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## LINDA MONTANO CONCLUDES 7 YEARS OF LIVING ART AND PERFORMANCE AT NEW MUSEUM

The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York presents Linda Montano's Linda's Last Performance on Friday, December 6, 1991 at 8:00 PM, an event celebrating the seven chakras and physical powers in Indian philosophy, and marking the conclusion of seven years of performance at The New Museum. On Saturday, December 7 from noon to 5:30 PM, the artist will appear one last time in the Mercer Street Window, reading palms and dispensing advice on art and everyday life.

For seven years, Linda Montano has been performing 7 Years of Living Art, an on going work of art/life counseling that began in 1984 and has continued since, with regular monthly appearances at The New Museum. Linda's Last Performance is a 49 minute participatory tribute to 7 chakras -- key energy centers for psychic, spiritual, and physical powers in Indian philosophy. Flanked by seated snorklers emphasizing the rhythm of meditative breath, a crossdressing mistress/master of ceremonies will orchestrate an event that includes multi-lingual personal narratives representing each chakra in sequence. Popcorn venders will circulate through the audience, and sexy masseurs will loosen everybody up. Conceived, in part, as a ritual event for the community of participants in 7 Years of Living Art, Linda's Last Performance will draw its performers from the staff of The New Museum, friends of the artist, and regular art/life counselees.

Linda's Last Performance will take place on Friday, December 6, 1991. Seating for this event will be limited, and reservations should be made in advance by calling 212/219-1222. Tickets are \$7 general/\$5 members.

On Saturday, December 7, 1991, Linda Montano will present her final installment of 7 Years of Living Art. This event is free with Museum admission.

7 Years of Living Art is a project of The New Museum's On View Program, which is funded, in part, by the Jerome Foundation, The Greenwall Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The New Museum of Contemporary Art is located at 583 Broadway between Houston and Prince Streets. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday: noon to 6 PM; Friday and Saturday: noon to 8 PM; Monday and Tuesday, closed. Admission is by suggested contribution: \$3.50 general; \$2.50 artists, students, seniors; members and children under 12, free.

Recorded information may be obtained by calling 212/219-1355.