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"CHINA June 4..."

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An exhibition commemorating the Tiananmen Square massacre will be held from April 22nd through June 17th at the Institute For Contemporary Art at PS 1 Museum in Long Island City. The Opening Reception will be on Sunday, April 22, from 2PM to 6PM. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Sunday, noon to 6 pm.

The exhibition has evolved from efforts begun on June 9, 1989, by the Asian American Arts Centre, showing works by over 280 artists including Luis Cruz Azaceta, Mel Chin, Agnes Denes, John Duff, Leon Golub, Barbara Kruger, Donald Lipski, Nam June Paik, and Martin Wong. Artists are of diverse background and have come from many parts of the United States and the world. There are Americans including Asian, African, Anglo, and Hispanic Americans, and there are also artists from Argentina, Finland, Sweden, Britain, Italy, France, Greece, Japan, Korea, and China represented in this exhibition.

The exhibition features 174 standing panels linked to form a freestanding expandable wall, and over 80 small works. The linking of panels suggests a tangible means of collaboration and of hopes for the future of China. A special educational series of over 100 fax photos is included, documenting the events from April 15th through June 15th of 1989. This exhibition is guest curated by Susana Torruella Leval, and Howard McCalebb, Nancy Spero and John Yau, and organized by the Asian American Arts Centre in collaboration with the Institute for Contemporary Art P.S. 1 Museum.

Tiananmen Square and its aftermath is an issue that has had repercussions worldwide. The spectacle of courage, the nature of the freedom, the crushing of life and its ideals, the issue of human rights & the right to free expression, these issues must not be forgotten. An acute awareness of universal aspirations was raised by events in China for people of many cultures and political persuasions. Artists art works are a most direct and powerful vehicle to revive this issue and in so doing, preserve the memory of Tiananmen.

This exhibition is part of the International Memorial Arts Festival, worldwide artistic activities commemorating China's massacre last summer. Educational tours for children and adults are available. Directions to PS 1 are: - by subway: E or F train to 23rd/Ely Avenue; or #7 Flushing Line to 45th Road/Courthouse Square; or GG to 21st Street/Van Alst. By car: Midtown Tunnel, exit at 21st Street; or LIE, exit at Van Dam, right to Thomson, left on Thomson, and left on 21st.

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