Visual Arts Program
Monday Nights @ VAP



Günther Selichar Who's afraid of Blue, Red and Green?

Mon 09/11/06 7–9pm

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Visual Arts Program

Joan Jonas Performance Hall 265 Massachusetts Avenue Bldg N51-337 Cambridge, MA 02139 For information call 617-253-5229

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Speaking about our populistically acting mass media environment and its influence on aspects of mediation in general the Austrian artist will present examples of his documentary photographic work and his interactive media projects within mass media systems.

The meta-world of public representation where basic aspects of democracy or economy are transmitted by setting ideological standards seems to be irresistibly shifting over to unbalanced commercial contents or surveillance and propaganda, especially in moments of crisis, which does challenge the media systems (most important for the development of western democracies) in a principal way since its beginnings.

Questions of media observation and of the public (media) space and its ownership and political implications will be linked to artistic concepts which try to research the "abstract" technological aspects and strategies of a media society and which do suggest also that formal abstract work is not necessarily a contradiction to political aspects in artistic practices.

Current Exhibition

Günther Selichar: Media Machines September 8 – November 19, 2006 Tufts University Art Gallery at the Aidekman Arts Center For more information: http://ase.tufts.edu/gallery/shows/selichar.html

Directions

The Visual Arts Program at MIT is located at 265 Massachusetts Avenue (building N51) adjacent to the MIT Museum. Enter through the grey door on Front Street and take the elevator to the third floor. Exit the elevator to your left and go down the ramp. The Joan Jonas Performance Hall, room N51-337, is located through the glass doors on the right.

By Public Transportation

Take the Red Line to Central Square. Walk four blocks along Massachusetts Avenue towards Boston and the Charles River. The Visual Arts Program at MIT is located at 265 Massachusetts Avenue (Building N51), adjacent to the MIT Museum.

Or take the #1 bus to the stop on Massachusetts Avenue at Pacific Street, across from the MIT Museum.

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