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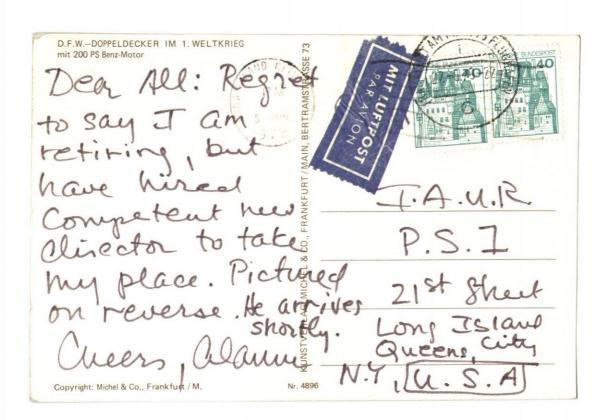
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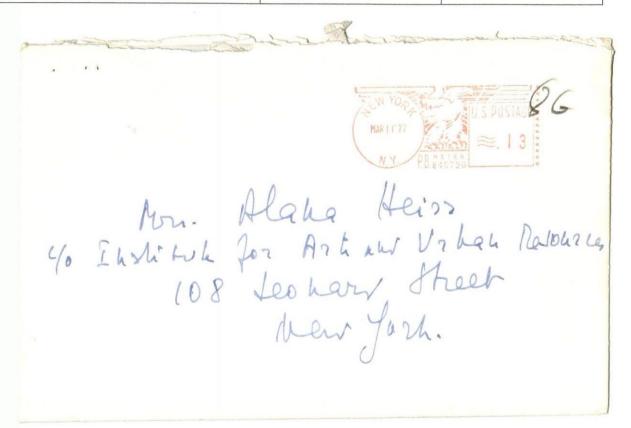
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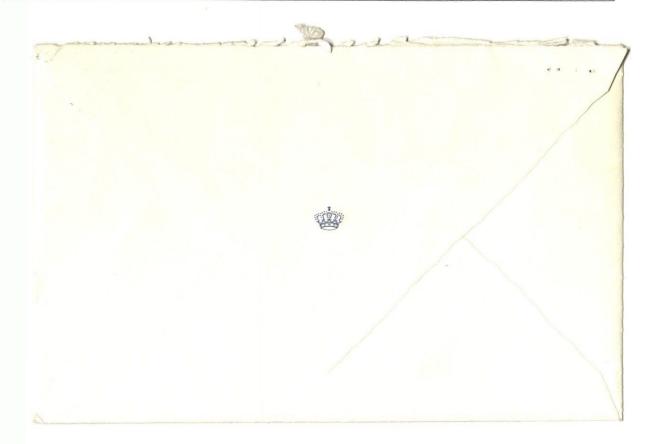
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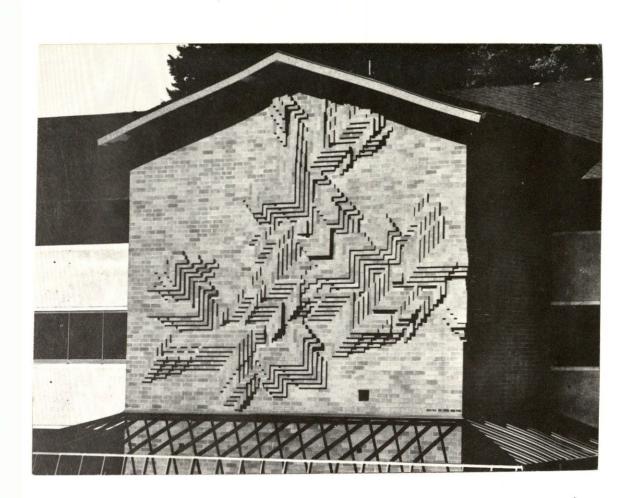


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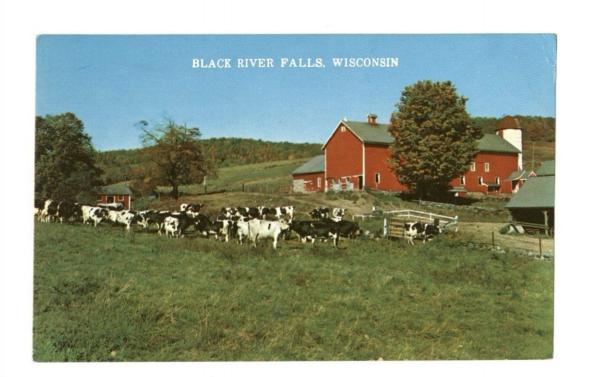
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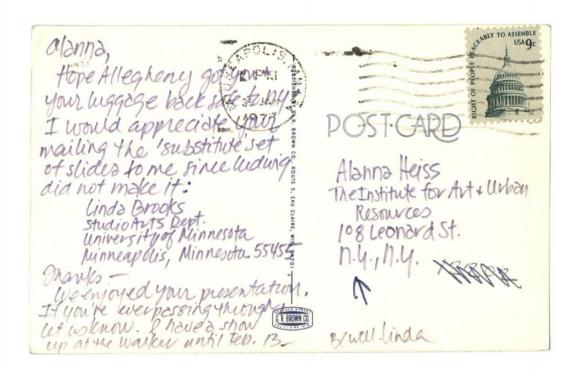
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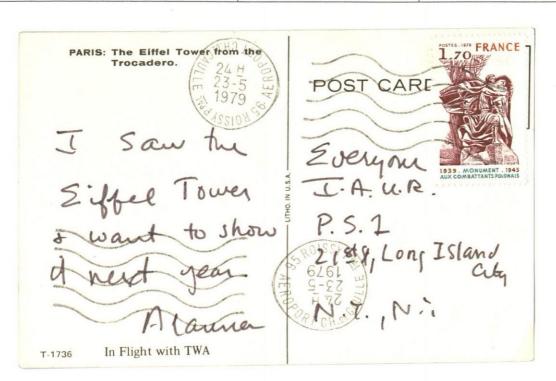
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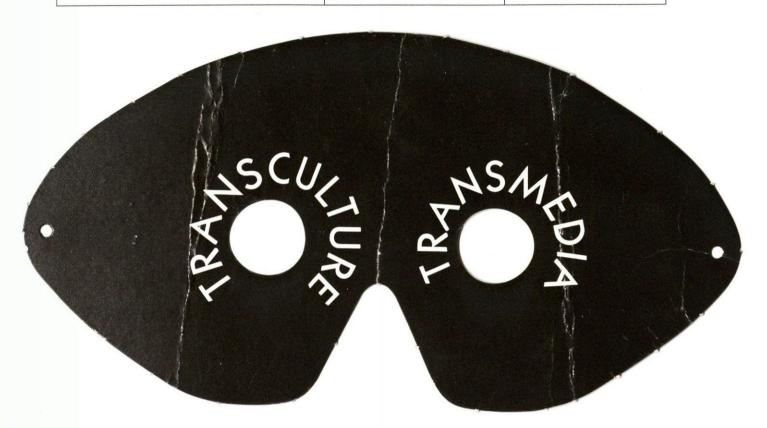
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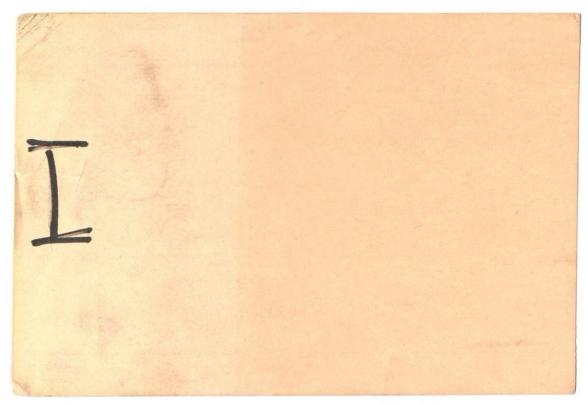
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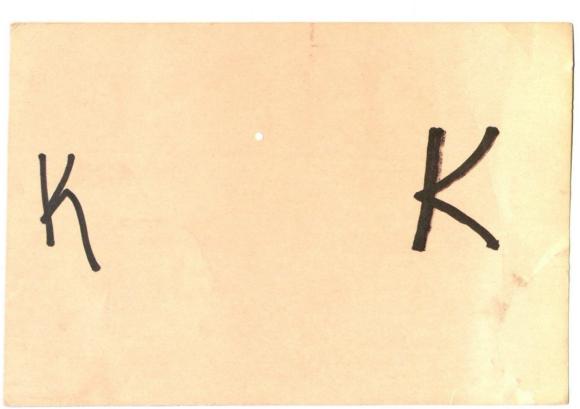


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February 15, 1984

William Hellerman
Institute for Art and Urban Resources
46-01 21st Street
L.I.C., NY 11101

Dear Mr. Hellerman,

I am writing to inquire about your organization's interest in new music theater works. If there is any interest, I will submit a script and sections of the score upon request for the work Beginning Terrain.

Beginning Terrain was conceived in 1983 by various members of Abreaction Theater, a New York based theater collaboration founded in 1979 whose purpose is to explore interdisciplinary work involving the visual arts, film, music and technology. Through the use of intermedia techniques, Abreaction Theater develops original and innovative works by members of the group. Since 1979, Abreaction Theater has produced two large-scale, original theater works: Disparate Acts (At a Distance) in 1979; and Confessions of a Conformist: The Lists in 1981. Both were performed in New York City. In addition, the group has produced and had performed solo and collaborative music/performance works at the NEw England Conservatory of Music, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ohio Performance Space and Squat Theatre. The concert version of Beginning Terrain was performed at Squat Theatre in New York City in December of 1983.

I have enclosed a stamped self-addressed postcard as well as a more detailed sympsis of Beginning Terrain. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact either:

Geoffrey King 166 State Street, Apt 19 Brooklyn, NY 11201 (212) 875-4092 David Bailin 329 Smith Street Brooklyn, NY 11231 (212) 624-2860

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

David Bailin

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SYNOPSIS: BEGINNING TERRAIN

Beginning Terrain is a music theater work in three acts, lasting approximately one and one half hours and involves nine actors, eleven musicians, two camera men, and two technicians: one in charge of pre-recorded audio material; the other in charge of pre-recorded and live video material.

Beginning Terrain also exists in a concert version, lasting approximately 45 minutes, requiring a minimum of four actors, four musicians, and two technicians. This concert version is a combination of material extracted from Acts I and II of the full text. The video presentation is not required.

Beginning Terrain's origins stem from a desire on the part of the collaborators to pursue conceptual art ideas; electronic, acoustic and vocal music; interactive video; and a different kind of music theater involving a reconsideration of the collaborative process that has heretofore defined "opera".

Beginning Terrain has a two tiered plot concerning (1) the coverage of the fictional Bush Classic Golf Tournament which is interrupted by a rumored act of terrorism on the fifth hole; and (2) the examination of the many identities of the main character, Roger Premiere. The work unfolds through a series of interlocking scenes and musical moments, contrasting and comparing the mediated reality of the television broadcast with the more personal reality of Roger and his caddy, Virgil.

The basis of Beginning Terrain is a musical conception. Act I is more or less a straightforward linear narrative that explores the mediated world of television and the interpersonal relationship of Roger and Virgil through the use of theatrical and musical motifs. The distinct seperation between the two worlds begins to become blurred in Act II which is divided into temporal modules called "frames" and "interludes". In this second act, the individual broadcast announcers recite their texts while responding to a score indicating their gradual movement from pure speech (often times overlapping) to pure song (resulting in a contrapuntal ensemble). The composer, in collaboration with performers and librettists, determines the time of each "frame" and the musical parameters to be developed. The chorus and instrumentalists alternately support and subvert the announcers efforts by recalling the developing motives from Act I. The instrumentalists also intimate a new musical direction (more "essayistic" in nature) which constitutes the core of the music in Act III. In the third act, the concern both musically and linguistically, is with developing the personal voices of various individuals in the work. The "essayistic" nature of Act III is concerned with defining personal ways of knowing the world (i.e., "local knowledges"), and how that knowledge is too often subjugated to the demands of technology and the electronic media. Representing this idea, instrumentalists are paired with individual characters and, drawing on previously stated motivic material develop a collection of "individual" languages. The chorus, as in the two previous acts, defines and develops the harmonic foundation from which . all individual voices emerge.

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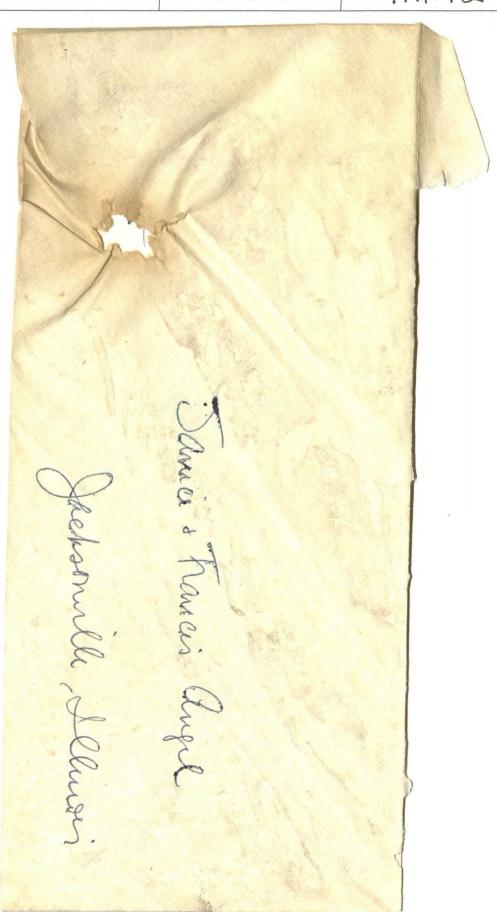
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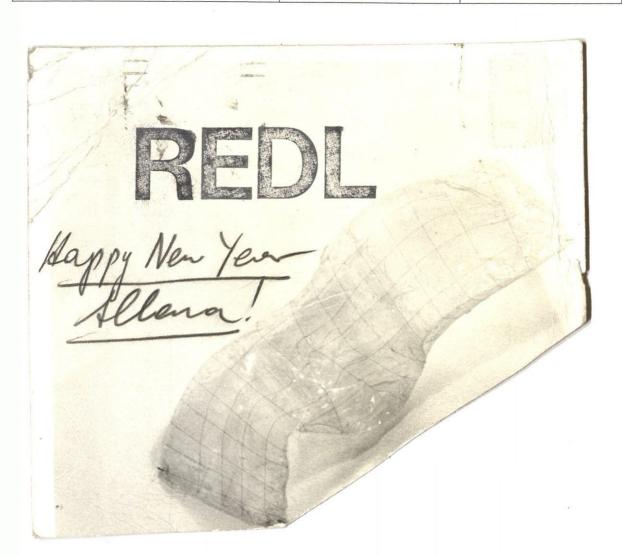
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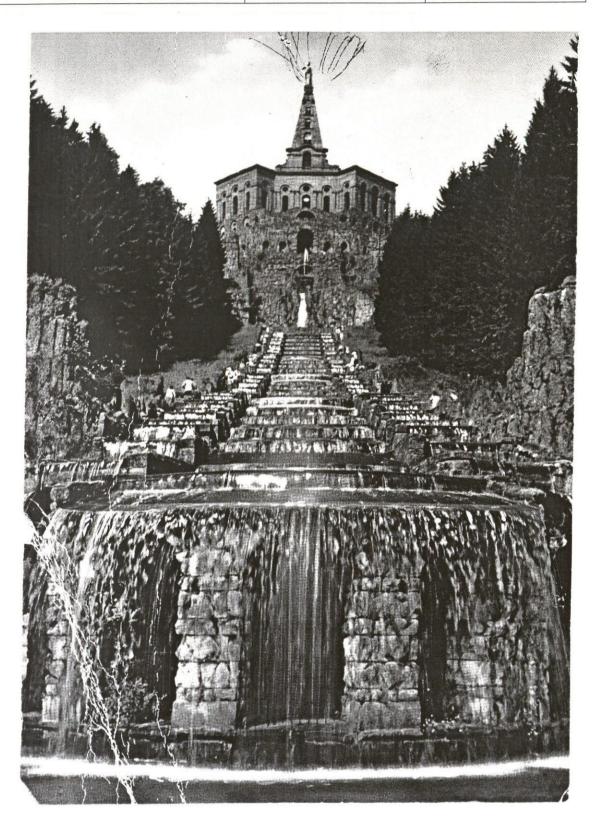
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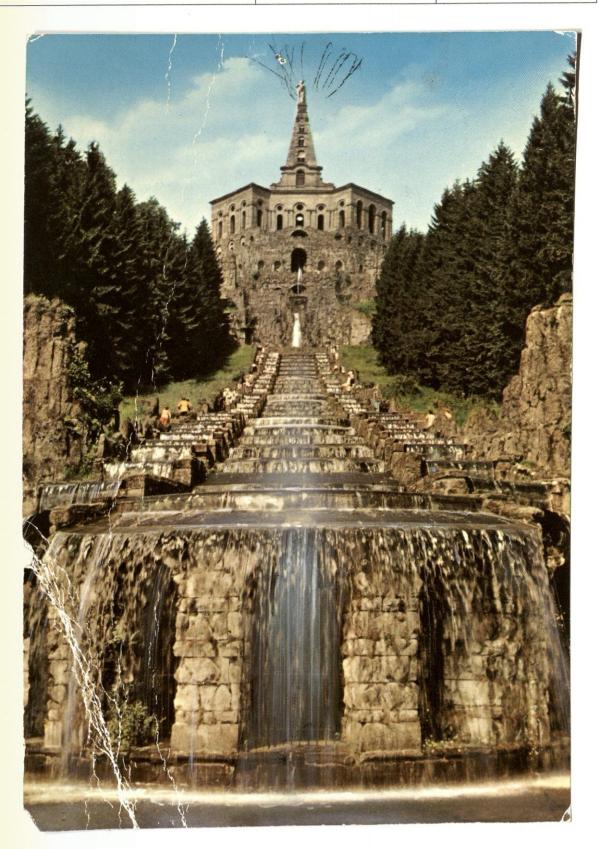
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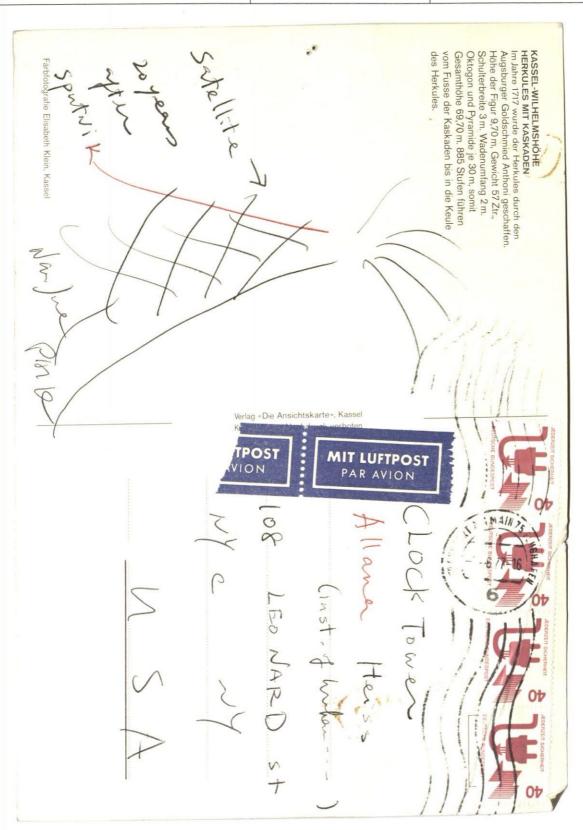
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