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PANEL BY THE V-GIRLS TO BE HELD AT THE NEW MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

The V-Girls, a New York-based group, will present a panel discussion critiquing academia, "The Question of Manet's Olympia: Posed and Skirted," at The New Museum of Contemporary Art on Saturday, March 10 at 9:00 PM.

The V-Girls--Martha Baer, Jessica Chalmers, Erin Cramer, Andrea Fraser, and Marianne Weems--began as a study group in 1986. Parodying discourses in psychoanalysis, literary theory, and revisionist trends in art history and criticism, the V-Girls have created a sharp-witted and subversive satire of scholarship, performed with haughty and deadpan seriousness. High-browed and ridiculous, the V-Girls' panels are also concerned with intellectual elitism, feminism, and the ways in which meaning and information are conveyed. Past panels have included "Sex and Your Holiday Season" and "Academia in the Alps: In Search of the Swiss Mis(s)," which takes a critical look at the book Heidi.

"The Question of Manet's Olympia" employs a mix of irony, contradiction, and absurd logic to examine this frequently analyzed 19th-century painting. The panelists will present a number of papers on the work, including "My Man Manet;" "Mayonaise: Olympia?;" and "Man A, Woman B."

Tickets for "The Question of Manet's Olympia: Posed and Skirted" are \$6 for members/\$10 nonmembers and may be purchased on the day of the performance. Because seating is limited, reservations are suggested and may be made by calling 212/219-1222 between 9:30 and 5:30, Monday through Friday.

The New Museum of Contemporary Art is located at 583 Broadway between Prince and Houston Streets in Soho. Its hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, noon to 6 PM; Friday and Saturday, noon to 8 PM; Monday and Tuesday, closed. Admission is by suggested contribution: \$3.50 nonmembers; \$2.50 artists/students/seniors; members and children under 12, free. Recorded information is available by calling 212/219-1355.