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EAST VILLAGE USA: BEYOND BOMBING! YOUTH MEDIA PROJECT

Film screening and panel discussion

When: Friday, February 25, 2005

6 - 8PM

Where: New Museum of Contemporary Art / Chelsea

556 West 22nd Street (@11th Avenue)

Cost: FREE with admission; Free to members

In conjunction with the exhibition *East Village USA*, the New Museum's Youth Council presents a film screening of *Beyond Bombing!* and a youth facilitated panel discussion on *Friday*, *February 25*, 2005, from 6-8 PM. The panel will feature graffiti writers, curators and emcees representing contemporary graffiti culture both locally and internationally.

The event is the culmination of the New Museum Youth Council's exploration of the dynamic elements of graffiti culture from both a contemporary and global perspective. Utilizing *East Village USA* as a historical foundation, youth participated in a 3-month documentary video project, *Beyond Bombing!*, which focuses on the various manifestations of graffiti beyond the bombing and tagging of our city streets. The video features interviews with artists POSE2, JUICE, COPE2, CERN, SWOON, LADY PINK, ZEKIS, BOUNCE, BORISH, WYSISM, NM, ROBO, Dr. REVOLT, the 1134NYC crew and graffiti sticker collector Michael Anderson, many of whom will also participate in the panel discussion. Looking at the future of the art form within the boundaries of the law, youth explored options available to express graffiti style and aesthetics in the professional environmentsom website and graphic design studiosto the urban fashion industry. *Beyond Bombing!* sheds light on graffiti as one of the purest and prolific expressions of youth identity and pays respect to the creative voice of an enduring subculture.

About East Village USA

East Village USA revisits the sprawling, renegade art scene that flourished in the East Village during the 1980s. Representing traditional media such as painting, sculpture and photography, while emphasizing the film, music and performance of the period, the exhibition will contain over 130 works by more than 80 visual artists, including Jean-Michel Basquiat, George Condo, Nan Goldin, Keith Haring, Jenny Holzer, Jeff Koons, Laurie Simmons and David Wojnarowicz. Numerous films, videos, listening stations and documentary materials are also included in the exhibition.

Covering the stylistic gamut from graffiti and punk expressionism to Neo-Geo and appropriation, East Village USA also examines the key exhibition sites and events that shaped the neighborhood's sensibility at the beginning of the 1980s: the Times Square Show, Colab, Fashion Moda, the Real Estate Show, Club 57, the Mudd Club and the Pyramid Club. Supplementary material demonstrates the historical context for the East Village as a cultural outpost, beginning with the Beat and co-op gallery scene of the 1950s, and continuing through the countercultural era at such alternative organizations as the Fillmore East, La Mama, Anthology Film Archives, St. Marks Poetry Project and Millenium Cinema in the 1960s and 1970s. The exhibition is on view through March 19, 2005.

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General Information

Location

Chelsea Art Museum

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(at 11th Avenue in Chelsea)

Web Site

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Museum Hours

Tuesday - Saturday: noon - 6:00PM

Thursday: noon – 8:00PM* Closed Sunday and Monday

Store Hours

Tuesday - Saturday: noon - 6:00PM

Thursday: noon - 8:00PM

Admission

\$6.00 general; \$3.00 students/seniors

Free for members; visitors 18 and under free

*Thursday 6:00-8:00PM, \$3.00

Directions

Subway: C/E to West 23rd Street, 1/9 to 23rd Street

Bus: M23 to 11th Avenue

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