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## DOUGLAS DAVIS

On April 26th, the Stefanotty Gallery will open an exhibition of videotapes and documentation by Douglas Davis, one of the founding and major forces in the video movement since its beginning. In conjuction with the Stefanotty Gallery, the Idea Warehouse will also present a work by Mr. Davis, opening on May 5th.

Douglas Davis' involvement in avant-garde art has been consistently innovative, encompassing not only videotapes, but performances, silkscreens, manifestos, and objects. He has exhibited and lectured extensively in France, Germany, Holland, and Switzerland, as well as in the United States. He was the first artist to explore the concept of two-way telecasts, marked by his unprecedented 3 1/2-hour broadcast, Talk-Out!, presented in conjunction with the Everson Museum of Art (Syracuse, N.Y.) in 1972, and his most more recent broadcast of exploratory videotapes on the ORF (Austrian Television) Network, in late 1974. This April, Mr. Davis exhibited tapes at the Museo de Arte Contemporaneo in Caracas, Venezuela, where his opening lecture drew a record attendance of 3,500 people. In addition to these activities, Mr. Davis has made significant contributions to art theory: the first major essay on the nature of videotape was Video Obscura, published in Artforum in 1973.

The exhibition at Stefanotty will include both recent and earlier videotapes. Shown for the first time in the United States will be The Cologne Tapes, The Austrian Tapes, The Florence Tapes, The Caracas Tapes, The Last Videotape, and Fragments for a New Art of the Seventies.

In an article devoted to Douglas Davis' work in video ("Video Against Video" Arts Magazine, December 1974), David Ross, has described Davis' work as "based in the bone-bare reductive essentials of the medium, an almost primal imagery of the self, and intense interest in point-to-point (mind-to-mind) communication." Gregory Battcock has stated that "his work is years ahead of that offered by most of the artists working today within the video medium and, at the same time, it is almost classic in its directness and thoroughness. He faces difficult problems straight on with a minimum of compromise and with a great deal of authority".

For further information, please contact Judy Silver, (212) 586-5252

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TO THE LISTINGS EDITOR

FIVE THURSDAY POETRY READINGS AT THE CLOCKTOWER

The Institute for Art and Urban Resources, at the Clocktower, 108 Leonard Street, is presenting five poetry readings on Thursday evenings at 8:30 (Contribution \$2.00). The dates and the poets are:

> February 12 - JOHN GIORNO John Giorno is the author of several books the latest of which is Cancer In My Left Ball. He is the producer of the Dial-A-Poem records.

February 19 - GERARD MALANGA Gerard Malanga is a poet, photographer, and filmmaker. His two most recent books of poetry are Rosebud and Incarnations.

February 26 - SUSAN HOWE Susan Howe is a poet and artist. She also is the producer of a series of poetry readings on WBAI. Her most recent books of poems are Hinge Picture and The Circumnavigator. (forthcoming)

March 4 - TONY TOWLE Tony Towle received the Frank O'Hara prize for his book North. Also available is Lines For The New Year: Poems 1963-65.

March 11 - ANDY GRUNDBERG Andy Grundberg is a poet and photographer. His books are The Piedmont Manifest and Fever Coast.

These readings, organized by Ted Greenwald, are supported by grants from Poets and Writers, Inc., and New York State Council On The Arts. The Clocktower is the exhibition space of The Institute for Art and Urban Resources, Inc. The Institute is a non-profit organization which includes the following projects: Workspace, Clocktower, Idea Warehouse and Coney Island Factory. For further information, please call Linda Blumberg, 233-1096.

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Note: The budgets on this form must be for activities which will all take place within the same 12 month period.

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RUTH FAINLIGHT will be in the U.S. from March 27th — April 24th, mainly on the East Coast, and is interested in reading. Fee: negotiable.

Please reply to: 14 LADBROKE TERRACE LONDON W.11, ENGLAND until March 20th then to: c/o PLATT, 194 Riverside Drive, N.Y. 10025.

Ruth Fainlight was born in New York, 1931, of English father and American mother, both children of Jewish emigrants from Eastern Europe. In 1936 moved with family to England, then back to U.S. in 1940 as "British refugee", though American cruzen. Returned to England in 1946. Studied at College of Arts and Crafts. 1952—1958 lived in France and Spain. Since then domiciled in England, apart from 15 months in Morocco, and various stays of some months in France and Spain. Travelled in Italy. East Germany. Czechoslovakia; to Switzerland as delegate at conference, "Doom of the Book". Duttweller Institute, Zurich. to Russia as a guest for the 150th Anniversay of the birth of Turgenev, and to Israel at the invitation of the Foreign Minisary. Married to the writer Alan Sillitoe. One son, born 1962.

### **Publications**

A FORECAST, A FABLE, poems, Outpost Publications 1958.

CAGES, poems, Macmillan London 1966, Dufour U.S. 1967.

18 Poems from 1966, Turret Books, London 1967,

TO SEE THE MATTER CLEARLY, poems, Macmillan London 1968, Dufour U.S. 1969,

ALL CITIZENS ARE SOLDIERS, adaptation from Lope de Vega, done with Alan Sillitoe, Macmillan London 1969.

DAYLIFE AND NIGHTLIFE, short stories, Andre Deutsch, London 1971.

POEMS (with Ted Hughes and Alan Sillitoe), Rainbow Press, London 1971.

PENGUIN MODERN STORIES No. 9 (with three others), Penguin London 1971.

THE REGION'S VIOLENCE, poems, Hutchinson, London 1973.

ANOTHER FULL MOON, poems, Hutchinson, London 1976.

#### Poems published in

Ambit, Antaeus, Aylesford Review, Bananas, Encounter, European Judaism, Gallery, Hudson Review, Mediterranean Review, Meridian, The Nation, The New Review, New Statesman, New Yorker, New York Times, Observer, Outposts, Poetry (Chicago), Poetry Review, Prairie Schooner, Schrijftaal II, The Scotsman, Shenandoah, Southern Review — Univ. Louisiana, Southern Review — Univ. Adelaide, Sunday Times, Times Literary Supplement, Transatlantic Review, Tribune, Twentieth Century, Views, Work in Progress; included in: Poetry Dimension 2, ed. Dannie Abse; Contemporary Women Poets, ed. Trevor Kneale; Holding Your Eight Hands, ed. Edward Lucie Smith.

#### Translations

From Spanish:

Lope de Vega play, (Fuenteovejuna), published and performed as 'All Citizens Are Soldiers' at The Roundhouse, London.

Cesar Vallejo — poems published in Encounter and Afrasian, ed. Nathaniel Tarn, published 1968, University of London.

## From Portuguese:

Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen — published in Modern Poetry in Translation 13/14, special Portuguese issue, 1973, and for the Anthology of Modern Portuguese Poetry to be published in 1977 by Carcanet Press, ed. Helder Macedo and E.M. Melo e Castro. Helder Macedo — to be used in above anthology.

From Catalan: poems by Salvado Espriu.

#### Readings to

Arvon Foundation. Lumb Bank. Yorkshire; Benenden School. Kent; Ben-Uri Art Gallery. London; Cool Web, London: Deya Art Gallery, Mallorca; Dial-A-Poem, London; Edinburgh University Poetry Festival; Francis Thompson Society, London; London University Poetry Society: Mandarin Bookshop, London; Midland Institute, Birmingham; Mishkenot Sha'ananim Centre, Jerusalem; Morden Tower. Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Orel Polytech, Russia; Oxford University Poetry Society: Pentameters, London; The Place, London; Poetry Society, London; Ronnie Scott's, London; The Roundhouse, London; St. John's, Smith Square, London; Shakespeare & Co., Paris; Tribune Poetry readings, Regents Park Library, London. Colgate University (N.Y.) Students in London.

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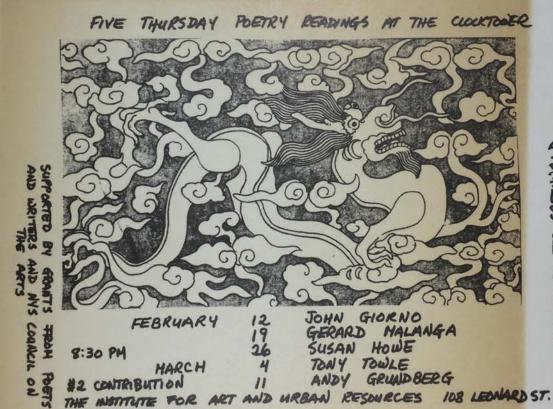
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Dear Jill:

As per our conversation of this afternoon, the Museum of Contemporary Crafts will be using the auditorium on the 3rd floor of P.S. 1, 46-01 21st St., Long Island City from July 18th through the 22nd. We will use the room as a rehearsal space for the installation of a Portable Museum Unit we have developed.

In addition, we will need the small storage room off the auditorium to keep the unit until the week of the 18th when we begin work with it. I will call you as soon as I know the exact date it will be delivered. The unit will remain in that storage room after the 22nd when we are finished using the auditorium and will be removed on Thursday, July 28th. I understand that padlocks will be put on that storage room by your maintenance people and that we will be given a key.

Illana Heist informs me that while the Institute is not interested in rent, it would like a donation towards the refinishing of the auditorium floor. This is acceptable to us and I will put Juliet Zygmunt of American Express in touch with either you or Illana to make arrangements for that donation. American Express will be the first exhibitors of the unit and as they requested this rehearsal, they have agreed to cover the cost.

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The unit should be delivered either Wed., Thurs. or Fri. of next week by an Auer Van. I will have the movers ask for either Leon or Gary who will show them to the storage room on the third floor.

As I mentioned earlier, I will call you as soon as I get a confirmation of the delivery date.

Thanks very much for all your help.

Sincerely,

Carol O'Biso

Traveling Exhibitions Coordinator

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We would very much appreciate your contribution of \$400.00 to \$450.00; this would provide us with much needed assistance.

Thank you very much.

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Joyce Coleman American Express Foundation American Express Plaza New York, New York 10004

Dear Ms Coleman,

I would like to thank you for offering to assist us in covering the costs incurred for the Museum of Contemporary Crafts installation in the auditorium of P.S. 1.

Our estimated costs are:

refinishing the auditorium floor......\$ 2000.00

security measures, installation of padlocks.....\$ 150.00

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Dear Mr. Smith;

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