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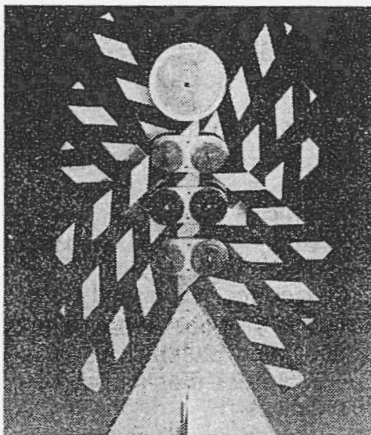
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Over 500 artists submitted their work for consideration for the Contemporary Art in Rhode Island exhibition at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design—a stunning testament to a large and vital community. To celebrate this overwhelming response, The Salon des Refuses Committee presents The Overflow Show, a salute to Rhode Island artists. All refuse artists who submitted to Contemporary Art in Rhode Island were invited to show one piece of work in The Overflow Show. The special salon-style exhibition will be hung throughout the new AS220 Complex at 115 Empire Street Feb. 10-24 and will be the centerpiece of the Grand Opening Weekend of the AS220 Complex. The exhibition is free and open to the public and gallery hours will be 12 to 4 Tuesday through Sunday.

Shuttle busses will allow art lovers to park for free at Citizens Bank and celebrate at both the Museum of Art, RISD and at AS220. Volunteer hosts and hostesses will be acting as 'art guides' to direct people on and off vehicles and to offer information about AS220, the downtown cultural arts district, the new Daphne Farago Wing at the Museum of Art, and other points of interest.

The Overflow Show opening will be from 7-10 pm Feb. 10, with refreshments courtesy The Catering Collaborative and music by The Smoking Jackets. The opening at AS220 will immediately follow the opening at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, which runs 6-9 pm. For more information, call 521-6211 or 831-1856.



"This Way, That Way," a sculpture of wood and reflectors by Kenn Speiser will be on display in Aszzo's "Overflow Show."

GRAND OPENING OF AS220 EMPIRE STREET COMPLEX

Feb. 13 marks the Grand Opening of the AS220 Complex at 95-121 Empire Street, Providence, Rhode Island's unique center for the arts which houses AS220, Groundwerx Dance Theatre and Perishable Theatre under one roof. The activities for the day will include an opening reception with refreshments from 1-2 pm, ceremonies with special honored guests from 2-3 pm, a plaque presentation, tours of the building—including artists studios—and the unveiling of the AS220 Cafe. All Grand Opening Events are free and open to the general public. For more information, call AS220 at 831-9327.

Since October, 1991, AS220 has raised over \$290,000 toward the purchase and rehabilitation of the formerly blighted building at 95-121 Empire Street. The entire cost of the project is \$1,060,000, raised through a creative combination of grants, housing initiatives and funding resources including a city loan and grant, loans from three Providence banks—Fleet, Citizens and Hospital Trust—a grant from the Federal

Home Loan Bank in Boston, individual and corporate sponsorship, the production and sale of 61 AS220 "Building Box" art portfolios at \$1,200 apiece, programming fundraisers, and membership drives. Along with this, huge portions of the demolition and finishing work has been accomplished with volunteer labor, saving untold dollars.

- Opening Reception, 1-2 pm, food and refreshments served
- Opening Ceremonies, 2-3 pm, with honored guest speakers Mayor Vincent A. "Buddy" Cianci, AS220 Board President Dennis diBattista, AS220 Artistic Director Umberto Crenca, Project Manager Lucie Searle, Perishable Theatre Director Mark Lerman, and a representative from Groundwerx Dance Theatre. The "I Built AS220" plaque will also be presented, honoring contributors and volunteers who helped make the intensive two-year BUILD AS220 campaign a success.

- Building Open House, 3-6: The entire building will be accessible and visitors are invited to

tour it as they please. AS220 artists and staff will be available to answer casual and formal inquiries. Perishable Theatre and Groundwerx Dance Theatre artists will host receptions in their respective spaces. AS220 also proudly presents the Salon des Refuses Overflow Show on all available walls for the Open House. "The Overflow Show" is a large-scale exhibition held in conjunction with the "Contemporary Art in Rhode Island" exhibition at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art. Perishable Theatre will also present a post-reception performance featuring The Second Story Improvisation Troupe at about 6:00.

- AS220 Cafe Opening: The AS220 Cafe will be open throughout the afternoon and evening, serving light fare, coffee, espresso, cappuccino and specialties. The AS220 Cafe is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and during most performances.