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Nigel Redden
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Vineland Place
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Dear Nigel,

How are you? I only hear about you second or third hand, for instance that Stephanie Woodard and Peter Zummo might be performing there, and that David Gordon is/was on his way there to check out performing spaces. So I know you are still active, still choosing innovative performers to grace (or profane) your turf. I even sent you a press release for my upcoming concert shared with Susan Rethorst, only because I way your address on the DTW press list (if you're wondering why you receive so many press releases, blame it on the ubiquitous DTW press list) and because I know you sometimes make trips to NY to see things.

But that's not what I'm writing to you about now.

I've been teaching at Bennington College in Vermont (although I still live here in NY some of the time) and I'm working on a project documenting/celebrating the experimental Judson Church performances from 1962-67. The first part of the project is a series of residencies to be given at Bennington by Trisha, Yvonne Rainer, Steve Paxton, and others this coming April. The second part is to videotape interviews with 18 Judson Dance Theatre participants. We are working on this part with Sally Banes (of Terpsichore in Sneakers fame), who is writing a big book on the subject. The third part, more costly than the other two, is for a photography exhibit that will open at Bennington September 1980, go to NY at Grey Art Gallery (affiliated with NYU) in January '81, and travel to other places that may be interested.

Please read the enclosed letter, which went out as a cover letter for our application to NEA for the photo exhibit, and tell us whether Walker Arts Center is interested in having the exhibit out there. If Walker is not interested, maybe you could tell us of another sponsor who would be. The request to NEA is \$15,000 for total costs of \$30,000, which is really an underestimation because we had to keep the request down according to NEA guidelines.

Please call or write me: I'll be here till February 20. If you can't reach me by phone, try my partner (co-conceiver) Tony Carruthers at (212) 255-3845.

I hope you are well.

Wendy Perron
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