



**MEDIA RELEASE**

**JUDITH BARRY: PROJECTIONS**  
March 3 to April 4, 1993

Presentation House Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of an exhibition by internationally-renowned artist, JUDITH BARRY. Featuring two multi-media artworks, this exhibition is the first opportunity to view Barry's work in Vancouver.

"An androgynous head is projected as if contained within a minimalist cube. Sounds of the head slowly breathing fill the space. The head is serene, waiting. Suddenly a substance pours over it... drenching it in what appears to be a bodily fluid. The spectator wants to turn away but cannot." This is how the artist describes *Imagination, Dead Imagine* a 10-foot high video cube.

Concerned with the effects of information technology on everyday life, Barry explores the pervasive effects that such urban systems as architecture, language, and the media have on our individual desires and psyches. When experiencing *Model for Stage and Screen*, viewers are seduced into entering a chamber that produces hallucinatory retinal effects leaving little control over what is perceived. This direct physical experience confirms that our sense of sight is capable of deceiving us.

At a later date, Barry will develop a public art work for downtown Vancouver based on material from local aural history archives. Huge "talking heads" telling stories will be projected at street-level in a high-traffic area in downtown Vancouver.

Judith Barry a resident of New York City, has exhibited widely for the past fifteen years. She participated in the 1987 Biennial of the Whitney Museum of American Art, the *Aperto* wing of the Venice Biennale, and 1991 Carnegie International. She has recently had several solo exhibitions in Europe including the Institute of Contemporary Art in London.

Please contact Gallery Assistant, Diane Evans at 986-1351 for further information and to arrange interviews with the artist.

Artist's lecture: March 2, 7 pm, in the Gallery  
Reception for the artist: March 2, 8-10pm  
Gallery hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12-5pm  
Thursday, 12-9pm

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