

GRAND OPENINGS

at Multi Purpose Room, Bard College, Monday, July 24, 2006, 5 pm

Jay Sanders asked a group of artists in **New York City** to do a performance in 2005. They created a collaborative scenario, *Grand Openings*. *Grand Openings* is the making of a situation where different actions open up each other again and again. In *Grand Openings*, acts continuously open. *Grand Openings* is also an adaptation project. The original meanings and intentions inside the scenario are displaced and exploded by being performed by other people. For instance, two weeks before *Grand Openings* was premiered at Anthology Film Archives, a friend of the artists in New York City initiated another *Grand Openings*. A group of artists in **Tbilisi**, Georgia, the country in Eastern Europe performed. In this Georgian *Grand Openings*, the role of artists in New York City were played by local people, creating a series of interesting identity gaps. *Grand Openings* is a vehicle for everyone to resist expectations.

In July 2006, a new version of *Grand Openings* was made again by a group of artists in New York City. This *Grand Openings* will be premiered in Japan with local high school students in **Tsunan**, Nigata in August. Currently, a group of students at **Bard College** is asked to make their own adaptation of this *Grand Openings*. *Grand Openings* needs to occur around the world, every time differently. The recording of this *Grand Openings* will be used for next *Grand Openings*.

HELP DESK:

Ei Arakawa (F)
and any guests

CHARACTERS:

Jutta Koether
Jay Sanders
Katherine "K8" Hardy
Ei Arakawa

High School Student Volunteer (Takashi)
High School Student Volunteer (Miki)
High School Student Volunteer (Tsutomu)

Stefan Tcherepnin
Emily Sundblad

Lee Williams

Tvillingarna Band Mate
Jay's friend with Puppets (Translator)

Takahashi-san

PLAYED BY:

Nikolas Gambaroff (Pa), Jennilie Brewster (Pa)
Julia Klein (S), Cesar Alvarez (M)
Thomas Torres (F)
Tammy Dudman (F), Dan Poston (W)

Biswamit Dwibedy (W)
Kathleen Miller (W)
Masood Kamandy (Ph)

Christopher deLaurenti (M), Zander Vaubel (Pa)
Lise Soskolne (Pa), Chana Morgenstern (W)

Nikolas Moeller, Jennilie Brewster,
Lise Soskolne, Chana Morgenstern

Anna Sew Hoy (S)
Debra Baxter (S)

Anthony Fuller (Ph)

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3pm

Rehearsal

After 5pm

1. Official Announcement from MFA (Multi Purpose Room)
2. Intro by Film Faculty
3. Short Intro for Grand Openings
4. Video from Grand Openings in Georgia (16 min)
5. Announcement Who is who
6. Grand Openings Play (about 30 min)

After 6pm

Jess Stead Presentation at Avery