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bitforms gallery congratulates artist Lynn Hershman Leeson, winner of a 2009 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship



"Women Art Revolution" directed by Lynn Hershman Leeson, anticipated release date 2010

Watch trailer for film:

<http://womenartrevolution.com/trailer.html>

bitforms gallery is pleased to announce that artist Lynn Hershman Leeson is a recipient of the 2009 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, an award that supports her forthcoming documentary "Women Art Revolution: The Turbulent and (Formerly) Secret History of the Feminist Art Movement, 1968-2009".

Edward Hirsh, president of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, announced Lynn Hershman Leeson among the 180 winners in the United States and Canada, who were selected from a pool of 3000 applicants, for the eighty-fifth annual fellowship competition. The release defines the qualifications for a fellowship: "Guggenheim Fellows are appointed on the basis of stellar achievement and exceptional promise for continued accomplishment." The purpose of the Foundation is to "add to the educational, literary, artistic, and scientific power of this country, and also to provide for the cause of better international understanding."

As a feature-length documentary, "Women Art Revolution" reveals how the Feminist Art Revolution radically transformed the art and culture of our times. Shot over four decades, the film includes intimate interviews, provocative art, and rare, historical film and video footage that annotates evolution of the Feminist Art Movement in the United States. This film is also supported by Creative Capital and The National Endowment for the Arts.

Internationally acclaimed for her pioneering use of new technologies, Hershman has taken a radically democratic step toward global access to all the raw footage by partnering with Stanford

University's Special Collections and Gender Studies Division, which is digitizing more than 200 hours of video and will, when the film is released next year, publicly distribute it online along with a robust interactive wiki. As an innovative open archive, the forthcoming website will continue to grow—as users add commentary and contribute additional resources or media related to feminist art.

“Women Art Revolution” will be a valuable tool for art historians and scholars in many disciplines. A team of educators from The University of California; Mills College; The Museum of Modern Art, New York; and San Francisco Art Institute are working with Hershman to create both an animated timeline and curriculum study guide. Reaching out to theatrical, educational and community-based audiences, this inspirational film will reveal how the feminist art movement reshaped American culture.

For more information about Lynn Hershman Leeson:

<http://www.bitforms.com/lynn-hershman-leeson-gallery.html>

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