X-Motion Picture Magazine, February 1978 Magazine Private collection

Liza Bear & Keith Sonnier, Send/ Recieve Satellite Network, 1977 Two photographs, color Photo: Richard Landry Courtesy of The Sac-O-Lait Keith Sonnier Foundation Inc.

Terry Fox, Description for installation of the exhibition *Yield*, 1973 Ink on paper (facsimile)

Terry Fox, Sketch for *Yield*, 1973 Ink on paper (facsimile)

Terry Fox & Georg De Cristel, For Marilyn from Terry + George, 1980 Audio casette tape Courtesy of Marilyn Bogerd

Terry Fox, *Erossore*, 1979 Two photographs, black and white Photo: Larry Fox

Terry Fox, *Triplex*, 1979 Audio cassette tape

Terry Fox, *Erossore*, 1979 Audio cassette tape

A*rts Magazine*, vol. 44, no. 7, May 1970 Magazine Private collection

Free-standing pedestal

Liza Bear, Keith Sonnier, Sharon Grace, *Send/Receive*, 1977 Single-channel video, color, 1:01:33 Courtesy SFAI Legacy Foundation + Archive

## Gallery 4

Free-standing wall (Four wall mounted monitors)

Terry Fox, *Flour Dumplings*, 1980 Single-channel video, color, 32:13 Courtesy University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive

Liza Bear, Keith Sonnier, Sharon Grace, *Send/Receive*, 1977 Single-channel video, color, 22:27 Courtesy SFAI Legacy Foundation + Archive

Terry Fox, *Clutch*, 1971 Single-channel video, black and white, 53:59

Terry Fox and Yoshi Wada, Excerpt from *The Resonators*, 1989 Single-channel video, color, 11:00 Courtesy the Estate of Yoshi Wada

**Projection wall** 

Terry Fox, *Lunar Rambles*, 1976 Single-channel video, color, 32:29 Courtesy Electronic Arts Intermix (EAI), New York

Wall

Terry Fox and Yoshi Wada, *The Resonators*, 1989 Seven photographs, black and white Photo: Marilyn Bogerd Courtesy the Estate of Yoshi Wada and Marilyn Bogerd <u>Gallery 5</u>

## Left entrance wall

Terry Fox and Joseph Beuys, *Isolation Unit*, 1970 Two photographs, black and white Photo: Ute Klophaus © 2024 Estate of Terry Fox and Estate of Joseph Beuys

Terry Fox and Joseph Beuys, Isolation Unit, 1970 Two photographs, black and white Photo: Dietmar Kirves © 2024 Estate of Terry Fox and Estate of Joseph Beuys

### Wall

Terry Fox, *Print of Terry Fox's Hand (Berlin Wall)*, c. 1980 Ink on postcard Collection of Margaret and David Ross

## Free-standing pedestal

Terry Fox, *The Rakes Progress* (*Rubbing Window Pane*), 1971 Single-channel video, black and white, 26:46 Courtesy University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive

## Wall

Terry Fox, *Levitation*, 1970 Two photographs, black and white Photo: Jerry Wainwright

Free-standing wall (Five monophones)

Terry Fox, *Left Sided Sleepers Dream*, 1981 Audio recording, 9:54

Terry Fox, *Halation*, 1974 Audio recording, 2:25 AND Terry Fox, *Suono Interno*, 1979 Audio recording, 2:53 Isolation Unit, 1970 Audio recording, 12:22 © 2024 Estate of Terry Fox and Estate of Joseph Beuys

Terry Fox, *552 Steps through 11 Pairs of Strings*, 1976 Audio recording, 21:30

Terry Fox, *Linkage LP*, 1982 (reissued 2019) Audio recording

Side wall

Terry Fox, *Liquid Smoke*, 1970 Three photographs, black and white Photo: Barry Klinger

## Transom windows (White St.)

Terry Fox, *Virtual Volumes (Smoke Exhalation)*, 1970 Five photographs, black and white Photo: Barry Klinger

Outside windows (Cortlandt Alley)

Terry Fox, *Liquid Smoke*, 1970 Two photographs, black and white Photo: Barry Klinger

# ARTISTS SPACE

Terry Fox All These Different Things Are Sculpture

March 1 - May 11, 2024

Even to enter the door is to punctuate the space. —Terry Fox

Artists Space is pleased to present Terry Fox: *All These Different Things Are Sculpture*, an exhibition of photography, sound, video, ephemera, and acoustic elements by Conceptualist Terry Fox (1943–2008), the artist's first solo institutional presentation in New York since 1980.

In the 1960s and '70s, Terry Fox was part of an American-European avant-garde that actively sought new forms of artistic expression. Employing an actionist and process-oriented approach to art making, Fox created extreme physical and psychological performance experiences that used his own body to explore the often-invisible aspects of human existence and endurance. Extending far beyond a single medium, Fox moved effortlessly between the accidental and ephemeral while focusing on a heightened awareness of perception and the subtextual aspects of social life.

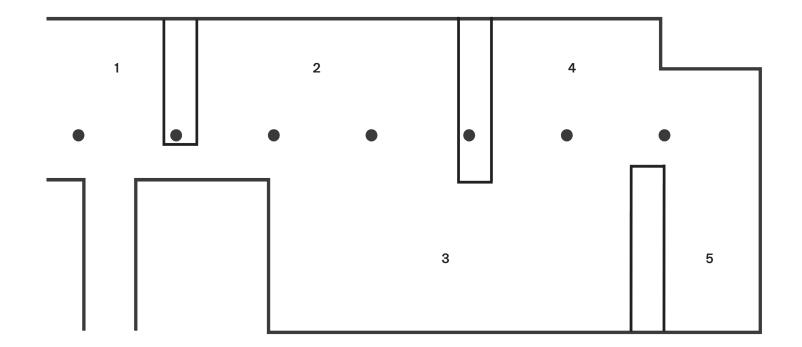
All These Different Things Are Sculpture comprises Fox's videos and sound works as well as performance documentation primarily from the late '60s to the early '90s, with glimpses of later works appearing throughout, to collectively highlight the artist's subversive understanding of attunement to both one's interior state and external surroundings. Moving geographically from San Francisco to New York, two key sites for Fox's experimental activities before his relocation to Europe in 1980, the exhibition begins in the late 1960s with Fox's involvement in the Bay Area Conceptualist movement, his association with the artist-run space the Museum of Conceptual Art (MOCA) in San Francisco, and his relationships with figures such as Tom Marioni, Bonnie Sherk, and others.

Fox's arsenal of materials included everything from fermented flour, yeast, and water—the ingredients used to make bread—to dead fish to nature's four elements (earth, air, water, and fire) to his own breath. With this rich panoply of unconventional mediums, he highlighted the transitory nature of existence while extending the boundaries of body art. He carried over this approach to his sound art, understanding sonic and physical space as inherently sculptural materials. *All These Different Things Are Sculpture* will prominently feature audio, video, and recordings of solo performances and collaborations that capture Fox's acoustic use of everyday elements to foreground the vibrations emitted by purring cats, traffic on Canal Street in New York's Chinatown, metal doors and rosined piano wires, and foghorns.

Living with Hodgkin's lymphoma (a form of cancer affecting the lymphatic system) led Fox to address the physical and emotional cycles of illness and wellness in works like *Levitation* (1970), where the artist fasted and then lay for six hours atop a square of dirt surrounded by elemental fluids in order to be able to rise into the air—a metaphor for transfiguration. Fox called the actions in *Levitation* his "strongest piece of sculpture because the whole room was energized," a key example of his attempts to expand the limits of gesture and the body and the possibilities of sculpture.

In 1972, after undergoing major surgery, Fox began making art inspired by the Chartres labyrinth in France, an intricate pattern on the pavement of the cathedral floor that represents life's journey as a winding path of 552 steps. Among the resulting works was *Yield* (1973), a set of continuous trancelike actions that took place over three days in an elaborate built environment. While viewers watched from a balcony, Fox ritualistically performed such activities as creating skeletal outlines on the floor in flour, blowing smoke, and baking bread.

Terry Fox (1943-2008) was a groundbreaking Conceptual artist who worked across performance, video, body art, and sound. Born in Seattle in 1943, Fox assumed a visionary role in contemporary art in the 1960s and '70s, working primarily in San Francisco and New York before moving to Europe. Fox's performances and installations used his body to test human mental and physical capacities. His earliest performative works, often described by the artist as "situations," thematically addressed everyday phenomena and life in public space. His seminal Labyrinth series (1972-80), a combination of environments, sculptures, performances, and drawings, is based on the configuration of the stone labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral in France. The labyrinth served as a metaphor for sickness and health, issues that the artist addressed variously in his work. Fox appeared in numerous solo and group exhibitions, including Documenta 5 (1972), the Whitney Biennial (1975), the Venice Biennale (1984), Greater New York (2016), and the touring retrospective Elemental Gestures, curated by Arnold Dreyblatt (2015-17).



#### Checklist

(All works are © 2024 Estate of Terry Fox, Cologne / Artists Space, New York except where noted) (All works in each Gallery are listed in clockwise direction)

## Gallery 1

#### Entry wall

Terry Fox, Polaroid suite from the Labyrinth series, 1974 Nine polaroids, color (facsimile)

#### Projection wall

Terry Fox, Three Minutes Film, 1970 8mm film, color, 3:23

Terry Fox, Hardwater, 1970 8mm film, color, 6:05

#### Side wall

Photograph of Museum of Conceptual Art, 1973 Photo: Tom Marioni Courtesy of Tom Marioni

#### Gallery 2

#### **Right entrance wall**

Terry Fox, Defoliation Piece, 1970 Six photographs, black and white Photo: Barry Klinger

# Free-standing wall

(Four speakers, plays twice daily)

Terry Fox, The Labyrinth Scored for the Purrs of 11 Cats, 1976 Audio recording

#### **Projection Wall**

Terry Fox, Yield, 1973 Six photographs, black and white Photo: Larry Fox Courtesy of Marilyn Bogerd

Terry Fox, Turgescent Sex, 1971 Single-channel video, black and white, 32:11 Courtesy University of California, Berkeley Art Museun and Pacific Film Archive

Terry Fox, Yield, 1973 Six photographs, black and white Photo: Larry Fox Courtesy of Marilyn Bogerd

#### Free-standing wall

Terry Fox, Timbre, 1976 Ink on two sheets of paper, envelope, and printed map (4 pieces) The Museum of Modern Art, Nev York. Gift of the Gilbert B. and Lil Silverman Instruction Drawing Collection, Detroit, 2018

Terry Fox, Shirt Passes, 1980 Single-channel video, black and white, 32:26 Courtesy University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive

Terry Fox, Documentation of Room Temperature, 1980 Two polaroids, color

#### Side wall

Terry Fox, Pisces, 1971 Two photographs, black and white Photo: Joel Glassman

#### Gallery 3

Free-standing wall

Peter Moore, Terry Fox Performance in Environmental Surfaces: Three Simultaneous Situational Enclosures at Reese Palley Gallery, 1971 Seven photographs, black and white Sketch, 19/4 Estate of Peter Moore, Courtesy Ink on paper of Paula Cooper Gallery, New York

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