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AMERICAN INDEPENDENT FILM ABROAD

Larry Kardish, curatorial assistant of the Department of Film of The Museum of Modern Art, is touring Europe with a 100-minute program of American independent or "underground" filmmakers.

The program, sponsored by the International Council of the Museum, is shown free to students, film societies, and film archives. The filmmakers presented by Kardish have donated their prints and after the tour the prints will become part of the Museum's archives.

Kardish will also acquaint himself with the new cinema of the countries he visits -- England, Scotland, Holland, France, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, West Germany, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Yugoslavia. The work of some of the foreign filmmakers will eventually be introduced at the Museum.

Additional information available from Mark Segal, Assistant, and Elizabeth Shaw, Director, Department of Public Information, The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019. (212) 956 - 7296, 7501.

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NEW AMERICAN CINEMA

A collection of recent short and medium-length films made by independent American film artists.

This program is mounted on four two thousand foot reels.

Reel One:

EEL CREEK by David Brooks. 1968. Color. 8 minutes.

MOON 69 by Scott Bartlett. 1969. Color. 15 minutes.

THE DIRECTOR AND HIS ACTOR LOOK AT THEIR FOOTAGE SHOWING PREPARATIONS FOR AN UNMADE FILM.by Morgan Fisher. B/W. 11 minutes.

AMERICA'S IN REAL TROUBLE by Tom Palazzolo. 1968. Color. 12 minutes.

(Reel One is approximately 46 minutes. All films are spliced together with their individual leaders included. There is about a half-minute interval between the first image of one film and the last of the preceding.)

Reel Two:

69 by Robert Breer. 1969. Color. 5 minutes.

OOBIELAND, Part Two by Walter Ungerer. 1969. Color. 5 minutes.

LAUCHING BEAR by Mark Sadan. 1968. B/W. 5 minutes.

PORCH GLIDER by James Herbert. 1970. Color. 25 minutes. (Silent at 24f.p.s.)

SOFT RAIN (Four Times) by Ken Jacobs. 1969. Color. 16 minutes (in toto).

(Silent at 16f.p.s. if pessible)

(Reel Two is approximately 56 minutes. See comment after Reel One.)

Reel Three:

CENTRAL PARK by Ann Zane Shanks. 1969. Color. 11 minutes. BILLABONG by Will Hindle. 1968. Color. 9 minutes. End of Official Program. (Approximately 132 minutes.)

HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI, AUGUST, 1945 by Paul Ronder. 1969. B/W. 16 minutes. CYBELE by Donald Richie. 1969. B/W. 20 minutes.

(Reel Three is approximately 56 minutes. See comment after Reel One.)

Reel Four:

KODAK GHOST POEMS by Andrew Noren. 1968---(Present). Color. 50 minutes. (Silent at 24 f.p.s.)

Please Note: Naturally we can make alterations in the order of the programs depending on the time allowed for screening, on the audience involved and any other contingency. However, the leaders to the films should not be cut and at the end of the program the above order should be restored. Thank you.

LARRY KARDISH.

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Vincent van Gogh 1853-1890
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vue de la chambre de Vincent
Blick auf Paris aus Vincent's Zimmer
Rue Lepic, Parijs 1887

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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL,

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21 W 5316 STREET,

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WHERE TO CONTACT ME WHILE I AM AWAY

ENGLAND - January 9 to January 30

HOLLAND - February 1 to February 14

: Peter Bloch, 3 Hereford Road, London, W2, ENGLAND.

: Jan de Vaal, Nederlands Filmmuseum, 13 Paulus Pottersraat, Amsterdam, HOLLAND.

; Pierre-Henri Deleau,

FRANCE - February 15 to February 28

?????? - March 1 - March 6

ITALY - March 7 - March 18

Societe des Realisateurs, 68 Av. Mozart, Paris, 16, FRANCE.

ROME (see below) or YUGOSLAVIA (see further below) or just plain traveling around (Florence??)

: Amerigo Sbardella, Filmstudio 70, Via Degli Orti d'Alibert, Rome, ITALY. (until March 16)

Gianni Comencini, Cineteca Italiana, 20121, Milano, Villa Communale, Via Palestro, ITALY.

: Travelling to Brussels probably through Switzerland.

BELGIUM - March 22 - March 28

????? - March 19 - March 22

: Jacques Ledoux, Cinematheque Royale de Belgique, Palais des Beaux-Arts, 1 Rue Ravenstein, Brussels, BELGIUM.

SWEDEN - March 29 - April 4

: Anna-Lena Wibom, Filmhistoriska Samlingarna, Tekniska Museet, 115 27 Stockholm, SWEDEN.

DENMARK - April 5 - April 13

Det Danske Filmmuseum, Store Sondervoldstræde, Copenhagen, DENMARK.

??????? - April 14 - April 15

: Knocking about en route to Germany.

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WEST GERMANY - April 15 - May 9

Hans Holzapfel,
Embassy of the United States
of America,
53 Bonn-Bad Godesberg,
WEST GERMANY.

EAST GERMANY - May 10 - May 15 ((not definite)) : Try to avoid contact until

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I get to Vienna ((see below)).
Klaue,
Staatliches Filmarchiv der
Deutschen Demokratischen Republik,
108 Berlin 8, Kronenstrasse 10,
DDR.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA - May 16 - May 24

: Try to avoid contact until I get to Vienna ((see below)).
Dr. Stanislaus Zvonicek,
Cekoslovensky Filmovy Ustav Filmoteka,
V Jame 1,
Prague, 1, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

AUSTRIA - May 25 - June 1st

Peter Konlechner, Oesterreichisches Filmmuseum, Augustinerstrasse 1, 1010 Vienna, AUSTRIA.

At the moment the month of June is a morass -- probably Romania, Hungary, Yugoslavia. I do not know yet how I will work these weeks but on June 28th at nine p.m. Judy and I will arrive from Belgrade in Ottawa. Keep well and with peace until then.

PLEASE NOTE: If important, please telegraph, do not phone. The names listed are those people who will know where I will be in a certain country. It may take them a day or so to contact me. This is particularly true of HOLLAND, and WEST GERMANY. At any given time, if it is important, Adrienne Mancia of the Museum of Modern Art (extension 956-4206 or-4211) may have more information than is listed here.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

December 1, 1969

Mr. Waldo Rasmussen Museum of Modern Art International Council 11 West 53rd Street New York, New York 10019

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Please forgive me for not being able to make the appointment you had set up. Unfortunately as things happen, the business matters involving me began to proliferate and in fact, I even worked on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day and prior to my departure on Friday. I don't think there is anything that I can do to further the film project from this end. Let me restate what I told Mr. Paley and you when I was in New York.

The perfect marriage for the needed use of the film library of the Museum of Modern Art is the American Film Institute which does not have a library which is necessary to the academic programs of that institution.

It is my suggestion that Mr. Paley discuss the matter with the new chairman of the Film Institute - Roger Stevens and Mr. Jack Valenti, President of the Motion Picture Association of America, and who is also a Trustee of the institute. CBS and our own company are substantial supporters of the Film Institute but are not involved in day-to-day activities. Jack Valenti certainly should see the needs of the liaison and try to develop its relationship. There are some private contributors who would help in this liaison and the eventual relationship that must develop.

I hope progress can be made in this matter.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. David E. Bright 9255 Sunset Boulevard

Los Angeles, California 90069

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October 22, 1969

Mr. Waldo Rasmussen Director, International Program The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53rd Street New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Mrs. Bright asked me to acknowledge your letter of October 13th since she was rushing out of town.

At the moment she doesn't know of anyone to approach in this regard, but will discuss it with Mr. Weisman very soon and perhaps they can come up with an answer together.

She thinks the project sounds very interesting and is extremely worthwhile.

Mrs. Bright asked me to tell you that she is looking forward to seeing you at the Council meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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(Mast) Jean Ruskin Secretary to Mrs. Dolly D. Bright

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New York, N. Y. 10019

Dear Waldo:

I have referred your letter to Lew Wasserman who is Chairman of the Motion Picture Producers
Association and have asked him to have their Board and people consider this as a matter of good public relations.

I'm afraid that they probably will not do much about it because we are so heavily committed in the motion picture business, to the American Film Institute. I hope by the time I am in New York I will have some information to give you.

I am also sending this to Sid Barlow, a Trustee of the Film Institute as they might know some source of films. Mr. Barlow is an art collector so this might have his interest.

Sincerely,

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13 October 1969

Mrs. Dolly D. Bright 107 Delfern Brive Los Angeles, California 90024

Dear Dolly:

I hope you don't mind my writing you on a first-name basis, but I feel we've known one another for so many years that this feels comfortable.

I am writing especially at the suggestion of Emily Tremnine, who is Chairman of the International Council's Committee on Asia and Australia. We have several embitious plans for this part of the world, and as is so often the case, before we can realize them we must look to outside sources for help in their financing.

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Another project is a program on THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENTAL FILM. This is a cycle we wish to circulate extensively in Europe, and which will be accompanied by one of our young film curators. We are particularly eager to show it in Eastern European countries.

Emily Tremaine suggested I write you about these projects especially because of your associations with people in the film industry whom we hoped might be willing to make a contribution towards their financing. The Museum of Modern Art is prepared to contribute all the costs of staff time and organizational expenses, but we need to raise about \$15,000 to prepare both programs. This seems a small amount, but our budget this year is already over-strained, and we have to look elsewhere.

Do you have any suggestions concerning whom we might approach? Of course, we would be glad to give credit for any contribution in the brochures on the cycle and in all publicity material issued in connection with it.

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Very sincerely,

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(I would have liked to have shown a New Left 'Newsreel'as evidence of a film that attacks a particular social or political issue, and as an example of an 'immediate, visceral, low budget non-fiction black-and-white film'. However, suspicious of institutions, the 'Newsreel' does not wish to co-operate.)

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forward the program to the next archive, and to provide lodging for me for the evening of the program.

England (London, Edinburgh, Brighton)
France (Paris)
Italy (Milan, Rome, Venice)
Switzerland (?)
Belgium (Brussels)
The Netherlands (Amsterdam)
Denmark (Copenhagen)
Sweden (Stockholm)
West Germany (West Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt, Hamburg)
East Berlin (uncertain)
Czechoslovakia (Prague)
Austria (Vienna)
Yugoslavia (Zagreb, Belgrade)
Rumania (Bucharest - tentative)
Greece (Athens)

In addition to 'official' engagements, I would hope to screen the films at a number of impromptu meetings.

v) Of the \$3000 donated by the International Council, one-third of this sum must go toward the purchase of prints. The remaining \$2000 should be adequate to cover transportation costs and some room and board. The screening organization will care for my expenses the days of a lecture, but any other expense will have to be paid by me.

vi) Naturally, I will still be functioning as a 'scout' for the Department of Film, meeting with new film-makers and viewing films I think of interest to us.

vii) At the end of the tour I shall prepare a report both for the International Council and the film-makers involved accounting for the reception of the films in particular and the program in general.

LARRY KARDISH.

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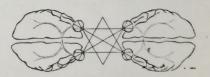
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Waldo Rasmussen

December 19, 1969

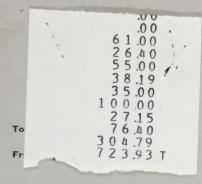
Travel Expenses for Larry Kardish AMERICAN EXPERIMENTAL FILM CYCLE

Dear Gerry:

Larry Kardish has completed his selection of films purchased for this cycle, and he has been able to come \$200 under his budgeted \$1,000. Since the Council provides \$3,000 for the total project, of which we estimated \$2,000 would go to Larry for partial subsidy of his travel expenses, I have talked with Willard and we both feel the additional \$200 can be transferred to Larry as additional travel money. He will already be considerably out-of-pocket for this project, so I have no hesitation in authorizing this additional amount.

Attached is the purchase order.

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So far I have spent \$723.93 on the purchase of prints, and I am expecting to write purchase orders on another \$75 for the final two invoices which I am awaiting.

This would leave \$200 left, and I would like to add this money to my transportation money which I need so badly.

I am bringing thirteen films with me.

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I would like to acquire the \$200.00 balance. How may I? Thanks. I would be happy to write a purchase order for this amount, but I do not know what I should bill myself to.

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To : Waldo Rasmussen

From : Larry Kardish

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Gerald Marenoff

Waldo Rasmussen

November 13, 1969

Grant to Larry Kardish

Dear Gerry:

After discussion with Willard van Dyke this will authorize the attached purchase order in the amount of \$2,000 for a travel grant to Larry Kardish who will be accompanying and lecturing on the film cycle for the International Council in Europe over the period January 6 - July 6, 1970.

The previous purchase order was in error as the intent of the grant is not to reimburse Mr. Kardish for specific expenses but simply to provide a grant which will make it possible for him to provide these services; in other words, more in the nature of a travel grant or a director's fee. I understand from Willard that he will not be on the Museum payroll during this period.

As Mr. Kardish has already incurred expenses in arranging his travel we would greatly appreciate receiving a check for the \$2,000 at the earliest possible opportunity.

Attachment: Purchase Order \$2,000 The Museum of Modern Art Archives, NY

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: Waldo Rasmussen

From : Larry Kardish

Date: October 27, 1969

Re : European tour with short independent American films

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The response is overwhelming. Even I underestimated the force of the Museum of Modern Art's letterhead. The program intrigues the Europeans and they are very anxious to secure screenings.

I have dates in England (London, Brighton, Oxford, Liverpool) and Scotland (Edinburgh). The British are requesting more engagements. I have not yet heard from Paris, but I know the Cinematheque and am not perturbed. The Netherlands Filmmuseum is so excited they want to arrange a two-week tour of their country where I would go into the smaller communities, and this I will do. Denmark and Sweden have set up dates. I will speak in Brussels, and while I have not heard from the Italians (I am told no one does), I can make arrangements through the co-operatives there. The West Germans have promised a month's itinery, add the East Germans have invited me for a week to show and lock at films. In addition to screenings in Prague, the Czechs will also arrange a meeting in Bratislava. All goes well for Yugoslavia, and I have received a kind reply from Bucharest where I probably will give my last 'lecture'.

I am leaving by boat (the S.S. U.S.) on Hebruary 6th, and my first engagement is in Edinburgh on the 16th.

One last request. I do not know whether it is possible at this late date or not to request an increase in grant. The more thorough arrangements I make, the deeper into my personal cash reserves I seem to be dipping. I should have considered the matter more carefully at the outset, but honestly did not expect the program to take me so far. I calculate now that I should be approximately \$3000 'in the red' from this venture, and while I do not mind to assume some of this cost (as I will be resting every so often), wonder if any of this sum could be provided by the Council. Whether it is or not probably will not affect the trip at allaas I am anxious to visit the above countries, show the films, and meet film-makers (so that we may do several interesting programs later at the Museum).

Keep well, and we'll be in frequent touch through the purchase orders.



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To Mr. Van Dyke

From Waldo Rasmussen

Date October 21, 1968

Re International film programs

Dear Willard:

I was very interested in Donald Richie's letter. It seems a very good idea to follow up the earlier film cycle with this more ambitious project. If you want to pursue it, can we discuss it soon?

I hope we can also go shead with plans for the cycle of experimental American films for Europe and Latin America. If we're to begin on it during this current fiscal year, we should start outlining the project right away. A formal project proposal and budget should be submitted to the next joint meeting of the International Council's Program and Executive Committees, which will be held on November 13. This is the time when the coming year's budget and program are voted on. Do you think we could be ready with an outline of the show and budget by then?

At the meeting on international program on October 9, you mentioned the requests for a "classic" American film cycle. It wasn't clear to me whether you brought this up simply as an indication of interest in the American film abroad, or whether this was a project you wanted to undertake. Could you clarify?

At this point, I don't know where we stand vis a vis the exchange of persons program, which will be arranged through the International Study Center, and possible International Council sponsorship for these programs. At the October 9 meeting you mentioned the film archivists meeting, film intern exchange programs, and exchange lecture trips, all of which would be of interest to the Council, but may or may not require their support. Could we discuss these programs with Anne Fanson when you and she feel ready to formulate them for the Council?

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Mrs. Straus

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To Mr. Van Dyke

From Waldo Rasmussen

Date October 7, 1968

Re International Program meeting, October 9 --American film cycle proposal

Dear Willard:

I hope you will talk at the meeting about the cycle of experimental American films which we discussed a couple of weeks ago. I realize you won't be prepared to talk about money or schedule at this stage, but as this is a meeting dealing with overall planning for the international program, it would be good to make a preliminary proposal and we can work out details later.

We talked about sending the cycle in two editions to Europe and to Latin America. Do you have any idea whether there would be a possibility of bringing it to Eastern Europe? It sounds unlikely, but I thought that possibly with your Czech and Yugoslav connections, it might be worth pursuing. The International Council would be very interested in this possibility.

We also discussed opening the cycle with a symposium, or some such event, in which some of the American filmmakers might discuss their work. Do you have any other thoughts on this? Also, what about a publication? I should think some sort of publication should accompany the cycle.

I'm very enthusiastic about this idea and would like to see it progress.

If you've had any other thoughts about ways in which films might play a role in the international program, I hope you'll bring them up at the meeting.