

ZACH FEUER GALLERY

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Sister Corita Talk: Saturday, November 7, 3 PM

Gallery hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10-6

Sister Mary Corita

Zach Feuer Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of work by the Pop artist, teacher and nun, Sister Mary Corita (1918-1986).

Drawn to the power of the word, Sister Corita incorporated fragments of text, slogans and signs taken from billboards, street signs, advertising jingles, pop songs, poems, newspapers and magazines into her work. She sampled quotes by Martin Luther King Jr., Rainer Maria Rilke, Phillip Roth and the Psalms. Sister Corita also appropriated images from magazine and newspaper covers of the Viet Cong, the Pope and the Berrigan Brothers burning draft cards as well as the Wonder Bread logo. Corita's innovative use of loaded text, used alone or combined with images, created powerful graphics. She cropped, skewed, and collaged phrases from disparate sources to enhance the power of the quote and to create unique revolutionary, spiritual and social statements. Sister Corita was not only an activist and Pop artist but also a teacher.

At the Immaculate Heart College where Corita taught art, her classrooms were known for their dynamic interdisciplinary environments, in which films were screened, pop music played and large-scale collaborative projects were conceived and executed. She created happenings such as the reinvigorated annual Mary's Day parade and invited her peers, including Buckminster Fuller, Ben Shann and Charles Eames, to lecture.

In 1968, Sister Corita left the Immaculate Heart Community and moved to Boston where she continued to make serigraphs and watercolors as well as undertook several important corporate and public commissions.

This exhibition will feature Sister Corita's serigraphs from the early 1950's until her death in 1986 and will include memorabilia, such as the books with which she collaborated with Daniel Berrigan and films by Baylis Glascock documenting Corita's happenings and teaching.

On November 7 at 3 PM, the gallery will host a talk given by Alexandra Carrera, Director of the Corita Art Center, on the work of Sister Corita.