



## Dara Birnbaum and Dan Graham A Program of Video at the Urban Rooftop Park Project

Dia Center for the Arts, New York  
June 7, 2002 8:30 pm

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Dia Center for the Arts  
548 West 22nd Street, New York

Dia Center for the Arts and Electronic Arts Intermix (EAI) present an open-air screening of video works by Dara Birnbaum and Dan Graham. The screening will take place in Graham's "Rooftop Urban Park Project" at Dia.

Individual works by each artist, as well as a collaborative piece, will be screened. The program highlights resonances between the works of these influential and provocative artists, as well as points of departure and difference. Birnbaum and Graham apply distinctive strategies to the analysis of the social function and meaning of popular culture, architecture, public and private space, and mass media.

The program includes a collaborative work by Birnbaum and Graham that analyzes local TV news, seminal tapes by Birnbaum that critique mass media, as well as her rarely-seen short commissions. The program also includes the premiere of Birnbaum's "Attack Piece," a two-monitor installation that was originally produced in 1975 and recently restored through EAI's Preservation Program. Also to be shown are works by Graham that investigate cultural phenomena, including his 1983 document of Hardcore band Minor Threat.

This screening, which was originally scheduled for September 2001, is part of an ongoing series of events celebrating EAI's 30th anniversary. Admission is free.

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EAI is a nonprofit media arts organization that is a major resource for video and interactive media by artists. EAI distributes a collection of 3,000 works by 175 artists. Related activities include a Preservation Program, educational initiatives, a Viewing Room, and screening events.

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## Program Notes

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