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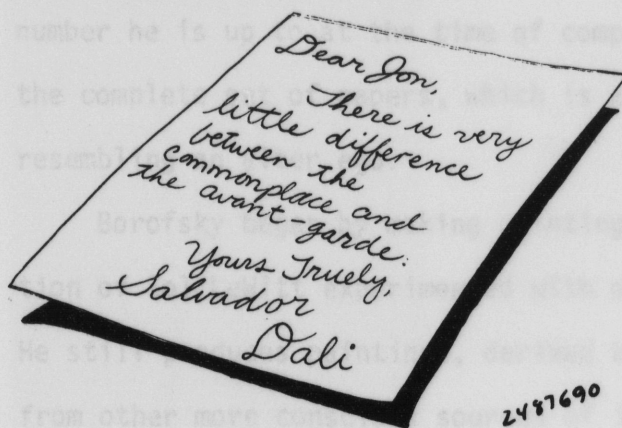
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PROJECTS

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PROJECTS: JONATHAN BOROFSKY

*I dreamed that Salvador Dali
wrote me a letter:*



Born in Boston in 1942, Jonathan Borofsky received his B.F.A. and M.F.A. from Carnegie Mellon University and the Yale School of Art and Architecture. He began teaching at the School of Visual Arts in New York in 1969, and has since been a faculty member. His work has been exhibited internationally, and he has received numerous awards. His wall drawings, which are often over three feet tall, are a central part of his work. He begins by drawing his ideas directly on the wall. He then uses a portable opaque projector to enlarge these drawings. He determines the ideal placement, and traces the images, later filling in the sections. His wall drawings retain the spontaneity of his small dream sketches but are turned into an evocative environmental whole.

Borofsky creates his work in several stages, beginning while in the dream state. He selects imagery from his most vivid dreams to make sketches. With a portable opaque projector he enlarges these drawings on the gallery walls, determines the ideal placement, and traces the images, later filling in the sections. His wall drawings retain the spontaneity of his small dream sketches but are turned into an evocative environmental whole.

Since 1971, Borofsky has been counting obsessively as a form of meditation. "When I started I thought it would teach me all I wanted to know about myself... Counting is an exercise in self-control" Beginning at one and progressing upwards with a positive sequence and later with a negative one, he writes the numerals on sheets of paper as he counts. These numbers are integrated into his work: first, he signs the wall drawings with the number he is up to at the time of completion; and often exhibits the counting, the complete set of papers, which is a presence over three feet tall resembling an alter ego.

Borofsky began by making paintings of his dreams, and upon the suggestion of Sol LeWitt experimented with drawing his images directly on the wall. He still produces paintings, derived both from his dreams and more recently, from other more conscious sources of imagery.

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