shopping cart, thanks to Willie and our webhost Diamond Bullet.

More applause please for Pamela Waxman, who, like Willie, has devoted countless hours to creating the Festival's graphic images this year, with not one, but *two* designs for the 40th. Fabulous isn't a big enough word for Pamela's clever popcorn box gala invites — too too wonderful! Pamela, I apologize publicly for all those last minute, past deadline requests, but you did all of it so well and made it seem so effortless.

As you're reading this program book, please notice the display ads in the back and the list of sponsors whose support has made this year's festival possible. Huge thanks and recognition go to Amy Grambeau, the Festival's Director of Sales, who managed that feat with amazing professionalism, and with a personality and charm that sponsors couldn't resist.

What's a non-profit organization without its volunteers? No where. Volunteer Coordinator Lisa

Park understands that, and with her energetic and contagious pitch, manages to excite over 100 people to volunteer. Lisa had to chose between escaping to California or sticking around to marshall the troops again this year. She chose the later because she loves the Festival, and because she's totally ace at the job. Thank you and thank you again!

Lots more people have given their talents and time to the Festival. I particularly appreciate the efforts of the members of the volunteer staff who have worked with me for many of my 15 years as director. The year-to-year consistency that you bring helps the show continue to run smoothly. Thanks for your devotion to the Festival and your eagerness to return: Mike Woodruff, Bruce Baker, Gari Stein, Rob Fagerlund, Bonnie Dede, Esther Kirshenbaum, Linda Kendall, Peter Knox, Dan Bruell, Barbara Brown, Sue Webster and especially Ken Bawcom for his sincere generosity and love of the festival.

Special thanks to Leslie Raymond for putting on her own festival within the Festival this year, Lux Mundi, which can be seen all around town this week with installations, film and video screenings, and even a fire-eating multi-media happening.

Thank you as well to my friend John Nelson for taking time from his busy production schedule to be a part of this year's celebration. John and I worked on the Festival together in the mid 70s. Each March I know he wishes he could be here in Ann Arbor for festival week. Welcome back, John, and kudos for succeeding in your goal to be awarded your own Oscar.

Deep gratitude and condolences to the DeVarti family, who knew their father Dominick would wish to bequeath an endowment to the Festival in hopes of maintaining the festival's financial security through the next 20 years. Dominick was a close friend of Festival folks in the 60s and 70s, when founding director George Manupelli and friends would hold fort at Casa Dominick's after-hours of Festival screenings. We appreciate the family's recognition of that special relationship.

Thank you to the NEA and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and to our many sponsors, donors, members, and friends who wish the Festival well by granting us funds and continuing to make donations to our event. We couldn't survive without you. Huge thanks also to University of Michigan interns Matt Anderson, Margaret Clevenstine, Jen Langel, Jeff Olson, Agneiszka Palarz, Sutlan Sharrief, Kyle Wilamowski and Abbie Wisdom who've worked with me in the office all year and made the day-to-day job a little less stressful. You are all angels and you know it!

Not taking any of you for granted, I thank all the filmmakers for continuing to produce works in 16mm and for caring so much for this festival. Your thank you notes always offer me a sweet reminder about why Ann Arbor is what it is, and why it must continue to cater to 16mm film artists. Thank you for entering this year and for making this our best year yet.

All of you who are with us this week, please know how fortunate you are to have this unique occasion to take in all this talent and important work that we've gathered together. I'm honored to have the opportunity to bring it to you.

Vicki Honeyman



#### A LOVE LETTER TO THE ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

A few years ago, my husband Dan and I were speaking with William Farley after a screening of one of his films at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco. We complimented him on a previous film, "Citizen" and mentioned that we had seen it many years earlier at the Ann Arbor Film Festival. Surprised that we were familiar with his work, he asked us if we made films ourselves.

To date, the answer is no, but our attendance at the Ann Arbor Film Festival over the last 15-25 years has exposed us to the work of countless experimental and documentary filmmakers from all over the world. When we moved from Ann Arbor to San Francisco in 1988, we anticipated that we would see more of these types of films on a regular basis. Many of the films shown at Ann Arbor come out of the fertile film community in San Francisco.

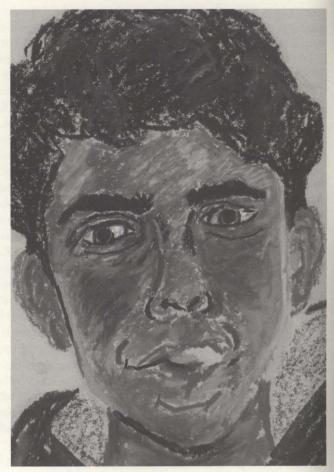
True, there is a wealth of experimental and independent films made and shown in the Bay Area. But we still journey back to Michigan in March. The tradition of the Festival, its atmosphere, and the Ann Arbor community that embraces it - these ingredients make the experience truly unique.

The programming at the Ann Arbor Film Festival keeps the audience interested, and at times, guessing. A difficult subject may precede something light. Documentaries or narrative films are often programmed alongside of nonnarrative pieces. This could contribute to the fact that the Festival attracts an audience that goes beyond the filmmaking community itself. And over the years this audience has come to know the complete works of many talented filmmakers.

Thanks to the Festival I have grown to love the films of Leighton Pierce, Mike Hoolboom, Richard Myers, Claire Dannenbaum, Bill Brown, Martin Arnold, the late Warren Sonbert and so many others. I'll never forget the haunting "Where is Memory" by Chris Gallagher, or Jeff Scher's lyrical "Milk of Amnesia". Will I see any more work by Nancy Andrews, who's whimsical "Hedwig Page, Seaside Librarian" was shown in last year's 39th annual festival?

Only time will tell. The film festival and its audience have grown up together. In between shows, there are lively discussions in the aisles and in front of the theater. While opinions on individual films may differ, the audience shares an enthusiasm that keeps them coming back for more.

Looking back over my collection of festival programs, I have scribbled a word or two next to film titles in an effort to remember something about them, like "garment workers", "father dying" or "Ross McElwee-style". Sometimes I wrote down a single line from a film or made a note of music used in the soundtrack. Films that I found noteworthy are starred or highlighted. In 1992, I highlighted 85% of the films listed.



15 years ago, the Festival program was one legal-sized sheet of paper printed on both sides. In recent years it has become a 60-page book listing workshops, seminars, panel discussions, and a multitude of sponsors. The amazing growth that the Festival has enjoyed under the helm of Director Vicki Honeyman cannot be overlooked. In a climate where funding for the arts is continually threatened, I applaud Ms. Honeyman for her tireless efforts to broaden both financial and creative support for the film festival.

Regardless of the size of the program, come the second week of March you can find me seated in the darkened Michigan Theater making notes in the margins of mine.

Vicki Engel

Former Ann Arborite Vicki Engel is a film lover and an 11 year veteran of visual effects production at Industrial Light and Magic. Her last project, *Artificial Intelligence*, is nominated for an Academy Award in Visual Effects

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The Awards Jury is composed of internationally recognized filmmakers, artists, and critics who are dedicated to independent and experimental film as an art form. The juror's function is to view all entries programmed into the public film screenings and to distribute the awards money. Decisions regarding awards and the distribution of prize monies are the prerogative of the Awards Jury; its decisions are final. In addition, jurors present their own work or a curated program on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 3:00 pm (see **FILM PROGRAM 2002** for details).

# PAT OLESZKO



Performantz and multi-media artist Pat Oleszko "wears" spectacles for better visions. Known as the Ms Tricks of Dese Guise, she has a large body — of work – which includes many unnatural acts. Utilizing elaborate costume and props, she has created lithe performances, films, installations that a-dress trees, knees, elephants, breasts, butts and index fingers, and assordid special events with the cast-off thousands. She has worked from the popular artforms of the street, party, parade, and burlesque house, to the Museum of Modern Art, from Sesame Street Magazine to Ms, Playboy, and Artforum. For her efforts she has received four NEAs, three NYFAs, two CAPS, a DAAD to live in Brrrrlin, a BESSIE for Sustained Achievement, the Guggenheim, two TONY nominations and the occasional evening in jail. Recently, she not only spent a glorious year in Italy as a recipient of the prestigious Rome Prize, but was also awarded detention at the Vatican for posing as the Nincompope, forever pursuing the las' laugh.

# JAY ROSENBLATT



Jay Rosenblatt has been working as an independent filmmaker since 1980 and has completed fourteen films and two videos. He is a recent recipient of a Guggenheim and a Rockefeller Fellowship. His films have won many awards and have screened throughout the world. Most recently his films showed for one week at the Film Forum in NY and in theaters in San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle, Boston and Cleveland. Articles about his work have appeared in the Sunday NY Times Arts & Leisure section, the LA Times, the NY Times, Filmmaker magazine, the Village Voice, and The Independent. Many of his films explore our emotional and psychological cores. He has taught filmmaking at the College of San Mateo and Stanford University. He is originally from Brooklyn and in a former life worked as a therapist.

# **CHEL WHITE**



Chel White began his film work in experimental animation, creating a series of films that explore the interplay of sound and image. These early works play with the juxtaposition of musical structure and visual rhythm, and are distinctly non-narrative. In recent years Chel's films have gravitated towards narrative work that reveals his own off-center perspective. Consistently defying categorization, his work explores obsession, alienation, fetishism, transcendence, dreams, and childhood memories. In much of his work, White draws on the tension between modern industrial culture and the needs of the human soul. Yet many of his films, both old and new, are darkly humorous with a whimsical spirit. The South Carolina Arts Commission called Chel White's films, "unpredictable journeys through obsession and allegory, where the individual is at the center of his insights."

From Sundance to Berlin, the short films of Chel White have been shown in film festivals all over the world, and recognized with many awards. Over the past 20 years, seven of his films have screened at Ann Arbor.

#### THE AWARDS



A total of \$18,000 in cash prizes is awarded by the awards jurors, including the following annual named awards:

### THE KEN BURNS AWARD FOR BEST OF FESTIVAL \$3,000

This top festival award was established to recognize the filmmaker with the most outstanding entry. The award honors the film that best represents the artistic and creative standards of the Festival. It is sponsored by documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, who graduated from Ann Arbor's Pioneer High School in 1971. The Ann Arbor community is proud to have reared this influential cultural figure and patron of independent film.

#### THE EMPA WORK LIFE AWARD \$1,200

Granted to the film that best addresses issues that pertain to working conditions, careers, the workplace, or employees. Employee Motivation & Performance Assessment (SurveysForBusiness.com) sponsors this award as part of its ongoing commitment to the simultaneous improvement of working conditions and profitability.

# Tom Berman Award for Most Promising Filmmaker \$1,000

Tom Berman was a University of Michigan film student, an early supporter and a close friend of the Festival. This award, endowed by the Berman family, is given in Tom's memory and is intended to support a young filmmaker who the Awards Jury feels will make a significant contribution to the art of film in the course of his/her filmmaking career.

#### SCREENING COMMITTEE'S CHOICE FOR NARRATIVE INTEGRITY \$1,000

Granted to one filmmaker by the screening committee to ensure that a deserving entry has the opportunity to win multiple awards. The recipient is announced following the awards jurors announcement of winners.

# GUS VAN SANT AWARD FOR BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM \$1,000

Gus Van Sant's film career began in the early 80s, when he was making short experimental films that were awarded at the Ann Arbor Film Festival. Mr. Van Sant is endowing this award to honor the film that best represents the use of experimental processes, forms, and topics.

# LAWRENCE KASDAN AWARD FOR BEST NARRATIVE FILM \$1,000

Endowed by Mr. Kasdan, who began his film career in Ann Arbor studying film at the University of Michigan, the award recognizes works which make use of the medium's unique ability to convey striking and original stories.

#### MICHAEL MOORE AWARD FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY FILM \$1,000

Michael Moore gives back to the Festival what he received in inspiration from the hundreds of films he's viewed over the years at the Festival. Proceeds from *Roger and Me* fund the award.

# CHRIS FRAYNE AWARD FOR BEST ANIMATED FILM \$1,000

In memory of Chris Frayne, a key participant in the Festival's early years, whose spirit and approach to life was reminiscent of his cartoon characters. The award has been endowed with the hope that his spirit will continue through the prize.

#### PRIX DEVARTI \$1,000

In honor of the 40 year friendship between Dominick's and the Ann Arbor Film Festival, this award is in memory of Dominick and Alice DeVarti. The prize is awarded to the funniest film in the Festival.



FILM CRAFT LAB/KODAK AWARD FOR BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY 16MM FILM STOCK + PROCESSING This award is given to the film that demonstrates the highest excellence and creativityin cinematography. It is

presented in honor of the many independent filmmakers who have contributed to the success of Grace & Wild's laboratory division, Film Craft Lab, over the last 25 years. Film Craft Lab has generously donated the processing cost of Kodak's film stock contribution - 4,000 ft. of 16mm Eastman EXR Color Negative Film.

#### **GRIOT EDITORIAL BEST EDITING AWARD \$500** Griot Editorial, Grace & Wild's creative editorial boutique, funds this annual award for excellence in the art of film editing. The awards jurors shall grant this prize to a single film that demonstrates outstanding creativity and technical excellence in the art of motion picture editing.

# LIBERTY STREET VIDEO AWARD FOR BEST GAY/LESBIAN FILM \$500

Sponsored by Ann Arbor's alternative video rental store that promotes diversity and excellence in filmmaking. This award honors the film that best deals with gay/lesbian issues.

#### MICHIGAN VUE MAGAZINE AWARD FOR BEST MICHIGAN FILMMAKER \$500

This award is intended to support and encourage the local filmmaking community by rewarding excellence in a Michiganproduced film within any genre. Sponsored by metro Detroitbased *Michigan Vue Magazine*, which is dedicated to promoting Michigan's film, video, and multi-media production industry.

#### **DETROIT FILMMAKERS COALITION AWARD**

The member-based non-profit Detroit media arts center provides production support to the local independent filmmaking community. The award, which is intended for a Southeastern Michigan-based filmmaker, provides the recipient up to \$1500 in waived rental fees for use towards production and post-production equipment from the DFC.



AUDIOVISIONS/AMAZING AUDIO AWARD FOR BEST SOUND DESIGN \$500 Audiovisions/Amazing Audio, Inc. is the premiere location sound and staging production company for film, video, broadcasts, teleconferences, and all live events. The award is intended for the film that exhibits the best use of sound design to further the creative intentions of the film.

## DOUG WANDREI AWARD

#### FOR BEST LIGHTING DESIGN \$500

Doug Wandrei spent 50 years working in the Detroit production industry, wearing the hat of every technical position possible. Based on his passion for lighting he eventually chose a career as lighting director. This memorial award recognizes the most creative use of lighting in a film in which mood and atmosphere of the environment are greatly enhanced through lighting design.

#### PETER WILDE AWARD FOR MOST TECHNICALLY INNOVATIVE FILM \$500

In memory of the Festival's friend Peter Wilde, who cared passionately about the projected image and was a technical wizard and master of the makeshift. The award honors the film that most respects the integrity of the projected image.

#### MARVIN FELHEIM SPECIAL JURY AWARD \$500

Marvin Felheim was a film scholar at the University of Michigan and one of the founders of the Festival. The prize is awarded to a work of film art that extends the range of subject matter traditionally dealt with in the film medium, while at the same time transcending standard genre categorization.

#### TIOS HOT & SPICY AWARD \$500

Ann Arbor's Tios Restaurant has been serving up the spiciest salsa around since 1987. Interpretation of "red hot & spicy" is left to the judges discretion in determining allocation of this award, which can be given to any film, based on form, content, or flavor!

#### ISABELLA LIDDELL ART AWARD \$400

A memorial award for the film that best deals with women's issues, created by friends of Isabella Liddell who was a dear friend and long-time supporter of the Festival and practitioner of the arts.

#### HONORABLE MENTIONS \$2,400

Remaining prize monies that are distributed at the awards jurors' discretion as honorable mentions to filmmakers deserving of recognition, support, and encouragement.



#### **FESTIVAL SPONSORS & PRIZE DONORS**

The Ann Arbor Film Festival is proud to acknowledge that this year's festival was made possible with grant support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts. We also offer very special thanks to the corporations, businesses, organizations, and friends of the Festival listed below for their very generous sponsorship and donations.



#### **PRIZE DONORS**

A total of \$18,000 will be awarded in prize money at this year's festival. Prize donations go directly to filmmakers in the form of cash awards. Any remaining prize funds are applied to future festival awards. Our thanks to the individuals, organizations, and businesses listed below for generously donating to the prize fund. Our apologies to the people and businesses who contributed prize donations after this program went to press.

#### \$3000

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The auction begins Sunday, March 10 and ends at 9:00 pm on Sunday, March 17. It takes place in the upper lobby of the Michigan Theater. Bid cards are placed by each piece. Opening bids are 25 percent of the donated value of the artwork or service (as indicated on each bid card). To place a bid, write on the card your name, address, and phone numbers, and your bidding amount. Bids are to be raised in \$10 minimum increments. Any bid over the donated value is tax-deductible. Return to the Festival Sunday, March 17 at 9:00 pm to see if you are the winning bidder, at which time we would like you to make payment and pick up the piece. If you can't pick it up by Sunday, other arrangements can be made. However, the deadline to pick up and pay for the piece is March 31, at which point you will forfeit your bid to the next highest bidder, whom we will contact.

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Following the Festival in Ann Arbor, a four-hour program of awarded and highlighted films are selected to represent the Festival on the Ann Arbor Film Festival Tour. The tour will be on the road from the end of March through mid-December. Each filmmaker on tour will receive \$2.00 per minute per tour stop for use of their film. More stops will be added throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Please check the Festival webpage at http://aafilmfest.org for those updates.

March 29 & 30 Reed College Portland OR

**April 5, 6 & 7** Fine Arts Cinema Berkeley CA

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October 9 Rhode Island School of Design Providence RI October 17 & 18 Central Michigan University Park Library Auditorium Mt. Pleasant MI

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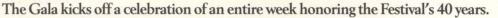
**December 6 & 7** Southwest Film Center Albuquerque NM

Dates to be announced later at aafilmfest.org/tour:

Union Theater University of Wisconsin Milwaukee WI

UW Cinematheque University of Wisconsin Madison WI

Cleveland Cinematheque Cleveland OH



#### Outdoor Sculpture Garden

*The Air's Apparent* is an installation of a number of Pat Oleszko's outrageous and cartoonlike pneumatic sculptures that will be placed in the street for the Gala Opening of the Film Festival as a looney sculpture garden. Featured prominently on opening night will be the 40th anniversary 25" tall inflated birthday pastry, *The Angel Fool Cake*. Also seen will be *Airhead*, the *Androgynuts Bozos*, and the *Quantum Leaper*.

#### Tribute to Vicki Honeyman

Tonight we're celebrating 15 years of Vicki Honeyman's reign as Festival Director. We'd tell you what we have planned, but we want it to be a surprise, and if we printed it, well... then Vicki would know.

#### John Nelson

A 25 year veteran of Hollywood special effects design for such films as *Anaconda*, *City of Angels*, and *Terminator 2*, Festival alumni John Nelson will show clips and speak about the his experiences creating his Academy Award winning visual effects for *Gladiator*.

#### Pat Oleszko

*Roamin Holiday: A View From A Broad* presents a series of clothes calls and cunning stunts deployed amidst the pope and circusstance of the Patican and the Wholly Roaming Empire. Picaresque investigations into the modern dazed saints are presented from the rather refreshing standpoint of a sinner. Included among the Patpourri of functioning unctionaries are St. Sebastian as a yuppie schlockbroker from hell, the Glad-He-Ate-Her, a living-large Pasta Madonna and the mighty mien of the Nincompope. A new pizza from Pat Oleszko with everything on it: outland-ditched costumes, truncated media, monster pneumatics, relentless word ploys, garish lighting, cloying muzak, whining, rhyming and humiliating audience Pa'ticipation.

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Pat Oleszko Inflatables, Terrence Campagna & Nicole MacDonald Latent Light, Melanie Curry Bottoms Up! Language Removal Services Lux Aeterni, Potter-Belmar Labs Dual Observation Cabinets, Thad Povey Wrapped Around the Screw, Ann Arbor Hands On Museum Anyone Anywhere Anytime

#### FILMMAKER KIOSK & LOUNGE (IN THE LOBBY OF THE SCREENING ROOM)

Filmmakers! Get your polaroid taken so everyone can see who you are. The lounge is the place to find a filmmaker or chill.

**DOMINICK'S IS OPEN FOR THE FEST!** 812 Monroe St. (one block east of State St, south of S. University) Casa Dominick's, a pub and home to film fest memorabilia, re-opens for the season, in conjunction with festival week. If you are an out-of-town visitor to the Festival, please visit the DeVarti family bistro and take in the vintage festival posters and artwork from the Festival's early days.

**MIDNIGHT PARTY** (for Festival goers), Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley St., between Liberty & Washington Join us and partake in owner Susan Chastain's AAFF martini "The Flicker"! Enjoy *Lightning in a Bottle - Last Gasp for Moving Projections, Sound, and Installation Afterhours Style* with Kapt. Salty and the Cinema Preservation Society.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 5 PM - SPECIAL CLOSING NIGHT FEATURE

**Pre-release Screening of** *Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys*, starring Jodie Foster, with Q & A by the producer, Meg LeFauve Based on Chris Fuhrman's original and audacious coming-of-age novel, *The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys* is a 70s set drama featuring two charming but irreverent Catholic high schoolers who confront the mysteries of adulthood. The boys experience a series of misadventures through which they learn the most painful lesson of all – that growing up means learning how to depend on yourself. Jodie Foster plays Sister Assumpta, the emblematic authority figure in their lives, the enemy. Seeing only her rules and daily efforts to subvert their fun instead of the genuine concern she has for their souls, the boys use their artistic talents to create a hard-edged comic book that depicts Sister Assumpta as a fiendish, motorcycle-riding villain who battles their animated alter-egos. Throughout the story, their fantasy universe comes to life in animated sequences, paralleling the live-action tale of friendship, first-love, and inevitable loss.



#### FESTIVAL EXTRAS: AROUND TOWN EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FESTIVAL

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Lux Mundi: Cinema Connection screening exhibition of linear/single-channel film & video works Saturday March 9 8:30pm Dreamland Vednesday March 13 10pm Michigan Theater Screening Room

Dreamland gallery showcasing other artworks by Lux Mundi Artists Sat March 9 reception 7pm

> A2ff gala opening MI Theater LUX MUNDI street procession Lion Dance Pat Oleszko's Inflatable Sculpture Garden Sunday March 10 6pm

WCBN Jason Voss hosts Language Removal Services Monday March 11 noon-2pm

#### Installations & Performances by:

Alfonso Alvaraz Keith Arnold Matthew Bakkom Terrence Campagna Craig Baldwin Melanie Currie Language Removal Services Christopher McNamara Scott Miller Potter-Belmar Labs Thad Povey Leslie Raymond

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Firefly Events: Monday March 11 evening - after hours Blue Velvet and Birth projected on by Alfonso Alvarez Tuesday March 12 11:30pm Filament performed by Naia Venturi Shadow puppets with a projected background. Wednesday March 13 11:30pm Craig Baldwin culture-jam - Press Play to Agitate: Pirates, Parodists, & the Prank-Documentary (3\$)

ODAY

Saturday March 16 midnight In Downtown Home & Garden asphalt lot across from Firefly Stephen Rife performs FIREFILM closing party at Firefly Lightning in a Bottle projeccionistas: Keith Arnold, Alfonso Alvarez, Scott Miller, sounds: Dale Sophiea

Locations include: 1. Michigan theater 2. Border's Books 5. Sweetwaters Cafe 6. Matrix Gallery 3. Firefly Club 7. Art Oasis 4. Downtown Home & Garden 8. Dreamland (44 E. Cross, Ypsilanti) 4th Ave. 6 5th Ave. Hatte

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## SHOWTIMES

Monday, March 11, 8 & 10 PM Tuesday, March 12, 1 PM-FREE Tuesday, March 12, 8 & 10 PM Wednesday, March 13, 1 PM - FREE Wednesday, March 13, 8 & 10 PM Wednesday, March 13, 11 PM, at the Firefly Club Thursday, March 14, Noon - FREE Thursday, March 14, 8 & 10 PM Friday, March 15, 1 PM - FREE Friday March 15, 8 & 10 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1 & 3 PM - FREE SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 5, 7 & 9 PM SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 11:30 PM, at the Firefly Club

SUNDAY MARCH 17, 1& 3 PM - FREE SUNDAY MARCH 17, 8 & 10 PM

#### SCREENING ROOM SEMINARS / PANELS (free and open to the public)

Facilitated by Keith Arnold, a film projection artist living in Berkeley, California. He operates and programs Fine Arts Cinema in Berkeley, a venerable single screen movie theatre that specializes in conceptual double features, silent movies, foreign films, experimental, and short subject programming.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 12 & WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1 PM

#### **Film Jams**

Visiting filmmakers are invited to bring other film and video works not included in the program to share in intimate screenings. Q & A and discussions with the filmmakers follow the screenings.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14 1 PM

#### Seminar: AVID

Avid Technology makes the industry's most powerful portable video editing solution with more than 100 customizable real-time effects and multiple simultaneous streams in an affordable DV editing studio for both Windows and Macintosh platforms. The seminar offers a free demonstration of Avid's brand new Xpress DV v3 editing equipment and will discuss how digital media is shared, stored and distributed.

A buffet lunch presented by Avid precedes the seminar, in the Screening Room lobby at noon.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 15 & SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1 PM

Panel: "What the Hell Was That?"

A panel discussion of works screened in the competitive program of films (some films will be rescreened before discussion) Friday's Panel: Alison LaTendresse, Dan Gunning, George Manupelli, Leslie Raymond, Mark Wojahn Saturday's Panel: David Gatten, Jan Schuijren, Deanna Morse, Jeremy Rigsby, Steven Rife

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1 PM

Discussion: Festival Wrap Up



#### MONDAY, MARCH 11, 8PM

The Old Guard: Moving Pictures; Richard Myers, 91 minutes, 1989

BEST NARRATIVE FILM & MOST INNOVATIVE FILM AWARDS, 28TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL, 1990

"Most of [Myers'] movies are surrealistic works based on his dreams. *Moving Pictures* is a formal tour-de-force in which everything is captured in slow, horizontal tracking shots. It is a quiet, elegant, meditative work. The film is also like carnivals of the unconscious with midway attractions that range from collage imagery to free associations. The viewer swoons as he takes in all the sights and sounds on hand - the lights and shadows, the striking compositions, the tantalizing fragments of speech and music, the catchy rhythms, the varied visual textures." - John Ewing, Cleveland Cinematheque

#### MONDAY, MARCH 11, 10 PM

The Old Guard: 11 x 14; James Benning, 83 minutes, 1976

James Hoberman choose *11 X 14* as one of the top ten films of the 70s (*Film Comment*, Jan. 1980). The film is a meditation on America, using minimal narrative threads to present a formalist view. The story is pushed to the background and the frame, color, sound, movement, and duration become the plot. John Greyson wrote: "Some sort of visual narrative was being played out, involving suburban cowboys, lesbians, a farming couple, a middle-aged man. They move through America driving, getting in and out of cars, lying on motel beds, fighting obliquely on the street corners, yet they were nothing more than symptoms in the landscape, decorations involved in meaningless progressions. Benning's wry humor begins to come through and bite back."

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 8 PM**

**To War Or Not To War:** *Selective Service System;* Warren Haack, 13 minutes, 1970 BEST DOCUMENTARY, 9TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL, 1971

The U.S. commitment to a ground war in Asia led to an increasing involvement in that area of the world, despite growing dissatisfaction here at home. To implement this country's mobilization, the draft system was stepped up. This system made virtually no exemptions for those who felt this war was immoral and unjust. These young men either had to serve in a war in which they did not believe, or face the bleak alternatives to service. Some chose prison. Some sought refuge in other countries. This film documents another alternative. There was no attempt to alter the proceedings that took place.

*The Good War and Those Who Refused To Fight It;* Judith Ehrlich & Rick Tejada-Flores, 60 minutes, 2001 The dramatic story of the conscientious objectors who refused to fight in World War II. As noncombatant medics under fire, medical guinea pigs, fire fighters, attendants in mental institutions and workers in Civilian Public Service camps, 37,000 COs performed alternative service during the war. 7,000 war resisters spent those years in prison and used hunger strikes to racially integrate the federal prison system. Their experiences prepared a generation of nonviolent activists to change American society in way that we are only now beginning to appreciate. *Note: this film is in competition*.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 10 PM

#### New Faces in the Crowd: Alien Anomalies Out Of Other Cinema; curated by Craig Baldwin

A super-duper Experimental Film program of the best work in the venue from the past three years, curated by the grand master of found footage filmmaking Craig Baldwin. Excerpts from his feature length psychotronic pseudo-pseudo-documentary *Tribulation 99: Alien Anomalies Under America* will be included in the program. Q & A with Craig follows.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 8 PM

**Other Media:** Bridge the Gap Videoworks from Montevideo; Netherlands Media Art Institute Curated by Jan Schuijren

The program presents emerging and internationally established artists whose videoworks show an example of recent tendencies in contemporary video art. They explore the boundaries of image and sound, present contemporary interpretations of video performance, give new visions on classical video poetry, and address crossovers between video, photography, and cinematography. Individual film descriptions are available in a separate handout.

*TST.04* Bas van Koolwijk NL 2000, 4:26 *Dhyn Ftejli* Bart Dijkman NL 2001, 6 min *She Did See...* Pieter-Paul Mortier B 1999, 18 min

Sketch for Angels Pia Wergius S 2000, 2:40 P.D.O.A (Public Display of Affection) Guillaume Graux B 2000, 24 min Hangen (Hanging) Nicky Zwaan NL 2000, 2:18 Gemini Andreas Gedin S 2000, 7:09 Trembling Time Yael Bartana ISR NL 2001, 6:20 File Kurt d'Haeseleer B 2000, 25 min Belchic QE reMI A/NL, 2000, 3:52

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 10 PM

New Faces in the Crowd: Cinema Connection Lux Mundi

The screening showcases linear film &/or single-channel video works by installation & performance artists who have contributed to Lux Mundi SuperCinematic Events. Individual film descriptions are available in a separate handout.

My Good Eye; Alfonso Alvarez, San Francisco CA, 16mm, 4 min, 1995 The Twelve Labors of Hercules; Jason Stevens & Julian Stark, Ann Arbor MI & NY, miniDV, 14 min, 2002 Principles of Communication; Chris McNamara, Windsor ONT, miniDV, 7 min, 2001 Channel Zero; Matthew Bakkom, New York NY, vhs, 2:20, 2001 Aqua Vitae; Stephen Rife, St Paul MN miniDV, 5 min, 2002 Pick Up On My Street; Matthew Bakkom, New York NY, vhs, 1 min, 2001 Twa Corbies Potter-Belmar Labs, Ann Arbor MI, vhs, 6 min, 2000 09-08-2001; Matthew Bakkom, New York NY vhs, 10 min, 2001 Rife w/ Fire; Leslie Raymond, Ann Arbor MI, 16mm, 8 min, 1996 What America Needs, An Interior Expedition; New Kinomatoagraphic Union, USA, vhs, 15 min, 1995 This is only a test; Naia Venturi, Ypsilanti MI, miniDV, 4:30, 2001 An Impression Step off a ten foot platform with your clothes on; Scott Miller, Minneapolis MN, 16mm, 7 min, 1990

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 11 PM

Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley St. (\$3 + one drink minimum, age 18 and over only) *Press Play to Agitate: Pirates, Parodists, & the Prank-Documentary,* Cult-Jam salon presented by Craig Baldwin and DJ Bob Moir, spinning prankster ersatz electronica...

An informal video salon presenting a variety of approaches to prank news and serious media redistribution. These subversive tapes offer a selection from the American "culture-jamming" scene, appropriating the rhetorical devices of news, documentaries, "informercials," surveillance footage and technical reports... they playfully satirize the graphics and style of the mass media while providing new critical perspectives with surprise, humor, and the thrill of transgression.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 8 PM

**The Old Guard:** *Mind Split Open: Andy Warhol's Exploding Plastic Inevitable* Presented by Branden Joseph

Joseph's talk will focus on Andy Warhol's *Exploding Plastic Inevitable*, or *EPI*, an overwhelming, expanded cinema production to which the artist dedicated himself from 1966 to 1967. The first, fully-developed performance of the *EPI* took place at the 4th Ann Arbor Film Festival in 1966. At its height, the *EPI* consisted of up to five film projectors; multicolored slides that swept the theater; multiple strobe, spot, and flashing pistol lights; two mirror balls; speakers that blared several pop records at the same time; and performances by Lou Reed and John Cale's group, the Velvet Underground, along with Nico.

Drawing on the contemporary insights of the 1960s underground press, William S. Burroughs, the multimedia designers, Charles and Ray Eames, and Marshall McLuhan, the talk presents Warhol's *EPI* as a pivotal phase in the development of the electronic technologies of imaging and information that have become prevalent today.

Following Joseph's talk, he will introduce a screening of Warhol's *The Velvet Underground and Nico* (1966), a film that was produced especially for use in Warhol's *Exploding Plastic Inevitable* performances.



MONTEVIDEO



#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 10 PM

**Other Media:** Bridging the Gap: Montevideo See Wednesday, March 13, 8pm

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 8 PM

#### New Faces in the Crowd: Underground Zero

Filmmakers Jay Rosenblatt and Caveh Zahedi have developed a collaborative film project intended to express diverse thoughts and feelings about the attacks and the events of September 11. *Underground Zero* is a compilation of one-to-ten minute personal shorts by various experimental and documentary filmmakers intended to counter mainstream media's narrow representation of events by giving voice to diverse responses within the independent film community – cutting across race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, and religion – to present a collective response more powerful and effective than isolated individual responses. Individual film descriptions are available in a separate handout.

The End of Summer Frazer Bradshaw China Diary (911) Eva Brzeski Scene from an Endless War Norman Cowie The World is a Classroom Caveh Zahedi A Strange Mourning David Driver Awake Greg Watkins My Cat, My Garden and 9/1 Anne Robertson Brief Encounter with Tibetan Monks Paul Harrill 21 Laura Plotkin Unfurling Martha Gorzycki Fear Itself Dan Weir Innocence and Despair Phil Solomon Carefully Taught Valerie Soe The World As We Know It John Haptas and Kristine Samuelson Merciful and Compassionate? Rock Ross Prayer Jay Rosenblatt Untitled Ira Sachs

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 10 PM

New Faces in the Crowd: Decasia; Bill Morrison, 80 min, 2002

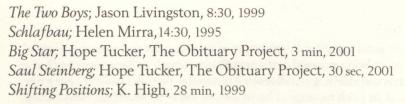
Created from restored nitrate footage re-photographed onto 35mm, the experimental feature uses decaying found footage from the early days of film to investigate the human desire to transcend the limitations of earthbound existence. The abstract scenario follows the course of a life-cycle, beginning with 1927 footage by Sergei Eisenstein of a cesarean section and live birth. The score for *Decasia* was composed by Bang On A Can co-founder Michael Gordon, and the work was initially screened with live accompaniment by the Basel Sinfonietta in November 2001.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 3 PM

Advisory Board Presentation: Alison LaTendresse, Lost and Found: Recent Videoworks on Mourning and Loss

This program brings together some recent video works that incorporate states of mourning or loss into their structure. What draws them together is an obsession with memorializing, either through images, text, or ritual. Each of these pieces works in its own way to understand how images and words can reckon with the fundamentally ineffable experience of grief. Some investigate words and images themselves as sites or objects of loss. Not all of these videos are sad or mournful, however. Often times playful, and occasionally strange, these works move from microcosms of personal grief for a lost loved one out to considerations of the way grief and memorial function in institutions and the culture at large. Individual film descriptions are available in a separate handout.

Bessie Cohen, Survivor of 1911 Shirtwaist Fire; Hope Tucker, The Obituary Project, 3 min, 2000 Everyday Problems of the Living – a serial...; K. High, 15 min (excerpts), 2001 Lolo Ferrari; Hope Tucker, The Obituary Projec, 1:30., 2001 After Celilo Falls; Michael Annus, 19 min, 2000



#### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 5 PM

New Faces in the Crowd: Underground Zero II Individual film descriptions are available in a separate handout.

See Friday, March 15, 8 pm Both Towers Have Fallen Cathy Cook Brooklyn Promenade Mark Street The Voice of the Prophet Robert Edwards Isaiah's Rap Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman Ashes to Ashes: the Art of Rebecca Haseltine Barbara Klutinis New York Chel White Parthenogenesis Marina Zurkow Language Lessons Jeanne Finley and John Muse Meal Cathy Crane and Sarah Lewison Collateral Damage Marcia Jarmel Twins Barbara Hammer Fight or Flight Dolissa Medina Veiled Red Leighton Pierce End of an Era Lucas Sabean Wake Abigail Severance and Julia Ines Gandolinas 9:11 Matthew Langdon Weiss Tornado Lynne Sachs Drink from the River Thad Povey and The Scratch Film Junkies No News Bushra Azzouz Vale of Tears Nancy D. Kates



#### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 7 PM

**Out Night:** Gay/Lesbian Documentary Films, *Greeting From Washington DC*, Rob Epstein, Frances Reid, Greta Schiller, & Lucy Winer, 28 min, 1981

A kaleidoscope of music, dance, stories and laughter shared at the first gay and lesbian rights march on Washington. *Note: not in competition* 

Steers and Queers, Paula Gauthier, 30 min, 2000

An inside look at one of the most unique and exciting events in queer culture: the gay rodeo! Part social gathering, part sporting event, the rodeo is a place where contestants come together to celebrate the incongruous worlds of gay and western life. *Note: this film is in competition*.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 9 PM

Out Night: Barbara Hammer in Person! Still Point, 9 minutes, 1989

This early Hammer film whirls around a point of centeredness as four screens of home and homelessness, travel and weather, architecture and sports signify the constant movement and haste of late twentieth century life.





#### Tender Fictions, 58 minutes, 1995

An innovative, funny, and historic autobiographical exploration of the search for and meaning of gay community. From a childhood spent being groomed as the next Shirley Temple to her current work as an activist and maker of over 70 films and videos, groundbreaking filmmaker Barbara Hammer casts a wry eye on her life and changing world. In a rich montage of home movies, experimental films, news footage, and personal photographs, she charts her growth from 1950s child star "wannabe" to 1960s straight earth mother to 1990s lesbian artist and activist. Documenting how Hammer's personal and artistic development grew out of and became a part of the feminist, gay, and AIDS activist movements, the film is both the story of an extraordinary filmmaker and a compelling portrait of the changes wrought by a generation of women.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 3 PM

#### Advisory Board Member Presentation: Deanna Morse

#### Creating a DVD of Animation & Experimental Films

Deanna Morse, Professor at Grand Valley State University, will show clips from her new DVD "move-click-move", and give an overview of the production process for creating this dynamic interactive DVD collection of animation and experimental films. Sound Designers Edie Herrold and Joe McCargar (River City Studios, Grand Rapids) will describe working with digital audio and discuss their collaboration on this project.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 8 PM

The Old Guard: George Manupelli's Rarely Seen Filmworks, 1965-1981

#### Become an Artist, San Francisco, 1981

With: Fr. Guido Sarducci, Written: Don Novello, Directed: William Farley, Produced: Melinda Tucker, Conceived & Photographed: George Manupelli. Made for a cost of \$100, *Become an Artist* won a Clio Award in the Public Service Announcement category, internationally.

#### Gerard Malanga as Baron Manfred Von Richtohfen, Ann Arbor, 3 min, 1967

Made and shown during the screening week of the 1967 AAFF, along with a companion film by French film critic Henri Chapier, both filmmakers using Gerard Malanga as the subject and exercising competing styles: Manupelli the comic, Chapier the homoerotic. Poet Malanga was in Ann Arbor as part of the Warhol, Nico and Velvet Underground performance piece at the '67 festival. Performers include: Henri Chapier, Ann Wehrer, and Michigan Architecture and Design students of the 60s.

#### Five Short Films, Ann Arbor, 1965

An animated film made by softening sections of black leader with water, then scraping the softened emulsion with a wood chisel, using a steel straightedge as a guide. The soundtrack features electronic music works by avant-garde composers, Robert Ashley and Gordon Mumma, founders of the ONCE Festival of Contemporary Music, Ann Arbor.

#### Portraits, Self-Portraits and Still Lives, Ann Arbor, 70 min, 1969

Soundtrack: Robert Ashley with organ instrumental by Rober Sheff, AKA Blue Gene Tyranny; actors are A&D students and Ann Arbor women of the period. "Portraits is a difficult film to view. It is long, sustained, even relentless." – Manupelli

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 10 PM

#### The Old Guard: Andy Warhol

#### Haircut (No. 1), 24 min, 1963

A fascinating example of Warhol's early minimalist film style. Unlike some of his other early films (*Eat, Blow Job, Empire*) which consist of identical uninterrupted takes, this film is shot from a number of different angles, each of which is exquisitely composed and lit. This is one of at least three different films in which he restaged Billy Names' famous haircutting parties. This version is a slow motion haircut transformed into an enigmatic, homoerotic performance.

#### Vinyl, 66 min, 1965

Based on a script by Ronald Tavel, which was based in turn on Anthony Burgess' novel, *A Clockwork Orange*. The misbehavior and reconditioning of the young hoodlum Victor, played by Gerard Malanga, is acted out in a desultory manner in a claustrophobic setting crammed with cast members and S&M practitioners. The action is accompanied by the repeated playing of Martha and the Vandella's *Nowhere to Run*.

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SHOWTIMES Monday, 7 & 9 PM Tuesday, 7 & 9 PM Wednesday, 7 & 9 PM Thursday, 7, 9 & 11 PM Friday, 7, 9 & 11 PM Saturday, 8 & 10 PM Vick's Picks Retrospective SUNDAY, 8 & 10 PM Winners' Shows

In addition, Awards Jury members screen their own programs of work at **3 pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**. These programs are free and open to the public.

Awarded films are announced at 5 pm on Sunday, March 17. A selection of awarded films will be screened on Sunday at two different shows.

All festival screenings take place at the Michigan Theater.



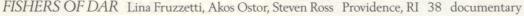
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#### MONDAY, MARCH 11, 7 PM

MADAME WINGER MAKES A FILM: A SURVIVAL GUIDE TO THE 21ST CENTURY Helen Hill New Orleans, LA 9.5 experimental animation

Madame Winger wants to inspire you to make a film about something you love. Watch her examples of inexpensive and easy types of filmmaking, from drawing and scratching directly onto film, to hand-processing it in your bathtub.

THE TASSELED LOAFERS Jim Blashfield Portland, OR 11 experimental narrative A tale of a handyman who, compelled to watch four hours of test footage while waiting for his pipe sealant to dry, becomes fascinated with the tasseled loafers of a dead man in a nearby bathroom stall.



A portrayal of life in an urban fishing town, the many hands through which fish pass in Dar es Salaam's Harbor Market, a bustle of people, boats and auctions. In cinema verité style, the traditional ways Tanzania's vast metropolis is supplied with fish is witnessed.

#### BREATHE Hannah Gal Beckenham, ENGLAND 4 experimental

A story of a drowning woman struggling for air. Visually rich and despite the sad subject matter the film is aesthetically pleasant to watch.

#### TRACING A VEIN Danielle Wilmouth Chicago, IL 14 experimental

A contemporary ceremonial dance between performers and camera, the film uses choreography influenced by Japanese *Butoh* dance to chart an individual's journey through the cycle of life.

#### TECHNICAL AIDS Kasumi Cleveland, OH 4 experimental

This experimental film is a montage of original artwork, paint-on-film, computer generated images, visual samples, original music and sound, digital video, and the direct result of pure association only subconscious logic can produce.

*VESSEL WRESTLING* Lisa Yu Los Angeles, CA 13 animation A woman serves dinner. She waits. Stuff happens.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 11, 9 PM



SUPPLICATION Chryss Terry Hollywood, CA 9.5 experimental narrative A Princess' desire brings out the animal in her Prince Charming in this gothic fairy tale that confesses the secrets and strangeness of a love in which the dormant bed becomes a self-imposed prison.

*FILM (DZAMA)* Deco Dawson Winnipeg, MB, CANADA 23 experimental An attempt to rekindle the lost form of surrealist cinema made popular in the 1920s by Dali/Bunuel and Man Ray.

*WATER FROM THE MOON* Jenny McCracken Jamaica Plain, MA 9 animation Live-action marionettes play the characters in this story of a lonely washerwoman who discovers a winged man in her closet.

*TRANSFIXED* Jason Britski Prince Albert, SK, CANADA 2 experimental A meditative film that celebrates the beauty found within the small details of existence.

#### SISTER DAUGHTER MOTHER WIFE Betsy Weiss New Orleans, LA 11 documentary

A tribute to women working in developing countries in Asia, the film uses layered imagery and sound to reflect the women's multicolored lives. It is also about the filmmaker's search for connection with women she met traveling alone in Asia and her exploration of the shifting boundaries of insider/outsider relationships. Various moments in the film reveal the bond between daily life and spirituality, such as a woman cleaning clothes on the shore of a lake and other women making offerings to Vishnu.

#### MEASURE Gaelen & Dayna Hanson Seattle, WA 6.5 experimental

An abstract dance film that takes place exclusively within the decaying walls of a constricted, 4-foot-wide corridor in an unrestored turn-of-the-century boarding school.



*IF YOU LIVED HERE, YOU'D BE HOME BY NOW* Diane Bonder Brooklyn, NY 14.5 experimental documentary A film about the divisiveness over land and the relationship of public and private space in small town America, and the concept of home. Landscape stills are juxtaposed to stories 'ripped from the headlines' of a small-town newspaper. The struggle over public space described in the stories reflect universal concepts of space, privacy, and property ownership everywhere.

*RADIO ACTIVE SPIDER* Devon Damonte South Boston, MA 6.5 experimental animation A spider's fate has given a starring, but brief, role to play in the drama we call life. The film is made entirely by hand without cameras, using direct animation techniques on film leader. Images are made by heat iron transfer of ink from printed plastic Spiderman tablecloth, direct tape collage of same material and textured scratch on black leader.

THE SUBCONSCIOUS ART OF GRAFFITI REMOVAL Matt McCormick Portland, OR 16 exp.documentary It is no coincidence that funding for 'anti-graffiti' campaigns often outweighs funding for the arts. Graffiti removal has subverted the common obstacles blocking creative expression and become one of the more intriguing and important art movements of our time. Emerging from the human psyche and showing characteristics of abstract expressionism, minimalism and Russian constructivism, graffiti removal has secured its place in the history of modern art while being created by artists unconscious of their artistic achievements.

AZUL Angel Vasquez Daly City CA 1 experimental

This is a visual film that explores color, pattern, texture, and mood using hand-processed Super-8 footage optically reproduced on a 16mm optical printer.

TWO IF BY SEA George F. Davis & Brian Dean Richmond Murrysville, PA 8 experimental

This film was originally presented as an installation at an art gallery in Pittsburgh, PA. Dissolving slide projectors and 16mm films were combined and rephotographed to create an animated boat drifting at sea. Sounds of creaking floors and cymbals being bowed were digitally enhanced and added to create a soundscape that gives a feeling of distance and uncertainty. This film uses a wide variety of formats and technologies to create a hypnotic journey to a far away place.

#### IMY BIKE Ken Paul Rosenthal Singapore 5.5 experimental

A cinepoem that addresses the conflict between urban space and the body by tracing a child's compulsion to stare into the sun and an adult's obsession with dying and moving towards the light. The past and present collide within a round portal containing fleeting images of vintage Market Street, San Francisco over a dense sea of modern day bicyclists.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 7 PM

*PULSE* Patrick Halm Los Angeles, CA 5 experimental How to explain television to a dead hare.

*THE BREATHERS-IN* Ben Russell Chicago, IL 29.5 experimental narrative A melancholy tale of loss and alienation in which two sisters trade the comforts of a maritime life for the hidden terrors of the everyday.

DESPEPITANDOSE POR/YEARNING FOR... Cecilia Mendez Ann Arbor, MI 2 animation A bilingual exploration that speaks to the need to seek, retrieve, understand, and express words and meanings across two languages.

BE LIKE THEM Thad Povey San Francisco, CA 4 experimental In the volume of alien voices, sending out their messages of consumption and conformity as gross multi-national products.

A WOMAN, A MIRROR Roger Beebe & Sara L. Smith Gainesville, FL 15 experimental Portrait of a girl, abstracted and containing moments of reflection on the relationship between woman and air transport. The film is a meditation on the complex relation of technology and the performance of gender.

ERASED Jay Rosenstein Urbana, IL 4 documentary

A poignant and poetic look at the aging process of the filmmaker's mother.





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*SHARKIE* Francien van Everdingen The Hague, THE NETHERLANDS 4 experimental A gentle confrontation of two worlds, a floating flubbery intimate colorful underwater world and the outside world, while a human being, a silly spectator, and a quasi-scientist are gazing at it.

AN EXAMINATION OF EXHIBITS A(1) THRUE (5) Gibbs Chapman San Francisco, CA 19 experimental VIA its 5 departments, the scientific, the academic, the romantic, the psychological, and the critical, a surgery mounts the evidence submitted that remains of our culture. A quest influenced by its subject, this regurgitation realizes that people, places and things are interesting only when one does not have enough information about them.

DAUME Ben Russell Chicago, IL 6.5 experimental

The characters come and go as if they're primitives posing for the camera, obeying or fighting an ethnographer's controlling eye.

*LEZENVISIB* Korbett Matthews Montreal, QUE, CANADA 7.5 experimental Set to an insightful poem by émigré writer Felix Morisseau-Lero, the film is a thunderous journey across the sunburnt landscape of Haiti that reveals the negative impact of the tourist's camera.



#### WITH ME Kerstin Cmelka Vienna, AUSTRIA 3 experimental

A woman is lying on a bed. Her double is stretched out next to her, and she slowly turns to caress it, to kiss and lick it before the two cuddle up to each other and the scene darkens.

DEADPAN Rick Raxlen Victoria, BC CANADA 6 experimental animation Using a combination of animation techniques and intertitles, I try to recreate the ambient vertigo and discombobulation growing up, having to eat tongue and other traumatized meat. It was a nervous time. It was an irrational time.

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 9 PM**

HAND EYE COORDINATION Naomi Uman Newhall, CA 11 experimental animation This film investigates the visual manifestation of the manual, mechanical manipulation of film upon the cinematic screen.

BLUE EYE WATCHING ME Blanca Lista Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 18.5 experimental This hand-processed film is a self reflective love memory seen through the eyes of the male narrator.

*BARTOLA* Luis Camilo New York, NY 14 experimental The life and struggles of Latinos in New York and a few stories about Latinos and their feelings towards their homeland.

*FLOATING* Lin Li Castaic, CA 3 experimental This experimental film is about a woman who experiences a floating moment in meditation.

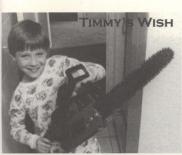
SHE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU Anita Chang San Francisco, CA 29.5 experimental documentary Three 13-year old Nepali girls bravely took the unique opportunity to share with the filmmaker their ideas on being girls in Nepal, marriage, friendship, love, their dreams, and God. These recordings provide a complex and poignant framework for these women living in the U.S. to reflect on their own struggle, exile and quest for liberation.

*BATTLE STATIONS - A NAVEL ADVENTURE* Dominic Angerame San Francisco, CA 5.5 experimental One filmmaker, radioactive toxic materials, top secret activity and belly dancing. A complete package.



GOING TO THE OCEAN Matt McCormick Portland, OR 8 experimental A textured mood swing and a trip to the beach — what does it mean to be sea worthy? Answers questions in a slow-motion memory lapse. Night-vision security camera video and found kodachrome film with an improvised soundtrack.

*CARPENTER* Michael B. Robinson Ithaca, NY 3.5 experimental Designed as a get well card, this experimental film was completed just two months before leukemia took my father's life. Through use of the optical printer I pull him back to an easier time.



NUCLEAR FAMILY Dana Plays Los Angeles, CA 21.5 experimental This experimental film explores institutional and personal representations of memory and behavior through a complex interweaving of scientific documentation, animal behavior experiments and vintage pre-school footage.

*TIMMY'S WISH* Patrick Cannon Los Angeles, CA 9.5 narrative After he is sent to his room for refusing to eat his vegetables, an angry Timmy prays to God to deliver him from his cruel parents. Much to his surprise, his prayers are answered big time. Now it is up to Timmy to clean up the mess.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 3 PM

Awards Juror Screening: Pat Oleszko

Featured in this judge's expose will be bits and pieces from Oleszko's assordid Pats over a long period of time. This compilation video Pats (Master) Piece will include selections from multifarious performantzes and films including highlights from *Nora's Art: Pat Too, Bluebeard's Hassle: The Writhes of the Wives, Foots', Where Fools Russian,* and *The Clown Jewells* amongst many others. It will also premier the as yet unfinished film installation entitled *Kneepoleon,* complete with the inflated Marquee du Pat and the Patio City Music Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 7 PM

INMYCAR Mike Hoolboom Toronto, ONT CANADA 5.5 experimental Dad is so broke I have to live in the family car.

THE VELVET TIGRESS Jen Sachs Los Angeles, CA 11 animation

An animated documentary which chronicles the media coverage of the 1931 Winnie Ruth Judd 'Trunk Murders' trial. It's a story of murder, sex, drugs, betrayal, jealousy, political corruption, and above all sentimentalism.

GOING BACK HOME Louise Bourque Malden, MA 1 experimental This experimental film portrays the turmoil of unsheltered childhood: the dwelling as self.

MEDITATIONS ON REVOLUTION, PART III: SOLEDAD Robert Fenz Newhall, CA 14.5 experimental Part three in a series of short, silent, B&W films that explore the definition of the word 'revolution'. Shot in Mexico City, San Cristobal de las Casas, and New York City, the film presents Mexico in a timeless fashion and evokes a sense of various periods of time: past, future, and present. A space is created where the tradition of revolution in Mexico is contemplated.

#### TSIPA & VOLF Daniel Gamburg San Francisco, CA 19 documentary

The sustainability of human relations and love not erased by time and illness is portrayed, capturing the tragic and comic nature of a 50-year relationship that is based on survival and commitment. Two elderly Jewish émigrés from Latvia, now living in San Francisco, reminisce about a rich community lost to the horrors of World War II.

#### INTERRUPTED Emily F. Cohn Huntington Woods, MI 3 experimental

An exploration of images that the mind creates following an intense period of emotional stress. This film was made in the year following a major emotional crisis in my life and is a reflection of the emotions I felt, but mostly I hope people will view it and allow their minds to relax.

*LEMON IS LEMON* Konstantin Bojanov & Ivaylo Simidchiev Brooklyn, NY 23 documentary Five guys gather in an abandoned building, cook up and shoot up dope. Later they chat. One of them is Vikicha...

*SILENCE* Vanessa O'Neill Brooklyn, NY 13 experimental An idea of white.

2nd GRADE Aimee Jennings Glendale, CA 2 narrative

This narrative film is the dramatic retelling of an actual event in the filmmakers life. It questions existence and being in its purest forms. Who we are, who we were and who we want to be, collide in this short story about a girl and herself.



THE VELVET TIGRESS





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#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 9 PM

SONGS OF YOUTH Konstantin Sevezen Toronto, ONT, Canada 55 experimental documentary

The filmmaker's journey in search of things past takes an unexpected turn when he meets Kostia Bediik, a blind man 'who sees more than most'.

METROPOLEN DES LEICHTSINNS Thomas Draschan & Ulrich Wiesner Frankfurt, GERMANY 11 experimental

A modern classic, starting with a journey into film itself, followed by lovemaking, birth, raising the question about 'how to spend one's life,' followed by suicide and other opportunities, which leads to no significant result whatsoever.





PALINDROME Rebecca Reynolds Chicago, IL 11 experimental The circular has collapsed itself into a straight line. Surreal images

created extemporaneously within a structure of in-camera effects and editing suggest the workings of a mechanism. This is a film about the mechanism of desire and the desire to become formless.

NIGHT LIGHT AND LEAPING Rebecca Meyers Chicago, IL 22 experimental A portrait of a space that is altered by sunlight, darkness, and the weather. An investigation, motivated by a cat's vigilance, reconsiders the spaces we inhabit together and frames the cat within its surroundings. An exercise in careful looking.

*TAKE ME HOME* Matt Hulse Edinburgh Midlothian, SCOTLAND 6.5 experimental animation First Prize at the Transmediale, Berlin 1999 for its 'naked grainy digital dirtiness'. Comic, unsettling, surreal – a man rushes and gyrates through spaces with measured movements, through levels of film emulsion and absurd thoughts that rattle in and around him. Try this at home – unsupervised!

*DARK DARK* Abigail Child New York, NY 16 experimental documentary narrative A voyage behind the scenes which reviews and 'unmutes' anonymous crews and actors.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 3 PM

Awards Juror Screening: Chel White New York 2002 5:30 video Metal Dogs of India 1985 3:30 16mm Machine Song 1987 3:30 16mm Choreography for Copy Machine 1991 3:30 16mm Capital 1996 2 min video Dirt 1998 4 min 35mm The Making of 'Dirt' 1998 2:30 video Artifice 1999 2:30 video Soulmate 2000 14 min 16mm Passage 2001 11 min 35mm The Beats, the Bomb & the 1950s 6:00 video (a video trailer for a work-in-progress)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 7 PM

*THE LESTER FILM* Heather McAdams & Chris Ligon Milford, DE 14 experimental documentary An experimental documentary about Chicago artist Lester Brodzik (aka Lestuskha + Leslie 2000). Working as an art therapist at a mental institution by day and hitting the clubs at night, Lester has gained notoriety for his interesting fashion sense. We especially wanted to capture him on film in the little German girl outfit since no one else would.

FOREIGNERS Peter Barrickman, Brent Goodsell, Didier & Xavier Leplae Milwaukee, WI 49:30 narrative Shot mostly in Turkey, and partly in Milwaukee, the film is unique in that it was written, directed and edited equally by four different filmmakers. The unconventional narrative follows the lives of six foreigners in the Turkish town of Goreme. STRANGE NEWS FROM ANOTHER STAR Jason Nielsen Regina Sask CANADA 8:30 experimental An experimental space odyssey that contrasts everyday images with archival space photography to reflect on the paradoxical nature of desire.

#### SKATE Cade Bursell San Francisco, CA 5:30 experimental

This experimental film's images were produced through a process of painting liquid emulsion sand paper, clear leader, contact printing, then hand-processing.

**CONTRAFACTA** Roberto Ariganello & Chris Gehman Toronto, ON CANADA 16 animation Using images taken from medieval visual art, quotations from the writings of mystics and poets, and snatches of period music, the film creates a web of related images and events without a simple connecting narrative. The film takes its place in a tradition that stretches from Melies through the Surrealists.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 9 PM

#### THE DOWNWARD TRAJECTORY OF RELATIONSHIPS ... OR LOVE STINKS Gregory Serpa

Oakland, CA 10 experimental Here is a story of Jack and Diane. Two American kids growing up in the heartland. Jack wants to be a football star. Diane is the debutante backseat of Jackie's car. Oh yeah life goes on. Long after the thrill of living is gone.

A CONVERSATION WITH HARIS Sheila Sofian Pasadena, CA 6 animation A young boy's experiences in war-torn Bosnia are illustrated by painting-on-glass animation.

*RIGHT ROAD LOST* Victoria Gamburg San Francisco, CA 11 documentary All Phil Rios ever wanted to be was an artist. His life, however, took another direction. This documentary tells the story of one man's attempt to cope with the memory of an unspeakable military operation, committed in the name of freedom.

WHAT THESE ASHES WANTED Philip Hoffman Mount Forest, ONT, CANADA 57 experimental This film places flesh on the poet Anne Carson's words, 'death lines every moment of ordinary times.' The filmmaker resides in an acutely intimate time: a daily practice of loss lived precariously between the terror of psychic disintegration and the provisional solace taken through public rituals of mourning. The film is not a

story of surviving death, but rather, of living death through a heightening of the quotidian moments of everyday experience.

UNTITLED Frazer Bradshaw San Francisco, CA 4 experimental

I found the bad in people, and my 8-year old cousin found the good in them. As a filmmaker, I thought it interesting to see what she might figuratively see in what I literally saw with the camera.

MOTHER'S BLOOD Myra Sito Velasquez New York, NY 17 narrative A story, told through the eyes of an unborn daughter, of a young Chinese American woman struggling to break the bonds of her family's emotional legacy before they break her.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 11 PM

*VARIATIONS ON WHAT CANNOT BE HEARD* Robyn Moore Jamaica Plain, MA 11 experimental The filmmaker's struggle with temporality and love of the ephemeral and her desire for complete stillness, and unfathomable realization that the people she loves will one day pass out of her life and into memory.



# SNOW COVERED PATHS Asim Nuraney Burnaby, BC, CANADA 10 experimental

A childhood passport is used to recall a journey to a new country in this poetic meditation on migration, and identity.

# THE AMERICAN EGYPT Jesse Lerner Claremont, CA 58 experimental documentary

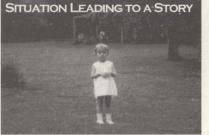
This experimental documentary revisits the first socialist government of the Americas, the Mexican Revolution on the Yucatan peninsula – one resembling the early days of the Soviet Union.





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*HWA-SHAN-DISTINCT, TAIPEI* Bernard Schreiner Vienna, AUSTRIA 11:30 experimental documentary A portrayal of the part of the town Taipei that was situated in the centre, Hwa-Shan, a wasteland of industry ruins, disused underground trains, overgrown buildings which no one except dogs call their home. The filmmaker uses a rich repertoire of expressive techniques: rhythmic change of focus, fast shutter speeds, aperture variations, in relation to the sound atmosphere of each place



#### SITUATION LEADING TO A STORY Matthew Buckingham

New York NY 20 experimental

If private life can be defined as the time or space in which people are not 'images' or 'objects,' then this film examines amateur filmmaking's awkward attempt to create an image of privacy.

THE ENJOYMENT OF READING (LOST & FOUND) David Gatten Ithaca, NY 14 experimental

Combining an ink and emulsion transfer processes, live-action micro-photography and optical printing techniques, the film is an investigation into the division of knowledge into discreet

categories and the impulse to understand the world by creating an intellectual identity through the accumulation and cataloging of natural and metaphysical phenomena.

VIEWS FROM A GAS MASK Mark F. Tattenbaum New York, NY 3 experimental

This experimental film deals with the threat of biological warfare and its effects on relationships and everyday life. It is based upon conversations between the artist and his wife.

#### HER GLACIAL SPEED Eve Heller Buffalo, NY 5 experimental

The world as seen in a teardrop of milk. A film about how unwitting constellations of meaning rise to a surface of understanding at a pace out of worldly time. abstract.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 3 PM

Awards Juror Screening: Jay Rosenblatt Nine Lives (The Eternal Moment of Now) 2001 1 min Worm, co-directed with Caveh Zahedi 2001 2 min King of the Jews 2000 18 min Restricted 1999 1 min A Pregnant Moment, co-directed with Jennifer Frame 1999 24 min Human Remains 1998 30 min Short Of Breath 1990 10 min Brain In The Desert, co-directed with Jennifer Frame 1990 5 min

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 7 PM

SUNDOG VERGA MATRIX Simon Tarr Ithaca, NY 4 experimental Misusing 3D glasses in cruel new ways, this found internet footage film is the synthesis of simulacrum and solar max. This film is the follow up to *Burning Contour Matrix*, which screened at the 38th Ann Arbor Film Festival.

THAT SPECIAL MONKEY Sean McBride Blue Bell, PA 5 animation Steve is searching for love, a true love, a lasting love, that kind of love that can only be shared between a dragon and a monkey. In this whimsical story, Steve's friend helps him through his bizarre journey to find that special monkey.

MAY YOU BLOSSOM ALL AROUND Kent Long Oakland, CA 7 experimental One may never fully realize one's own self, only glimpses captured in moments of public and private performance.

ATTEMPT? Jessica Weinberg Ann Arbor, MI 14 narrative

This film is the experimental and tragicomic tale of a girl whose best reason for getting out of bed in the morning is because she has to pee. In this cold, modern world, she does not understand appropriate personal marketing techniques.

TOWARDS GROUND ZERO! (ONE MONTH LATER) Karl Staven Philadelphia, PA 2 animation A journey down Broadway Street in New York City to the remains of the World Trade Center.

LUSTMORD Gwynne Fulton Vancouver, BC, CANADA 10:30 experimental

A psycho-horror about a deranged hospital maid's nightmarish vision of her repressed fantasies. A carnival of the perverse where sexual paranoia triggers fears of infection and sickness as punishment for moral and sexual transgression.

## CALLING ALL CARS Alfonso Alvarez Berkeley, CA 4 experimental

An existing day in the life of a rookie lawman. He has never had to fire his weapon, respects his superiors, and is always ready for any emergency, day or night.

SILENT SONG Elida Schogt Toronto, ONT, CANADA 6 experimental documentary

The third part in the filmmaker's deeply personal trilogy on family history and holocaust memory. *Zyklon Portrait* (1999) and *The Walnut Tree* (2000), the first two in the trilogy, and this third segment, have all dealt with different aspects of the Holocaust and its effects on the filmmaker and her family.

AUSTRIA of 2000 Frederick Baker Vienna, AUSTRIA 5 experimental documentary The story of the anti-right wing protest movement in Vienna. It has tattooed its protest against right winger Joerg Haider,

literally to the walls of Vienna in the form of graffiti. One of the symbols used is the o5, the symbol of the Austrian 2nd World War anti-Nazi resistance group. Every Thursday night for two years now, the protest takes to the streets.

*HATCHING BEAUTY* Amy Hicks San Francisco, CA 10 experimental animation Picture a time in the not-so-distant future, when survival meets the worst of the profit-driven bio-tech industry. Eve Monsant is driven by low wages and the despair of deferred dreams to consider selling her ovum.

## BREEDING SPACE Laurens van Charante New York, NY 17 narrative

Richard discovers a group of mating snails in his kitchen. He becomes enthralled by the passion they display in their nonstop lovemaking. He saves them from their fate as an appetizer, and begins to breed in his study.

THE FLOATING WORLD Brian E. F. Oakes Los Angeles, CA 1 experimental animation This experimental film is about a woman who experiences a floating moment in meditation.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 9 PM

FOR OUR MAN Kazuo Ohno New York, NY 25 narrative

Alone in a room, in the mid of night, an old scribbler begins work on a story. It should not be much of a problem. Then again, memories have this way of intruding...

# PIE FIGHT '69 Sam Green & Christian Bruno San Francisco, CA 8 documentary

This documentary tells the hilarious story of a pie-fight protest that marred the opening night on the 1969 San Francisco International Film Festival. Two dozen costumed radicals (all independent filmmakers) descended on the black ties, fox furs and red carpet with one fully-laden pie truck and six cameras to record their action. Using the long-lost film footage, the film restores this collision of guerrilla filmmaking and spirited protest to its rightful place in underground film history.

## THE HUNGER ARTIST Tom Gibbons Oakland, CA 16 animation

Locked in an empty cage on a deserted street, abandoned by his manager, and forgotten by his audience, only the memories of his earlier fame to break the monotony. Here he will make his greatest performance. Here he will become the greatest hunger artist ever.

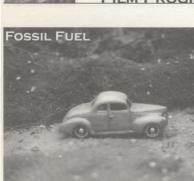
## BUFFALO COMMON Bill Brown Lubbock, TX 22 experimental

With the end of the Cold War, North Dakota's last reliable cash crop, its stockpile of Minutemen 3 intercontinental ballistic missiles, went bust. As the former missile silos are blown up, peace activists, retired wheat farmers, air force officers, and demolition derby drivers all stake claim to the state's wide screen landscape and the story that it tells.





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FOSSIL FUEL Jacob Borshard Plano, TX 4:30 animation An old flathead Ford is on a dreamlike ride. The car finds a strange land of little dinosaurs, more fragile than they appear.

ANODYNE Sheri Wills Providence, RI 4 experimental A film composed of optically printed photograms. 'The whole atmosphere...seems to be on some extreme precipice of human existence, either within the womb or at the first moments after one's death.' (Virgil Wong, PaperVeins Museum).

## EXPOSED Siegfried Frunauf Vienna, AUSTRIA 9 experimental

Using one scene from a feature film as raw material (a man observing a dancing woman through a keyhole), the scene is re-exposed by passing the perforations of a strip of film in front of the projector so that they

resemble a moving sieve.

*DRAIN BABY* Diane Cheklich Royal Oak, MI 4 narrative Sex in the shower plus nutrient rich shampoo equals a new breed of love child.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 11 PM

JON'S DAY Peter Ko Simi Valley, CA 2:30 animation A day of skateboarding in the life of 15-year old Jon finds him running into trouble and learning lessons the hard way.

*RITA ON THE ROPES* Tom Palazzolo Oak Park, IL 9 exp documentary narrative A young woman wanders the streets and back waters of the city while musing about her misfortunes.

#### REAPER, SHEEPER, TREASURE SEEKER Dave Lieber

Massapequa, NY 15 animation

A clay/puppet animated story about Death, a Sheep, and four Pirates and how their lives coexist and intersect.

*JAPAN: KESEI LINE SINGLE TAKE* Ian Toews Regina, SK, CANADA 4:30 experimental Part of a series and a visual poem, the imagery is at times like that of Abstract Expressionist painting. This entire film is comprised of one take. There are no cuts, no camera moves, no exposure, focus or shutter adjustments.

INVESTIGATION OF A FLAME Lynne Sachs Brooklyn, NY 44 exp documentary



On May 17, 1968 nine Vietnam War protesters, including a nurse, an artist, and three priests, walked into a Catonsville, Maryland draft board office, grabbed hundreds of selective service records and burned them with homemade napalm. This film is an intimate portrait of the Catonsville Nine, this disparate band of resisters who chose to break the law in a defiant, poetic act of civil disobedience.

#### ABLUTION Eric Patrick Austin, TX 12:30 experimental

A film in three acts that traces a character's dissociative journey through an archetypal cleansing. Metaphorically, the cinematic structures of the three vignettes leave trap doors and secret passageways throughout the film for interpretation.

#### \$0\$ Reed O' Beirne Seattle, WA 3 experimental

The Seattle Kingdome was imploded on a cheery Sunday morning in March 2000 causing a magnitude 2.3 earthquake. The destruction was the result of Referendum 48, a ballot initiative backed by \$5 million in advertising (the most expensive ballot initiative campaign in WA state history.) The theme for this ad campaign was "Save Our Seahawks" from which came the name for the film.

LAFFTRAK Karl Staven Philadelphia, PA 2:30 animation Images of the filmmaker collected over time are moved to give voice to a soundtrack constructed from laughter.



CLAM UP Robert Todd Jamaica Plain, MA 3 experimental

One man's search to discover the secret inner life of a clam leads to an astonishing conclusion.

*WEE THREE* Matt Hulse Edinburgh Midlothian, SCOTLAND 6:30 narrative Combining live action with stop-frame animation, the film examines the excruciating conflict between the natural commands of the body and the unreal demands of the adult world.

*SURFACE NOISE* Abigail Child New York, NY 18 experimental documentary narrative The film explores themes of fascism of gender limits and the ways people exist in public and private places.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 7 PM

#### Pat Oleszko: Rubble Without a Pause

*Rubble Without Pause*, a work-in-progress, was created from the cataclysmic and reflective journey from September 11 at Ground Zero thru the dazed following as a citizen under siege, a rescue worker and, as an artist finding another courage. To be followed by an open discussion.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 8 PM & 10 PM

#### **Retrospective Screening:** Vick's Picks

Ten years ago I put together a retrospective of awarded films from the Festival's past 29 years. The screenings were part of the *30 Years and Beyond* conference and 30th Festival anniversary. I decided to show at least two films from each year — films that both the audience and I would want to see again. The evening was a big hit.

At 4:00 in the morning, as the crowd was leaving the theater after the 11:00 show, many bleary-eyed but smiling festivalgoers thanked me for the great programs... and for showing films until 4am! I confess that while setting the program I hadn't paid attention to running times. So, the 7:00 show ended close to 10... the 9:00 show started somewhere around midnight... and the 11:00 got underway around 2 am. But no one complained. I packed in some great work that night.

This year I opted to be a responsible festival director. After all, we have a party to get to by midnight tonight! For all you film gluttons... I'm sorry, buuuuut... instead of putting together films from the past 39 years, I bring you works from the past 9 years, since our last anniversary. I found a wonderful selection of films the audience will love to see again. Of course I'm frustrated that I couldn't include all the titles deserving of recognition and replay on our screen. Hopefully, though, you'll be so delighted with the films you'll see tonight that you won't be disappointed by the gaps. (*note - these film are not in competition*).

#### 8PM

#### THE MATCH THAT STARTED MY FIRE Cathy Cook 18:30, 1991 Best of the Festival, 30th Ann Arbor Film Festival

The telephone rings and the girl-talk begins: secrets emerge and confessions build. A comedy in which the joy of sexual pleasure is discovered and experienced by women in their childhood and early teens. Climbing a rope, descending a slide, being stung by insects... a host of women tell their hilarious anecdotes of "the match that started their fire".

GRACE Lorelei Pepi 6:30, 1999

HONORABLE MENTION, 38TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

A lovely film constructed utilizing multi-media techniques to create a layered and

flowing poem of visual metaphor. Exploring flesh and soul spirituality and sensuality the incandescent body in space transforms as it reclaims itself.

#### ROSWELL Bill Brown 19:30, 1994

BEST FIRST FILM AWARD, 34TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

The film takes a fanciful, humorous look at the supposed crash of a flying saucer near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, an 'event' UFO-types cite to this day as evidence of a massive government cover-up.





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#### MILK OF AMNESIA Jeffrey Noyes Scher 6 min 1992

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE, 31ST ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

A tango through the labyrinth of memory. An animated montage as a lyrical, non-linear approximation of the way the brain catalogs the stuff of every day life.

#### CRITIZEN Michael La Haie 18 min 1994

HONORABLE MENTION, 33RD ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

San Francisco. The early '90s. During this dark period before the internet and Willie Brown saved the day, life in the Bay Area was bleak.Rampant poverty, homelessness, and Mayor Frank Jordan's oppressive war against freedom had crushed the populace. What was a young man to do?

#### SUPERHERO Emily Breer 10 min 1995

BEST ANIMATION, 34TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

Live-action, hand-drawn and computer graphic animation drive this high-speed fractured narrative about a Dionysian-like superhero who sometimes has to punch out Batman for being too goody-goody.



#### JIGSAW VENUS Dean Kapsalis 10:30 2000

ISABELLA LIDDELL AWARD, 39TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

Love may be a small piece in life's puzzle but to Madeline the picture without its contribution looks incredibly suspended and ready to collapse. This much desired little piece seems to pass her right by until one magical night she realizes that it was by her all the time. Life is so simple and sweet at times.

#### MY FAVORITE THINGS THAT I LOVE Janet Perlman 4 min 1994

JIGSAW VENUS ISABELLA LIDDELL ART AWARD, 33RD ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

Don't look for any raindrops on roses, but there are whiskers on kittens, lipstick-wearing dogs, sad clowns, flying unicorns, and many more wacky and tacky creations in this oddly engaging little film that features several animation styles.

#### **10**PM

#### ALONE LIFE WASTES ANDY HARDY Martin Arnold 15 min 1998

CHRIS FRAYNE BEST ANIMATED FILM AWARD, 37TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

The filmmaker's process of deconstructing classic Hollywood films with brilliant editing links in with his other two films, *Pièce Touchée* and *Passage à L'acte*. The family scenes, which in the original last only seconds and are not particularly notable, are surgically sectioned into single frames. Using repetition of these 'single cells' and a new rhythm, Arnold then creates an inflated doppelganger of the original cuts lasting many minutes. The hidden message of sex and violence is turned inside out to the point where it simply crackles.

#### OUT THE FIRE Luke Jaeger 4 min 1999

#### **38TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL TOUR**

An animated romp set to a 1946 calypso tune about the New York Fire Department. Firefighting bulldogs, flaming subways, rocket-powered fire extinguishers, and sexy skeletons cavort through this retro music video in the tradition of classic Betty Boop singalongs.

#### THE SMELL OF BURNING ANTS Jay Rosenblatt 21:30 1994

BEST OF THE FESTIVAL AWARD, 32ND ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

A haunting account of the pains and trauma of growing up male. The inner and outer cruelties that boys perpetrate and endure are evocatively presented. Rather than glorifying and romanticizing boyhood, this film opens up wounds to let the poisons out.

#### 24 GIRLS Eva Ilona Brzeski 30 min 1998

TOM BERMAN AWARD FOR MOST PROMISING FILMMAKER, 36TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

Set on the borderland between childhood and adolescence, between dream and reality, the film presents fleeting glimpses of girls on the threshold of maturity and the concomitant loss of innocence. One by one, pre-adolescent girls take the stage to announce and execute their chosen performances, from dancing to singing, poetry reading to storytelling, simultaneously revealing both unhindered childlike freedom and dawning self-consciousness. Carefully juxtaposed with these auditions is Brzeski's rumination on the short life of one girl who never had the chance to cross over into womanhood.

#### 2000 BIKE RIDE Tom Schroeder 6:30 2001

HONORABLE MENTION, 39TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

James Peterson tells the story of riding his bike 50 miles to see his girlfriend getting dumped and riding home. Jazz drummer Dave King improvises to this story. Tom Schröeder in turn draws animation to an analysis of both audio tracks. The film is the record of their free-associative collaboration.

#### NY, THE LOST CIVILIZATION Dylan Mc Neil 18:30 1997

MICHAEL MOORE AWARD FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY, 35TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL The anthropological study of NY (pronounced "neeh"), a city built on smoke. In this strange city, garbage bags become dangerous objects, society ladies form street gangs, and a single word - fuck - is used as subject, object and verb.

#### SID Jeff Scher 3:30 1999

37TH ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL TOUR

There's no such thing as too much for the flying dog. Filmed with a Beaulieu r 16 and a Century 9mm lens on Shelter Island last summer. Music by Ween. Stay tuned for SID II - Balloon Orgy. Principle photography this summer.



THANKS FOR COMING! THE 41ST ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL WILL RUN MARCH 11-16, 2003. SEE YOU THERE!





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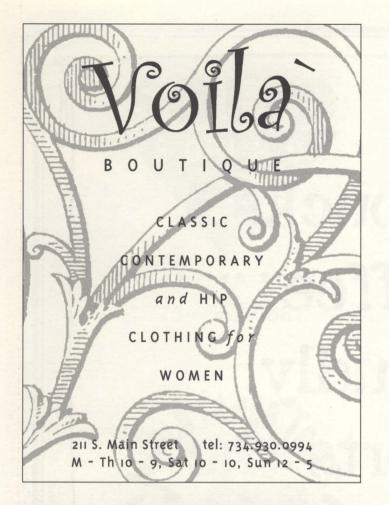


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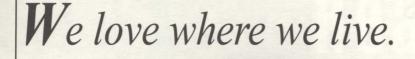
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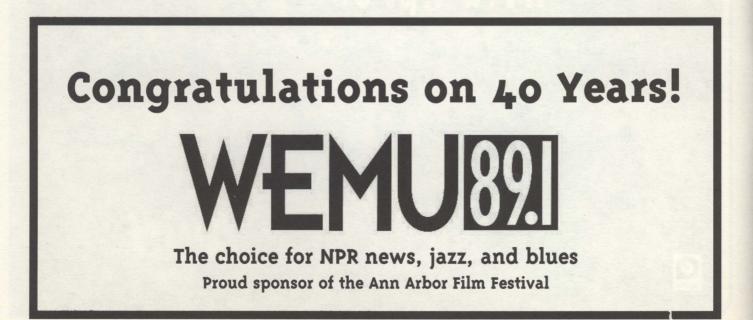






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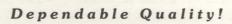
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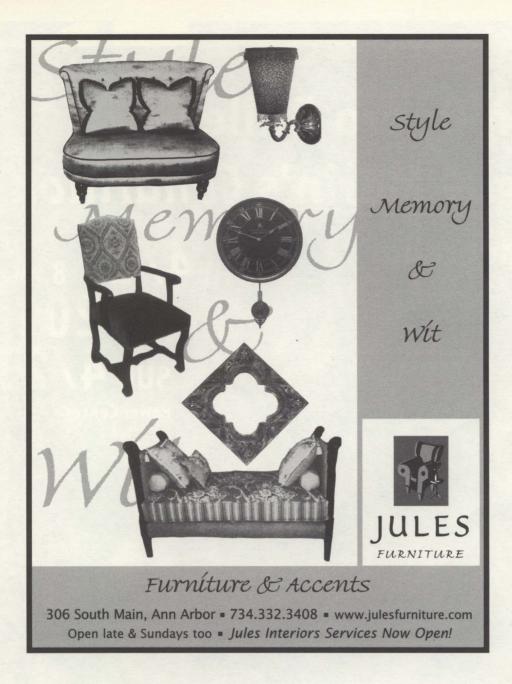


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