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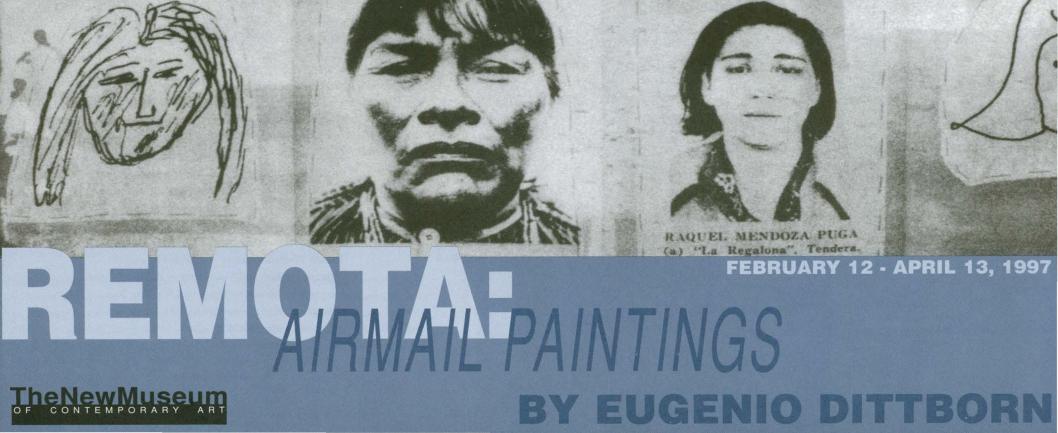


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# REARDINATINGS FEBRUARY 12 - APRIL 13, 1997

# BY EUGENIO D

Remota: Airmail Paintings by Eugenio Dittborn is the first major New York exhibition of works by this international artist from Santiago, Chile. Focusing on video, painting, and graphics in the 60s and 70s, Dittborn, in the mid-80s, began folding his paintings into cardboard envelopes and sending them through the international airmail service to exhibitions worldwide.

Although this process began as a means of addressing Chile's sense of geographical and cultural isolation from the rest of the world, for Dittborn it also became a strategy to circumvent both the state censors of the military dictatorship that ruled Chile between 1973 and 1989 and the cultural boycott imposed from other countries to protest that regime.

The New Museum of Contemporary Art features seven of the artist's large-scale Airmail Paintings along with the over 50 custom designed envelopes in which they were sent.

Dittborn constructs his works by printing, stamping, painting, and sewing a selection of images and text onto sections of unprimed canvas. The elements from these multilayered collages are drawn from diverse sources—an anthropologist's photos of aboriginal peoples, police photos of petty criminals, drawings by schizophrenics and children, and a newspaper photo of a murdered political dissident—bringing to light those erased from the memory of official culture.

The exhibition is accompanied by a fully-illustrated, bilingual (English/ Spanish) catalogue with interviews and essays by New Museum Senior Curator Dan Cameron and Curator Gerardo Mosquera; critics and writers Roberto Merino, Sean Cubitt, Guy Brett, Adriana Valdes; and artist Eugenio Dittborn. Published by Pública Editorial in collaboration with The New Museum of Contemporary Art and the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago, the catalogue is available in the Museum bookstore.

The exhibition has been organized by Senior Curator Dan Cameron.

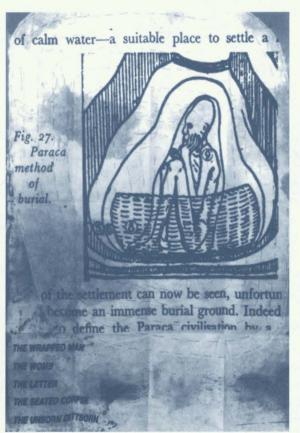
REMOTA: Airmail Paintings by Eugenio Dittborn is made possible in part by generous grants from the Lannan Foundation, the Norman and Rosita Winston Foundation, and the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. Additional assistance is provided by Chile/ProChile, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chilean Government Trade Bureau, and the Consulate General of Chile, New York.



# PUBLIC PROGRAMS

#### ARTIST TALK

A Conversation with Eugenio Dittborn Saturday, February 15, 4:00 p.m. \$4 general, \$3 students & seniors, free for Advocate-level members and above



#### FILM AND VIDEO

The Roving Eye is a series of film and video screenings at The New Museum featuring the work of several artists who explore issues of travel and transience. \$4 suggested admission.

#### Eugenio Dittborn

Thursday, February 27, 6:30 p.m. This screening presents video work by Eugenio Dittborn.

#### The Excessive Tourist

Thursday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. The impulse to travel and record the experience is explored by artists in this program: Sophie Calle

#### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

#### Collapsed Distances | Transformed Space Thursday, February 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

\$5 general, \$3 students & seniors, free for Advocatelevel members and above

Drawing upon specific examples in the fields of cinema, literature, and the visual arts, panelists will explore how processes of globalization destabilize concepts of nation, state, and identity. Presenters include: **Caren Kaplan**, author of *Questions of Travel: Postmodern Discourses of Displacement;* **Hamid Naficy**, author of *Otherness and the Media:The Ethnography of the Imagined and the Imaged;* **Brian Goldfarb**, Curator of Education, The New Museum of Contemporary Art.

Eugenio Dittborn • The Thirteenth History of the Human Face (The Portals of H), Airmail Painting No 95, detail, 1991

and Gregory Shepard, Bob Kaputov, and Éder Santos.

#### A Sense of Home

Thursday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. Immigration and diasporadic distances are examined in this program of videos by Juan Downey, Tony Labat, and Alex Rivera.

#### Recalling the Ephemeral

Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. Efforts to transpose performance and other forms of ephemera to film and video are considered by artists in this program: Phyllis Baldino, Claudio Caldini, and Gordon Matta-Clark. Co-sponsored by Latin American Video Archives (LAVA). , ,

#### One Step Beyond the Fantastic

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$5 general, \$3 students & seniors, free for Advocatelevel members and above

Featuring critics, artists, and curators who contributed to the critical anthology Beyond the Fantastic: Contemporary Art Criticism from Latin America, this roundtable discussion will address shifts in Latin American artistic discourses and their various manifestations in North American critical and visual culture since the 1960s. Panelists include: Luis Camnitzer, artist and critic; George Yúdice, writer and Instructor, Hunter College, CUNY; Tomás Ybarra-Frausto, writer and Associate Director for Arts and Humanities at the Rockefeller Foundation; Gerardo Mosquera, Curator, The New Museum of Contemporary Art. This event is co-sponsored by The MIT Press.

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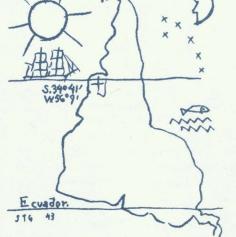


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11	Tuesday	Members' Opening for Eugenio Dittborn 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for Patron, Fellow, and Associate members; 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. for General members
12	Wednesday	REMOTA: Airmail Paintings by Eugenio Dittborn opens to the public
13	Thursday	Collapsed Distances   Transformed Space panel discussion 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
15	Saturday	A Conversation With Eugenio Dittborn artist talk 4:00 p.m.
20	Thursday	Members' Cocktail Reception and Curatorial Tour 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., for Advocate-level members and above
27	Thursday	The Roving Eye: Eugenio Dittborn video screening 6:30 p.m.
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5	Thursday	M A R C H Members' Reception for Beyond The Fantastic 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for Advocate-level members and above
		One Step Beyond The Fantastic roundtable discussion 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
13	Thursday	The Roving Eye: The Excessive Tourist video screening 6:30 p.m.
20	Thursday	The Roving Eye: A Sense of Home video screening 6:30 p.m.
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3	Thursday	The Roving Eye: Recalling the Ephemeral video screening 6:30 p.m.
12-13	Sat-Sun	Director's Council Weekend
13	Sunday	REMOTA: Airmail Paintings By Eugenio Dittborn last day
24	Thursday	Auction Preview Party 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. for Artists, Trustees, and Patron and Fellow member
25	Friday	Auction Preview begins with works on view through May 4, free during Museum hou
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4	Sunday	Auction and Gala 5:30 p.m midnight
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New Publication: Beyond the Fantastic

### SPRING AUCTION CELEBRATES THE MUSEUM'S 20TH



In conjunction with the exhibition and March 6 roundtable discussion, the new publication Beyond The Fantastic: Contemporary Art Criticism from Latin America will be available in the Museum bookstore. Edited by New Museum Curator Gerardo Mosquera, this critical anthology includes essays by eighteen writers who have informed visual arts discourse in Latin America in the past twelve years. Published in 1995 by The Institute of International Visual Arts (inIVA), London.

Latino artists are being portrayed as 'magical realists,' 'pre-technological bohemians,' 'primeval creatures in touch with ritual,' 'hypersexual entertainers,' 'fiery revolutionaries' or 'amazing success stories.' Our art is being described as 'colourful,' 'passionate,' 'mysterious,' 'exuberant,' 'baroque' etc. — all euphemistic terms for irrationalism and primitivism. These mystical views can only help to perpetuate the colonizing notions of the South as a wild and exotic preindustrial universe ever waiting to be discovered, enjoyed and purchased by the entrepreneurial eye of the North.

Guillermo Gómez-Peña in Beyond The Fantastic

Joaquín Torres-Garcia • Upside-down map, 1943

AUCTION PREVIEW: APRIL 25 - MAY 4 AUCTION AND GALA: MAY 4

The New Museum of Contemporary Art celebrates its 20th anniversary with a Benefit Auction and Gala this spring. Over 100 artists are participating in this year's event including Kim Dingle, Nicole Eisenman, Sean Mellyn, Doris Salcedo, and Carrie Mae Weems. All artworks will be on view in the Museum's galleries during Preview Week, April 26th through May 4th. Special events are also scheduled for that week including artist talks, auction tours, and a series of artist performances organized by Janine Antoni and Nari Ward. Festivities conclude on May 4th with a lively Auction conducted by Christopher Burge, President of Christie's, at the Museum's Benefit Gala party.

Ticket prices are \$120 for the Silent Auction; \$400, \$500, \$1,000 seats and \$4,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 tables for both the Silent and Live Auctions; and \$20,000 for special 20th Birthday Artists Hosted tables. For more information, please contact the Special Events office, 212.219.1222.

Many thanks to Auction Chairs Susan Hort and Carol Dorsky; Co-Chair Wendy Olsoff; Steering Committee members Roland Augustine, Jill Bernstein, Ted Bonin, Patrick Callery, Jim Cohan, Jeffrey Deitch, Bil Ehrlich, Jay Gorney, Pat Hearn, Tom Jones, Anna Kustera, Cecile Panzieri, Jeffrey Peabody; Gala Committee Chairs Laura Skoler and Sunny Goldberg.

Christopher Burge, President, Christie's Inc.

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New York-based artist Aleksandra Mir transforms the Museum's Window on Broadway into

a visual extension of Fashion Hats Inc.,

to arrange a visit, contact the Education department at 212.219.1222.

The Internship Program is designed to provide hands-on training in arts management and give qualified college and graduate students, and professional individuals a comprehensive overview of museum operations. Applications for the Summer and Fall 1997 cycles are due April 15 and July 15, respectively.

The High School Art Program, initiated in 1984, is a New York City-wide collaborative arts enrichment program for public and alternative high school students emphasizing an interdisciplinary, multicultural approach to the exploration of contemporary art. The semester-long program aims to integrate the study of art within existing curricula and draw meaningful connections between the work of contemporary artists and students' life experiences. This is one of the few museum arts education programs specifically designed to serve a culturally diverse public high school population. For more information, contact the Education department at 212.219.1222.

Group Visits stimulate active inquiry about issues in contemporary art and culture through close examination of the Museum's exhibitions. Trained docents conduct talks appropriate to adult groups and school groups from grades 7 through 12. For more information, or

M e m b e r s of The New Museum of Contemporary Art participate in exhibition-related events, meet new artists, and see major private collections through InsideArt tours in the New York City area and ArtQuest travels to destinations beyond. To join, please call the Membership department, 212.219.1222.

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the store next door to the Museum at 581 Broadway. As with her previous works that examine the social dimensions of space, Mir's project incorporates alternative notions of "display" while calling attention to the interchange between art and commerce on the busiest retail block in SoHo.

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