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1986 ACM SIGGRAPH ART SHOW: A RETROSPECTIVE

Since the mid-Sixties, computer art has been seen in museums and galleries world-wide, with several recent major exhibitions. However, the pieces shown were usually the artists' newer works.

It is appropriate and pertinent at this year's exhibition to show computer-aided art in the context of that which went before. The 1986 art show traces the development of computer art over the past twenty-five years through the work of artists who have been involved with it from its inception.

The 1986 art show is the fifth exhibition of fine art that ACM SIGGRAPH has sponsored in conjunction with its annual SIGGRAPH conference.

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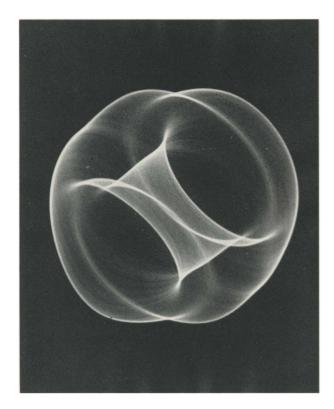
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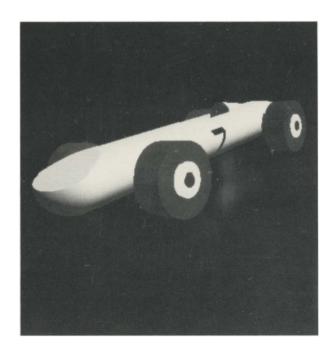
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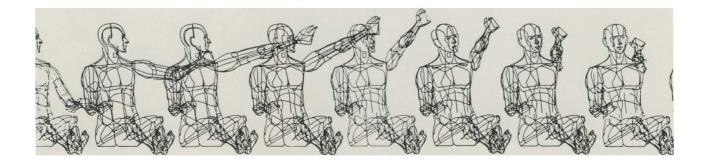


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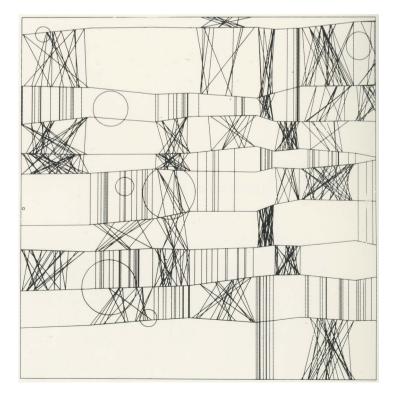


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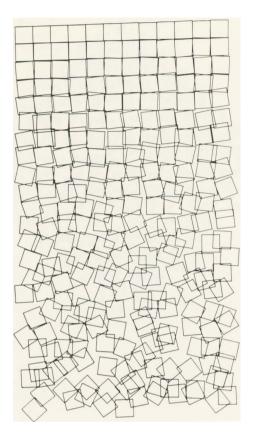




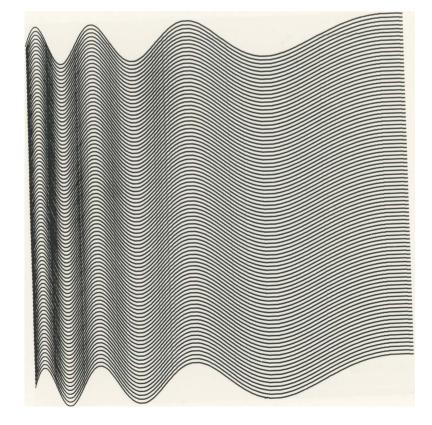
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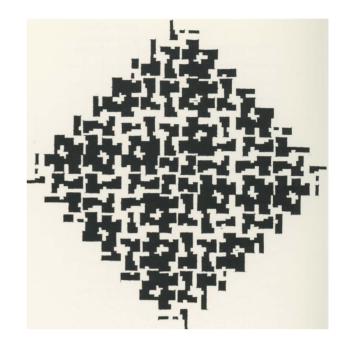
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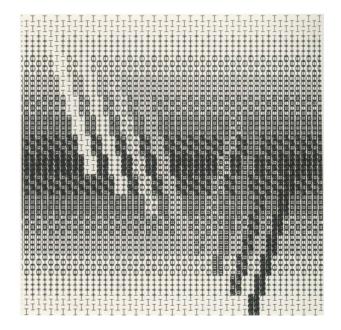
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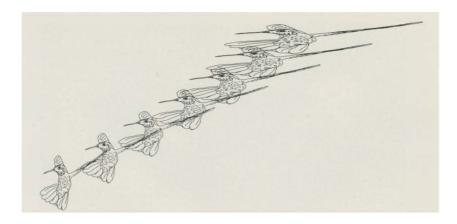
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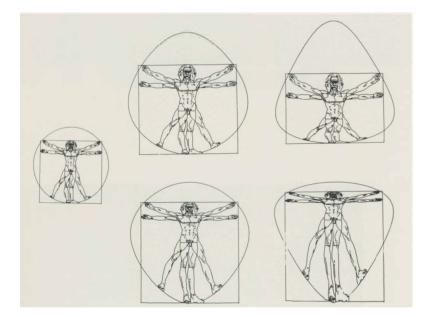
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Charles Csuri *Hummingbirds* 1966 Photograph of plotter drawing 8.5 x 11"

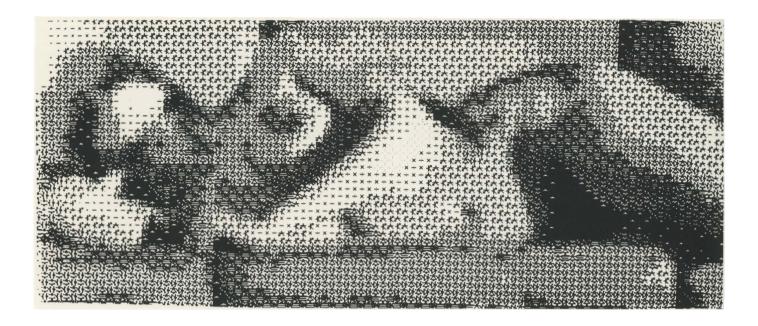






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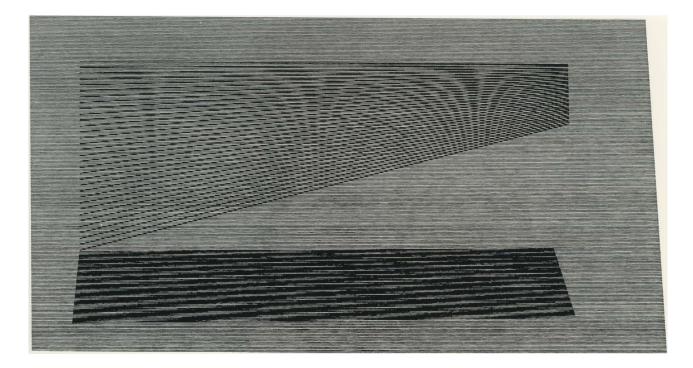


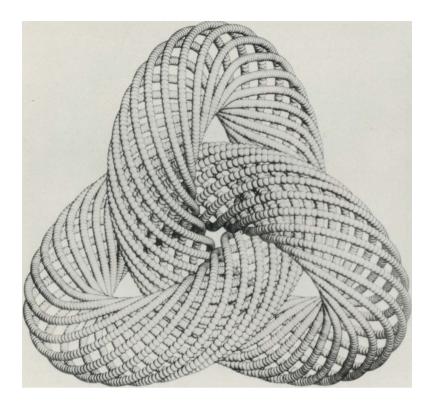
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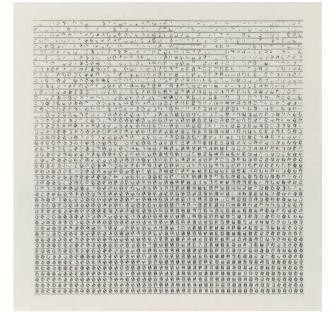


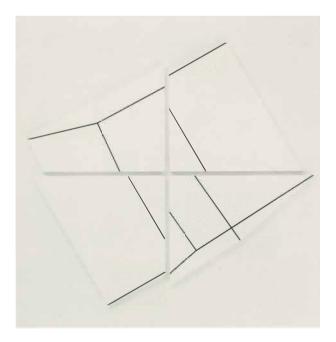
Joseph Heller Eternal Braid 1983 Plotter drawing 40 x 28"



Masao Komura, Kunio Yamanaka *Return to a Square (b)* 1968 Serigraph 20 x 17"

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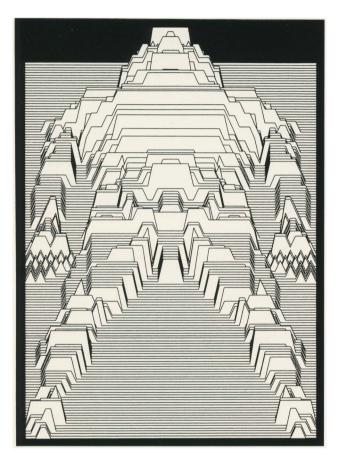
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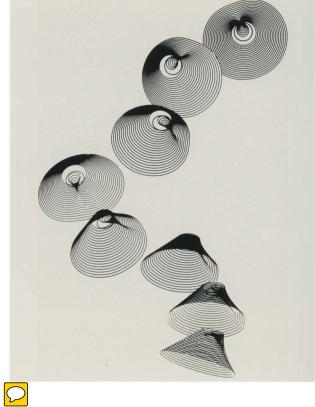
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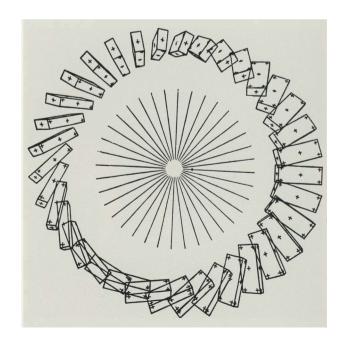


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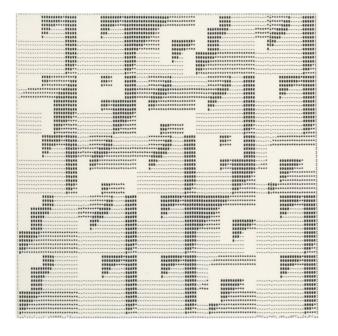
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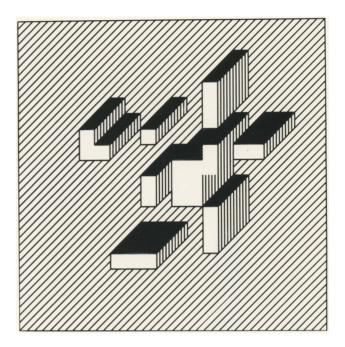


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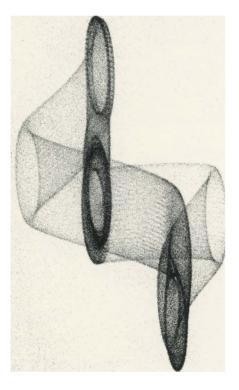
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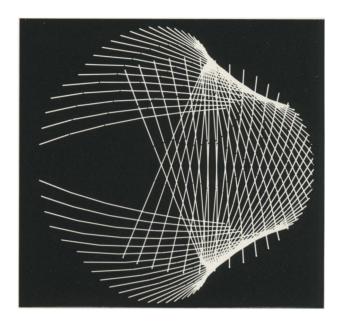


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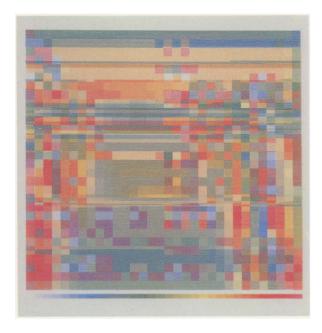


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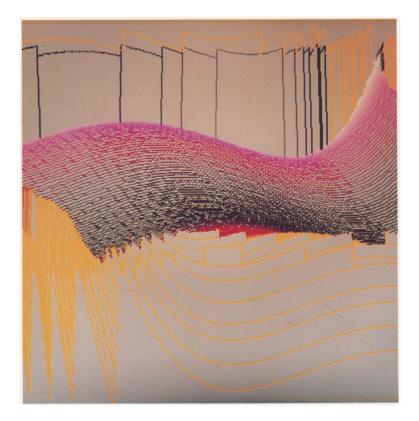
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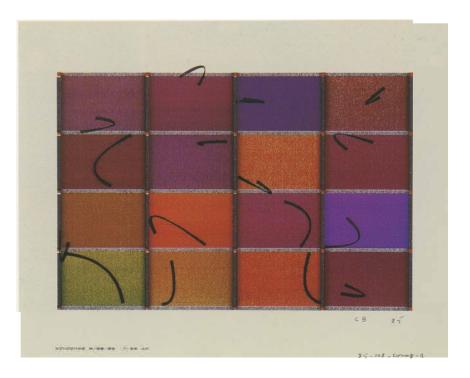
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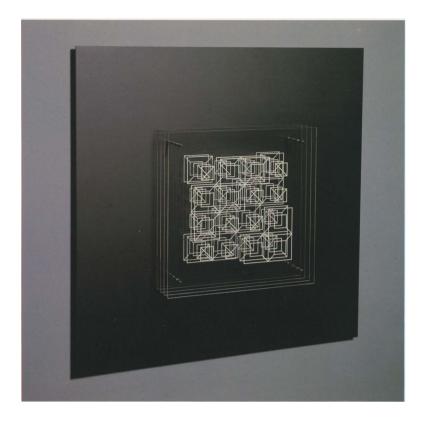
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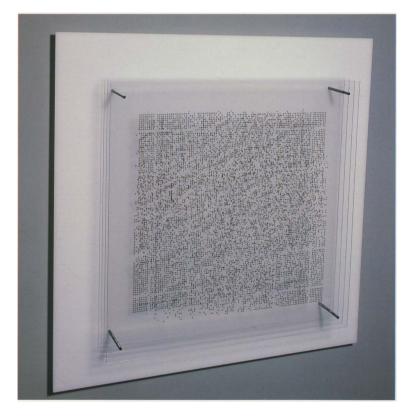
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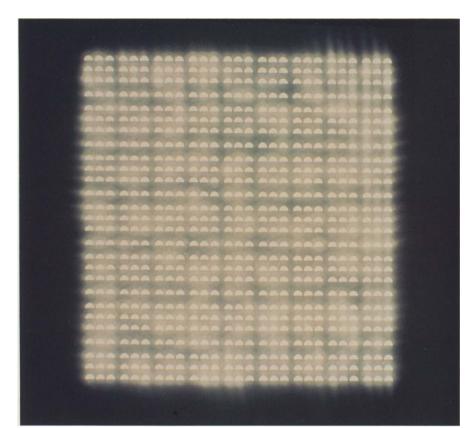
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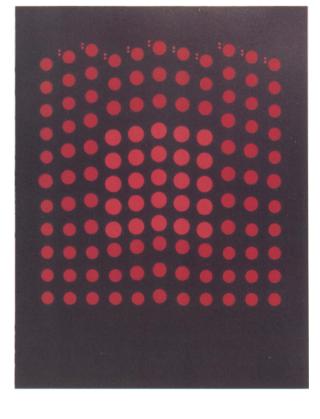
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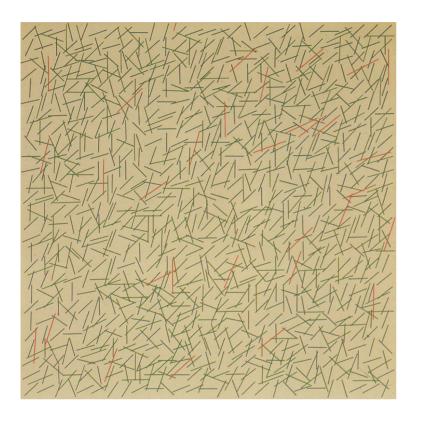
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Aaron Marcus Lightbuttons: Rising Suns 1967 Photograph of vector image 30 x 30"



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Vera Molnar Interruptions -20 1969 Plotter drawing 17.5 x 13.5"



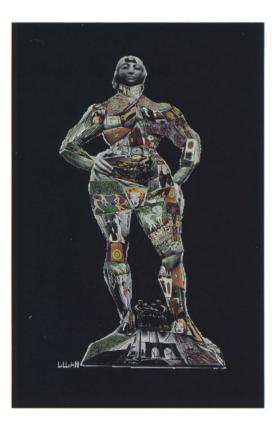
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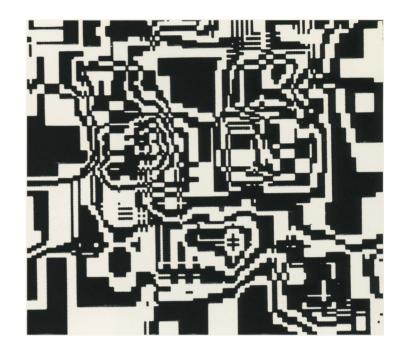


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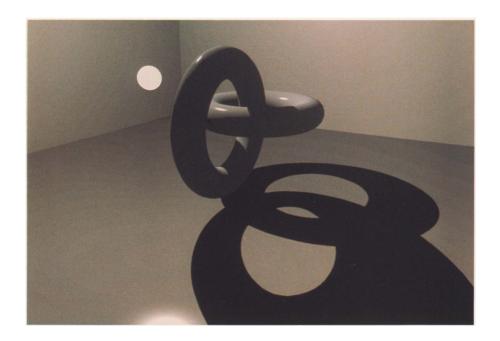




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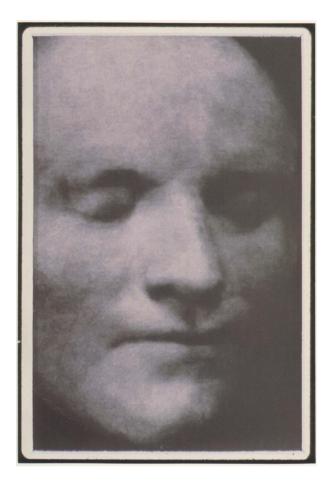
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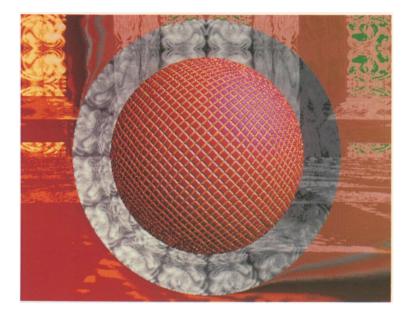
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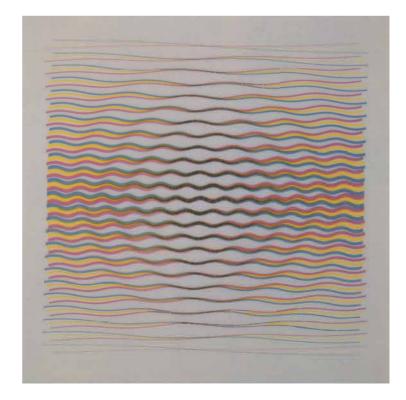
Nancy Burson, Richard Carling, David Kramlich The Dead 1984 Composite silver print



Rob Fisher, Ray Masters *Skyharp* (detail) 1986 Stainless steel, aluminum 16 x 16 x 6'



David Em *Redbal* 1980 Cibachrome of raster image 6 x 8'



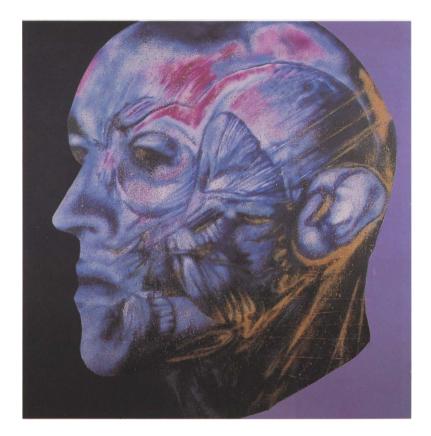
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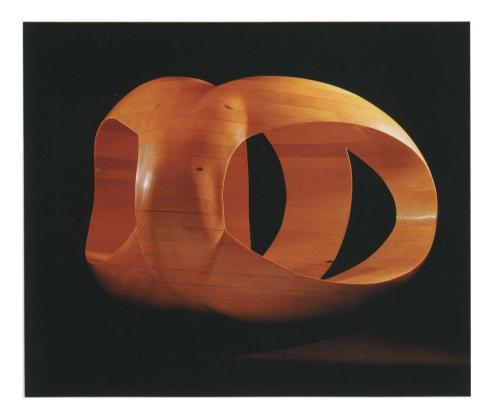
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Jeremy Gardiner Self-portrait 1985 Acrylic on canvas 60 x 60"



Laurence M. Gartel Deciphering Archetypes of Human Form 1985 Polaroid collage 37 x 33"



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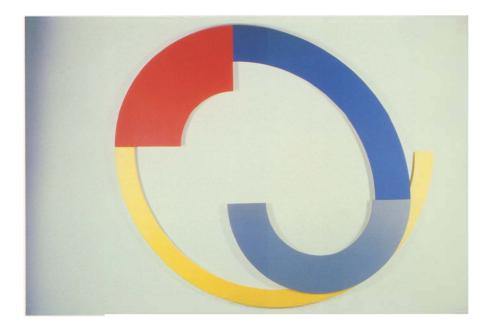
Hervé Huitric, Monique Nahas *Hommage à Georgette La feuille* 1985 Photograph of raster image



Alyce Kaprow Fazes 1983 Photograph 16 x 20"



Barbara Nessim *Diana 1* 1986 Printer and mixed media 11 x 8.5"



John Pearson Remembrances #5 1986 Acrylic on shaped canvas 74 x 93"



Gregg Smith, Kathy Neely *Delano* 1985 Inkjet print 12 x 16"



Mark Wilson Untitled 1975 Acrylic on linen 72 x 72"

Mark Wilson Long Skew B 1985 Plotter drawing 20 x 96"



COMPUTER GRAPHICS AS ARTISTIC EXPRESSION Herbert W. Franke

(translated from the German)

Computer graphics has been in existence for more than twenty years. From the beginning, people experimented on ways to use the new medium — in addition to scientific, technical and commercial application — for artistic goals. Around 1965, Germans Frieder Nake and Georg Nees and the American, A. Michael Noll, strove for that goal; they were followed by individuals such as Kenneth Knowlton, the team of Charles Csuri and James Shaffer in America, and the Japanese Computer-Technique Group. All of them were represented in the large exhibition "Cybernetic Serendipity" in 1968 in London.

In the following years, in addition to mathematicians and programmers, more and more professional artists adopted the methods of computer graphics. This became an international activity, but was little known to the general public. The situation changed a few years ago, not so much because of a breakthrough in the field of art, but as a result of the production of spectacular computer-produced special effects for science fiction films and advertising commercials.

As a technical method, computer graphics no more is involved with art than pencil and color. It becomes interesting only after it is applied to creative goals, and even then it needs the creative human being to achieve high quality, aesthetic results. In view of the short time that computer graphics tools have been at our disposal, each computer graphics work of art should be looked upon as an experiment to test the medium for its suitability as a means of artistic expression. We have here the unique case of an art "in statu nascendi," the extraordinarily interesting initial state of an art which eludes all classical fields of observation, to be observed in its emergence. This is a special opportunity which, strangely enough, scarcely has been exploited up to now by relevant scientists.

One noteworthy observation in the evolution of computer art is its development from playful experiments to commercialization. Another is the formation of different styles and criteria of valuation, a phase not yet concluded so far. This article will concentrate on yet another aspect of this discipline — the interaction between technical instrumentation and artistic expression.

In the fifties, the mechanical "plotter" was the only drawing apparatus in use. According to a program, the plotter controlled the movement of ink, pen and pencil, over flat paper or paper stretched over a roll. This method limited artistic experiments with computer graphics to line drawings, initial production of block diagrams, wiring diagrams, maps, etc.

Software, as well as hardware, affected these artistic experiments in design. The first programming languages were particularly well-suited to describe mathematical and logical associations. The first computer artists used these existing routines, so it is not surprising that many of the things produced then originated from the rich store of forms in technique and science. From the view of artistic trends, these works are formally related to constructivism, especially concerning the precision of presentation and the limitation to simple form elements, which were then still necessary. While representatives of classical constructivism had to make do with a ruler and compass, thus being limited to straight lines and circles, it is easy for the computer user to insert precise and complicated curves. This is possible either by the process of interpolation or by the program evaluating mathematical formulas and transforming the resulting numbers into graphic presentation.

Another expansion of form and style, accessible with programming languages, concerns the transfer from order to chaos. With the help of a random number generator, one can get essentially orderless rows of numbers which can be used as reference numbers for graphics presentations. The use of the chance effect, common in the early days of computer graphics, also found expression in manually produced constructivist works, such as those by Herman de Vries. Some constructivists, like Peter Struycken, Zdenek Sykora and Gerhard von Graevenitz, used the computer to realize their picture ideas.

Different effects were achieved by using methods of image processing, that is, the graphic processing of data. Originally this technology was used by scientists to enhance pictures obtained photographically. With digital electronics, a considerable widening of this field of activity was possible, such as being able to correct distortions of pictures or eliminate "noise." Distinguished from computer graphics, image processing works with pictures of real objects and scenes, which are thus open to artistic treatment. Again, already written computer programs are available to artists, who use them to distort pictures rather than to improve them. This can lead to attractive graphic effects.

The beginnings of image processing go back to the time of printers and plotters, but the real impetus is connected with television. This technical innovation, with the appearance of the picture tube as a presentation tool for computer graphics, initiates a significant change. With color screen limits of more than one hundred million hues, the number of available colors is greater than the number of colors the human eye can distinguish.

Contrary to the plotter presentations, the construction of which often took more than an hour, a picture is now created within fractions of a second. This permits interactive work — there is essentially no waiting time — and the producer immediately can see the results of his graphics applications and improve upon them until the effects are optimal. This also eases the capture of movements over time. With bigger systems, sequences of thirty pictures per second can be created in real time. For the first time, the visual artist has a means to create graphics sequences freely. Whereas the limited possibilities of the plotter favored a trend toward mathematical constructive presentations, the monitor picture gives the artist relative freedom. Today, computer graphics is not bound to a certain style but depends on the views of the artist. If he wants to use the so-called paint systems, which allow for simulation of handdrawn objects, he achieves a flexibility hardly imagined before: he can mix and change paints at will, turn parts of the picture, move, manipulate or erase; he can withdraw objects and enlarge details which are then zoomed back into the picture, etc. Pictures produced in this way do not differ significantly from those achieved with conventional methods.

Some artists have discovered the wider possibilities in style and expression that can be realized with computer graphics, unknown in classical painting. Mathematical formulas, used since the early days of computer graphics, have been applied more rigorously to current work. A significant difference results. With conservative working methods you go point-bypoint, meaning that in a picture, the exact spot you touch is changed. Computer graphics also permits changing the picture in its entirety.

In this field of mathematical techniques belong transformations. When applied to images, these transformations yield manifold changes. In simple cases, a transformation can cause an exchange of colors, a physical structure, or the accentuation of contours. With more complicated transformations, new picture structures can emerge that do not resemble the original. A picture can be formed by applying different transformations, or by modifying form and color manually. A mathematical law says that, in this way, any picture may emerge. Both methods are also complementary.

An even more remarkable computer technique available to artists is the ability to create three-dimensional perspective presentations. Just as line-drawings of plans and maps influenced computer art in the beginning, today's computeraided design applications are influencing 3-D art. In place of physical models of machine parts or buildings, there are pictures that can be observed from all sides; a change of the viewing angle can be achieved from the control panel. A 3-D representation of the object is stored in the computer. Software computes the desired views and displays them on the screen.

With the help of special programs, 3-D objects and scenes can be made to look real. Once the user specifies the number and locations of light sources, software removes hidden lines and hidden surfaces, and adds shadowing and highlights according to the laws of optics. Last, computer graphics programmers developed algorithms for realistic generation of mountains, clouds, water, living beings, etc. Some of the effects are so astonishing that they are taken for works of art in themselves. At previous exhibitions of the annual SIGGRAPH conference, artistic works were displayed alongside images showcasing technical achievements and creative programming. And yet, it would be a mistake to deny this medium's artistic potential. The development of programs has proven to be the necessary basis without which no artistic achievement in this field is possible. It is the realm of photorealism, the style dominant in art circles some time ago, which demanded the rendering of scenes from everyday life as realistically as a photograph. Although the results of this style are not distinguishable from painted works, there still is a considerable difference. In the application of 3-D routines, the artist is concerned with more than the surface of things - quite another approach from the reproduction of perspective projection. It is evident that we have here a real expansion in presentation, as the objects presented in this way can be observed from all sides, as well as through time. If we deal with moving things, e.g. an animal, then the dialogue between the artist and his object goes further still. He may think about the interplay of skeleton and muscles, the degrees of freedom of movement, and finally, create a film of the creature in motion. Here again, the effect alone is not sufficient to make the presentation into a work of art, but the availability of the method presents an enormous challenge to the artist who now has means of expression hitherto unavailable to him.

The experiences with the first picture sequences created this way show that realism is relatively uninteresting. As has been confirmed in other fields of art, an exact copy of reality is not what counts. An entirely new dimension opens for the artist when he moves from realism to surrealism, just as with image processing, which serves not only to "improve" pictures, but also to make them abstract and interesting. For the first time, he has the possibility of building scenes of his fantasy in three-dimensional form, to give shape to worlds that do not exist in reality and, perhaps, cannot exist.

The hardware and software needed to create real and surreal pictures are still extremely expensive and limited in number. For the artist who wants to use these systems, it is difficult to find and gain access. But at those rare happenings where highly developed technique and artistic talent come together, there originate examples of surreal forms with the potential to initiate a new epoch.

Among the few pioneers of this trend are David Em, an American, and Yoichiro Kawaguchi from Japan. Today, their art might still appear exclusive, just because the method applied is at the disposal of only a few. But we can see already that hardware and software for computer graphics presentations are developing and spreading quickly. What is still a pioneer achievement may, in ten or twenty years, belong to the ordinary fields of artistic activity.

TV NEEDS MTV LIKE MTV NEEDS COMPUTERS pattern potentials for music-with-art John Whitney

J. S. Bach's last unfinished work, *THE ART OF THE FUGUE*, is a magnificent network of simple theme and variations that are interwoven, transposed, inverted, and retrogressed. Some believe that Bach's counterpoint, which consists of a *complementarity* of voice-parts, exhibits an affinity with algorithmic computer-program instructions and procedures.* I agree, and I believe that a *video counterpoint* offers a special complementarity between its own musical and its visual voice-parts.

Will computers allow a new art on TV as pure and popular as Bach's music? With suitable talent in place, I believe so. Formal principles can be composed into algorithmic software. But more to the point of this essay, composers can invent algorithms with which to process both musical and graphic rules and aesthetics. In short, there are new *pattern potentials for music-with-art*.

Color and music have more potential for fusion than imaginative composers, poets and artists believed possible. From Aristotle to Scriabin and Wassily Kandinsky, visionaries repeatedly invoked the mind's poetic image of intertwining color with music. Inadvertently, this dream devolved into a kind of collective vision which, after these many centuries, is near to actual realization, hence the spread of TV's present "stylish" pop MTV.

Yet, MTV needs substantiality to realize that ancient collective vision. Computers can contribute substance by expanding music's art of time. The computer's clock allows compositions in time which can be as sensitive as real-time performance. In fact, we've acquired high-resolution numerical control of time itself. Solid-state instant replay, expanded memory plus greater speed and bandwidth sharpen the creative potentials. Graphic geometry, infused with the vitality of color and motion, gains the full emotive power of music. Systems architecture of this decade has produced music and graphic generating capabilities all in one computer instrument. This has become the artist's first *universal machine*.

Founded on a universal-machine concept, my own study of color-in-motion began in 1965 as a search for aesthetic roots while developing software and interim instrumentation. This exploration of computational "digital harmony" gradually substantiated the point of my reasoning. Differential functions within various geometric algorithms generated orderdisorder graphics (harmony). Mathematical expressions, plotted frame for frame on film or video, produced subtle clues that helped me to clarify this hypothesis, with each new film. Eventually, it came to my deeper understanding that a differential arithmetic of resonance actually *embodies* the architecture of music. This arithmetic productively complements a graphic differential geometry. Visual patterns, derived from simple periodic geometry, produce order/disorder resonances in actions which complement the consonances and the dissonances, the tensional dynamics and the universal emotive power of musical rhythm and harmony. These were summary conclusions I was able to draw from my study and films [1,2].

Thus I was able to accept as an operable fact that the basic, quantifiable units of construction for this computer art are: (a) the pixel points of color, and (b) the pure audio sine wave. These two root components enable one to compose periodic and polyphonic artworks in graphics and audio, as if these elements were building blocks with which to construct a generative graphics and a new musical scale. These elements provided a complementarity between sight and sound, and they suggested the foundation for an aural-visual art.

We may compare the implications of two terms often associated with computer music: *synthesis* and *genesis*. My studies suggested that composing music by computer should stress algorithmic or generative processes of genesis. Basic elements, pixel and sine wave, can be generated from "ground up," so to speak, into visual patterns as well as melodic patterns of specific timbres, all by algorithmic rules invented by the composer. This proved to be a departure from most improvisatorial composing procedures of synthesis, for example, often accomplished on real-time keyboard synthesizers.

It seems to me that much creative effort is misguided because of an insensitivity to this major issue of synthesis vs. genesis. The arbitrary wave-form envelopes of all tone synthesizers, keyboard improvisation, and even of present day Expert Systems applications to music synthesis, create a world which is just that: *synthetic*.

Our experience will finally teach us that a computer instrument offers a genuine potential for audio-visual art that is *not* synthetic and *not* a synthesis or an imitation of the creations asociated with either the gallery or concert hall. Computer art belongs elsewhere in a different cultural community. Television needs music-television just as much as MTV needs good computer-graphics and computer-music. Here, we might employ Expert Systems more wisely than merely to imitate a grand piano. The very concept of genesis prompted my ideas about *pattern potentials for music with art*. Filmmaking demonstrated to me that all twelve-tone methods and traditions, requiring fixed tunings, notation and instruments, could be replaced by acoustic algorithms in association with graphic algorithms. Here was new methodology for digital harmony. I had uncovered the harmonic basis for composing music in interactive interplay with color design and action. Located outside instrumental/vocal traditions yet retaining a valid harmonic foundation, digital harmony may (or may not) be a new and different approach for an evolving species of composer/artist.

My guess is: a powerful appeal lies within the natural interlace and active coordination of eye to ear, and ear to eye, at the integrated level of digital aural-visual harmony. But who's to foresee the expressive power of these relationships until they're brought to life in many, many successful works of art? Some have doubts about the power of *harmonic pattern*, but we must not forget what is already well known. Examine the twenty or so fugues in Bach's last work to see how harmonic pattern, *constructed from a mere twelve tones*, probes the depths of human feeling.

A computer's expanded, heterosensuous opportunities for art were never before understood; without digital systems, they weren't even subject to exploration. Now, overnight, the methodology is at hand. Long ago the refinement of the Baroque family of musical instruments opened floodgates, permitting certain music that has been popular now for some three hundred years. Just so, we may expect that the perfection of realtime audio-graphic computer instrumentation (including a feasible interface with TV) promises an avalanche of popular work among those *pattern potentials for musicwith-art*.

Art's relation to its instrumentation is the ongoing subject of interest; my own experience shall provide this concluding anecdote:

It was with a homemade device, a simple sinusoidal pendulum array and optical-printer instrument, that my brother and I composed our first *international success* in the rarified avant-garde of '40's-style MTV. This early triumph implanted in our minds an urgent lifelong drive to gain access to a perfected facility that would provide music and graphic capabilities unified within one instrument. This was at least thirty years before computer technology would make that instrument a reality. Out of the strength of our convictions regarding this instrument, we conceived an *indelible dream of auralvisuality* within a brand new artform. Thereafter, reflectively, for years I envied Domenico Scarlatti and Antonio Solar, who, by royal or Papal largess, were provided the instrument and the patronage with which to compose hundreds of simple essays exploring a keyboard artform that was mostly of their own invention. Would that brother James and I had had such a "gift" of instrumentation. And yet, it's here!

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WHY IT ISN'T ART YET Kenneth Knowlton

For twenty plus years, I have participated in "computer art" as a developer/experimenter/inventor of languages/interfaces/techniques, as a collaborator/teacher/writer, and as a "computer artist." As a result of all this, I finally feel like an established practitioner in an enterprise that doesn't (at least not yet) exist. Here's why:

- 1. A work of *art* must answer at least some of these questions: For what technical or emotional problem is this an answer or a demonstration of a search? Of what monologue is this a continuation, of what dialogue a contribution? What does this work state, demonstrate, or ask? From what personal attitude and/or social culture does it come? By what syntax am I to parse it, by what semantics does it mean something?
- 2. Though not every work of traditional art is laden with deep human emotion, every traditional medium makes possible an occasional expression of, for example, anxiety, remorse, tenderness, or nostalgia. In contrast to this, the most evocative quality of computer art to date seems, to me, to be antiseptic otherworldliness.
- 3. Any given graphics system has a rather strong flavor because of what's permitted or excluded, and what's easy vs. hard. Even though many systems could be adapted to a specific person or to a particular artistic intent (because you "only" need to change the software), this typically isn't done because the artist doesn't know how or doesn't have the appropriate help or resources. A tool that is potentially very flexible is usually used in terribly unimaginative ways.
- 4. Art/technology collaborations seldom result in art, but rather in experimental designs, demonstrations, and in the education of the principals. There are exceptions to this statement (e.g., "words-and-music") in areas where the participants rather thoroughly understand, respect, and utilize each other's special roles and talents. But an artistic statement is not easily produced by a committee. It is hard enough for a right brain to express itself through its left neighbor - much harder through someone else's. Furthermore, the production of art involves simultaneous command of the processes - of all types and on all levels that are involved, including a full intellectual and intuitive grasp of alternatives. The worth or excellence of a work of art comes largely from the vastness of the realm of possibilities that were (even unconsciously) discarded in the process of choosing a sequence/combination/method that is special.

5. Typical person-machine interfaces are grotesquely constraining channels of expression (imagine playing a violin through a keyboard or painting a picture by means of a robot). And to the degree that the interfaces permit human expression, few people have spent anywhere near the amount of time developing facility-with-tools that artists normally do with brushes, or that pianists do with keyboards, etc.

Conclusion: We are not yet beyond the gee-whiz stage of cuteness, of stunts, and of novelty for its own sake. In order for the artist to get into serious art, he/she must have a more nearly complete command of the tools, including the understanding and ability to build, redefine and/or augment them. Similarly, because of the awkwardness of interfaces, the artist should have control over the mapping of human actions into directives to the underlying operations. These are not new ideas — in a computer environment such features and behavior are understood implicitly and expected. How to do the same for artists is not quite so clear because artists have somewhat different temperaments, methods and purposes.

At this point, it does not make much sense to me to be trying to produce better computer art. The more appropriate challenge is to create better environments for the development of art-making tools.

VISIONS OF MIND Frank Dietrich

"I was interested in ideas — not merely in visual products. I wanted to put painting once again at the service of the mind. Painting should not be exclusively retinal or visual; it should have to do with the grey matter, with our urge for understanding" — Marcel Duchamp

Computer art is unfolding on the basis of scientific and engineering achievements of pioneering personalities, whose vision suggested that it should be possible to wrest something other than calculation speed and numeric precision from those crude and clumsy computers; something that could be turned into meaningful images. They set out to build dedicated machines to interpret an intuitive stroke with a pen or a snapshot taken through the lens of a camera. They designed displays that show more colors and change images faster than the human eye can distinguish. They devised software to generate pictures that appear just like photographs of reality. All of this has been accomplished within the short timespan of two or three decades. The history of computer graphics reads like a tremendous technical success story.

Conceptually, the way had been paved by Alan Turing's contributions even before the first computer had actually been built. Turing had reasoned about the ability of a computer to act intelligently. He realized that all a machine needs to perform are read and write operations on sequences of symbols. These symbols can represent anything, obviously numbers, but similarly, letters, or as we commonly know today, colors, geometries and other visual features. Symbols can be arranged in larger complexes to stand as tokens for aspects of reality or fictional models. The computer serves as a dynamic symbol processor by altering any given symbol in any order. Turing compared the machine's functions to humans' use of language. He argued that both activities share the processing of symbols — the only mental phenomenon from which results are directly observable. Thus, he concluded, the computer can exhibit the same intelligence we attribute to human beings. In principle, a general purpose computing machine was conceived. In one of its incarnations, it can act as a universal image generator [1].

Turing's inferences remain hotly disputed, since they bluntly grant intellectual powers, widely believed to be the exclusive possession of humans, to machines. Opponents argue that even if a machine could conduct limited rational reasoning it could never exhibit genuine creativity. They define creativity as the production of something original, something without precedent. Creativity implies the capacity to break those rules voluntarily that are slavishly executed by logical deduction, and consequently is considered integral to artistic pursuits. Modern art, in general, disregards existing value systems and continually posits completely novel conditions. Academic codifications of art have been undermined and extended by an ongoing succession of new art movements, manifestos, and methods. By severing its ties to the social context of religious and political rituals, art became the essence of truly personal experience that is condensed into special forms of individual expression. Because each piece of art is unique as a symbolic manifestation of the spiritual potency and handicraft skills of its creator, it is considered to be precious both in immaterial and marketable terms. This foundation of art was never questioned until Marcel Duchamp invented his "readymades," which were utilitarian, prefabricated mass products that he chose to elevate into the domain of art, simply by declaring them to be art. Duchamp's surprising gesture of placing an ordinary, industrially manufactured urinal as a piece of art into the sacred halls of a museum shocked even the liberal consensus of the avant garde. This "readymade" had not been ennobled by the creative hand and spirit of the artist, and to make matters worse, it directly confronted the public with issues that were suppressed because they were considered obscene. A scandal was inevitable [2].

With one innovative stroke Duchamp shattered the endless cycle of discussions about validity and virtue of this or that "ism" and radically probed into the very foundation of art. His ironic questions remain unresolved but continue to influence the contemporary understanding of art. Duchamp's "readymade" was the result of his sharp reasoning about the impact of industrialization on art. It was fashioned to ridicule the closed circuits of a narrow-minded art world. The "readvmade," with a Gödelian "jump-out-of-the-loop," discarded all prevalent aesthetic criteria for judging art [3]. It seems to me that our time is ripe for an equally strong and convincing statement that reflects on the dramatic changes inflicted by the computerization of factory, office, home, and of course, art. In analogy, such an artifact would take the very subject it covers into account and proudly proclaim itself "machinemade."

The outstanding and farsighted work of both Turing and Duchamp delineates the intersection of contemporary art and computer science. At times like these when new territories are being staked out, proven methods and yesterday's guidelines are bound to fail. Not only practicing artists are thrown back upon their personal judgment, but critics and audiences alike should seize the opportunity to scrutinize closely and discuss frankly the repercussions and extensions that computer technology is bringing to the arts.

The majority of artists use computers today to further cultivate their expressive vocabulary and to take advantage of the digital dynamics within the production process. In essence, they are either replacing traditional tools with sophisticated computer simulations or integrating computer imaging techniques by applying them alongside conventional methods. In the latter case, multi-media pieces are often collaged out of different image sources and materials. This approach helps to turn the highly malleable but intangible computer image into a durable work of art. Other artists follow routes that experiment more directly with the procedural character of imaging technology. They address topics such as change, chance, and chaos, and visualize them in unusual formats such as combinatorial clusters of a complete picture space or multiple exposures of a gradual evolution.

Computer art provides exciting visual "thought experiments," that would not be possible in other domains of human endeavor. A far-out example is the depiction of the internal memory of a computer. Patterns of behavior and organic growth processes are modeled in challenging and formidable attempts. Even Turing's far-reaching philosophical suggestions are being implemented in automatic drawing systems that simulate visual cognition. Computer environments represent the changing states of mind of an artificial "time entity." Finally, Duchamp's dictum, "It's the onlooker who has the last word," gains fresh meaning vis-á-vis the participatory potential of interactive computer installations that invite the audience to realize a very personal version of one particular piece of computer art.

In my own view, good computer art, like any good art, goes far beyond the thin skin of its physical surface. At its best it is smart art that can stimulate via visual symbols a rich variety of retinal as well as mental activities. These symbolic artifacts vividly trigger our perception and lead successively to deeper levels of cognition. Symbols are like shadows cast by the internal state of an organism, shadows that can be registered meaningfully by the counterpart in a dialogue. How are we to tell whether the originating organism is a human being or a machine? What matters in the end is that only through the eye of the beholder is an image activated and able to serve as the evocative agent that touches mind, heart, and soul.

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COMPUTER AESTHETICS:

New Art Experience, or The Seduction of the Masses Patric D. Prince

In the early twentieth century, Modern artists, notably Suprematists, Cubo-Futurists and Constructivists, rejected scientific perspective and descriptive art [1]. Although this dismissal of the world of appearances in art was never accepted by the general public, Modernism evolved from that rejection.

Computer art in the 1980s is, in turn, a rejection of Modernism. The interactivity of computer art is tied to the revolutionary art of the early twentieth century; computer art in general, however, uses the dynamic dimensions of space rejected at that time.

Computer artists are replacing Modern Art concepts with new aesthetic qualities which include not just three but four dimensions, the fourth dimension being that of time. The aesthetic experience associated with interactive computer art is one of the most noteworthy discoveries of the "masses." Computer generated images were embraced by the general public in electronic games early in the 1970s and now through the use of home computers. When amateur artists are drawn to the computer to make images, I call the production of their creative efforts "Volksart." I differentiate between the term "folk art," which commonly refers to primitive art, unassociated with industrialized technology, and Volksart, which is the production of artwork by computer artists without formal training in aesthetics.

Probably because computer art intrigues the masses, it is slow to be recognized by the "art world." One hears the comment that computer-aided art has no intrinsic worth, no discernable aesthetic qualities, and is acritical [2]. Aesthetics is usually defined as the study of beauty. Contemporary usage of the term aesthetics implies a study of the design elements that make up any artistic endeavor, in this case, computer art.

The design elements that contribute to the aesthetics of computer art have developed as computer technology expanded and responded to visual needs. There are eight readily recognizable design elements that relate to how computers function to produce images that make up the computer aesthetic [3]. They are

- 1. Repetition of forms
- 2. Randomness
- 3. Variable viewpoints
- 4. Modeling of the real world
- 5. Texture mapping
- 6. Color changes
- 7. Interactivity
- 8. The program as a design element

Artists use the computer as a tool, designing works of art which they then execute in other forms, for example, plotter drawings and paintings.

Artists use the complete computer system as a medium in order to paint in light. The translucent quality of colored light as produced on the monitor is unmatched by any other artform.

Artists use the computer as subject for their visual research. Since art represents the era in which it was produced, some artists provide us with a view of the complexities of the Information Age and the impact of computers on our society.

The history of computers in art parallels the history of Western contemporary art. In the Sixties, computer artists produced Hard Edge and Op-art. In the Seventies, artists attempted to engage the audience in participation; this has its counterpart in the development of interactive animation. In the Eighties, artists returned to figurative imagery. It is the return to the descriptive that draws people to computer art. Artists and the masses have chosen to use the computer to create artworks in order to express our age, the Information Age.

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ANIMATION

Duane Palyka Oh! Oh! More Craziness! 1986 3 minutes (artist's excerpt from Living Above the Mouse's Ear)

Pixar The Adventures of André and Wally B. 1984 2 minutes

Tony Pritchett *The Flexipede* 1968 2 minutes

Melvin Prueitt Pixel 1984 4½ minutes Crystal Dove 1985 ¾ minute

Ron Resch The Cube's Transformations 1984 6¹/₂ minutes

Judson Rosebush Space‡ 1974 3 minutes

Dan Sandin, Tom DeFanti, Mimi Shevitz Spiral 5 1981 6³/₄ minutes

Lillian Schwartz Pictures in a Gallery 1975 7 minutes MOMA 1984 ½ minute

Lillian Schwartz, Kenneth Knowlton Pixillation 1970 4 minutes Olympiad 1971 3½ minutes

Michael Sciulli, James Arvo, Melissa White Quest: A Long Ray's Journey into Light 1985 3½ minutes

Seibu Production Network Mandala 1983 2³/₄ minutes

Richard Shoup for **Xerox** *Superpaint* 1973-5 4 minutes (excerpt)

Mark Snitily Peak 1981 1½ minutes

Vibeke Sorensen Temple 1975 4¼ minutes Solstice 1986 3 minutes

Peter Struycken Shift 31 1982 1 minute (excerpt)

Toyo Links *Bio-Sensor* 1983 5 minutes

Susan Van Baerle The Uneven Bars 1983 1 minute Susan Van Baerle, Douglas E. Kingsburg Snoot and Muttly 1984 3¹/₂ minutes

Stan Vanderbeek, Kenneth Knowlton Man and His World 1967 1 minute Poem Field #7 1968 4½ minutes

Stan Vanderbeek, Richard Weinberg Euclidean Illusions 1979 9¼ minutes

Jane Veeder Montana 1982 3³/₄ minutes

Chris Wedge Tuber's Two Step 1985 1¹/₄ minutes

Barry Wessler SST vs Capitol 1972 3³/₄ minutes

James Whitney Lapis 1962-6 8¾ minutes

John Whitney Permutations 1968 7½ minutes Arabesque 1975 6¾ minutes

Turner Whitted *The Compleat Angler* 1980 1 minute

Dean Winkler, John Sanborn Renaissance 1984 5³/₄ minutes

Edward E. Zajac Simulation of a Two-Gyro Gravity-Gradient Attitude Control System 1961 334 minutes

David Zeltzer The Skeleton Animation System 1984 1¼ minutes

TECHNICAL GALLERY

These images demonstrate the development of technical achievement in computer graphics. The technical gallery includes work by:

Kevin Bjorke James Élinn Phong Bui-Tuong Loren Carpenter Ed Catmull Hank Christiansen Jim Clarke Frank Crow A. Erdahl **David Evans** William Fetter Henri Gourand Ben Laposky Carl Machove **Benoit Mandelbrot** Nelson Max Martin Newell A. Michael Noll Fred Parke William Reeves **Gordon Romney Alvy Ray Smith** Ivan Sutherland Richard Voss John Warnock Gary Watkins **Turner Whitted** C. Wylie Bob Young Edward E. Zajac

INSIDE BACK COVER CREDIT

1. Frieder Nake Matrizenmultiplikation serie 40 1968 Plotter drawing with felt pen 20 x 20"

2. **Peter Beyls** Handkoloriete Computerzeichnungen 1984 Hand-colored plotter drawing

3. Masao Komura Leap! 1973 Offset lithograph and serigraph 24 x 24"

4. Yolchiro Kawaguchi Untitled 1986 Photograph of raster image

BACK COVER CREDIT

1. **Tom DeWitt** Vassar 1985 Photograph of raster image ©Tom DeWitt at RPI Image Processing Lab

2. Edward Zajec Logic Moments in Color LMC 2701041 1976 Inlaid paper 17 x 17"

 Gerald Hushlak, Larry Sinkey The CEO Apologizing to her CRT from a Mount in Marlboro Country 1982-86 Ink on paper 30 x 40"

4. Joan Truckenbrod on becoming 1984 Photograph of raster image

5. James Whitney Still from *Lapis* 1962-6 16mm film 8³/₄ minutes

6. **Duane Palyka** *Picasso 2* 1979 Photograph of raster image 16 x 20"

ANIMATION

Abel Image Research Bill Kovacs, art director Chicago — Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill 1981

2 minutes Kenny Mirman, Randy Roberts, art directors TRW Series 1981-5 2½ minutes

Randy Roberts, art director Brilliance 1985 1 minute

Adage Graphics LEM film 1967 1¼ minutes

Rebecca Allen Swimmer 1981 ¼ minute Catherine Wheel 1982 2¼ minutes (artist's excerpt) Steps 1982 2½ minutes (artist's excerpt)

Laurie Anderson, Dean Winkler Sharkey's Day 1984 4/4 minutes

James Blinn The Evolution of Blobby Man 1982 1 minute for NASA Voyager 2 Encounters Jupiter 1978-9

Loren Carpenter Vol Libre 1980 2 minutes

3¹/₄ minutes

Ed Catmull, Henry Christiansen, Jim Clarke, Frank Crow, Fred Parke, Phong Bui Tuong Examples of Current Computer Graphics Technology circa 1974 5¼ minutes (excerpt, restored)

Doris Chase Dance Ten 1977 8 minutes

Charles Csuri *Hummingbird* 1966 1¼ minutes

Cranston / Csuri Productions TRW series 1984-5 1 minute Gears 1986 ½ minute

Cranston / Csuri Productions, Ohio State University CGRG George Playing Pool 1982 ¾ minute

Larry Cuba Two Space 1979 7½ minutes Calculated Movements 1985 6½ minutes

Tom DeFanti, Mark Gillenson, Manfred Knemeyer, Gerry Moersdorff, Charles Csuri Grass 1971-2 1 minute (excerpt)

Gary Demos Rainbow Pass 1974 4¾ minutes Digital Productions

2070: Jupiter Sequence 1984 34 minute (excerpt) Hitachi 3D Movie 1985 14 minute (excerpt) for Lorimar / Universal The Last Starfighter 1984 3 minutes (excerpt)

Sonja Ellingson A Brief Visual History of Computer Graphics 1963-72 4¼ minutes

David Em Egg White and the Seven Pixels 1983 3³/₄ minutes

Ed Emshwiller Thermogenesis 1972 3½ minutes (artist's excerpt) Sunstone 1979 3 minutes Skin Matrix S 1984 4¼ minutes (artist's excerpt)

Bill Etra, Louise Etra, Lou Katz Ms. Muffett 1975 3 minutes

Peter Foldes La Faim (Hunger) 1974 11¹/₂ minutes

Ford Motor Co. Surface Generation by Computer 1965 2½ minutes

Geoffrey Gardner Beethoven's Sixth in CIG 1981 51/2 minutes

Copper Giloth Popcorn 1980 ¾ minute Skippy Peanut Butter Jars 1980 3¼ minutes

Ronald Hackathorn, Rick Parent, Al Meyers, Charles Csuri Anima 2 1976 2¾ minutes

Ron Hays Canon 1979 6 minutes

Information International Inc. Demo 1981 9¼ minutes

H. Jürgens, H.-O. Peitgen, M. Prüfer, P. H. Richter, D. Saupe Frontiers of Chaos 1985 6¼ minutes (excerpt)

Yoichiro Kawaguchi Growth I — Mysterious Galaxy 1983 6¼ minutes Growth II — Morphogenesis 1984 4¼ minutes Growth III — Origin 1985 4½ minutes

Manfred Knemeyer, James Shaffer, Charles Csuri Real-time Art System 1969 1¾ minutes (excerpt) Pierre LaChapelle, Philippe Bergeron, Pierre Robidoux, Daniel Langlois Tony de Peltrie 1985 8 minutes

Doug Lerner Molecular Dynamics 1985 2³/₄ minutes

Doug Lerner, Dan Asimov Sudanese Möbius Band 1984 2 minutes

Limelight Productions for Dire Straits Money for Nothing 1985 4¼ minutes

Ken Loss-Cutler Geometric Perspectives 1985 5 minutes

Lucasfilm for Paramount Pictures Star Trek II: Genesis Sequence 1982 1½ minutes

MAGI Bob Goldstein Demonstration of the MAGI Process for Computer Generated Films circa 1968 2 minutes (excerpt)

MAGI / Synthavision Demo 1972 6 minutes for Disney Studios TRON: Light Cycles and Tanks 1982 4½ minutes Wild Thing 1982 34 minute

Benoit Mandelbrot The First Fractal Island 1974 ½ minute

David Margolis, Hüseyin Koçak, David Laidlaw, Thomas Banchoff Tori in the Hypersphere 1985 3 minutes

Nelson Max DNA with Ethidium 1978 4¹/₄ minutes Carla's Island 1981 4¹/₂ minutes

New York Institute of Technology Computer Graphics Laboratory 3DV 1983 10 minutes (includes excerpts from The

Works) A. Michael Noll A Computer Generated Ballet circa 1964 2½ minutes Rotating Four-Dimensional Hyperobject circa 1964

1 minute (excerpt)

Arthur Olsen Tomato Bushy Stunt Virus 1981 3¼ minutes (excerpt)

Pacific Data Images T. Beier, A. Chin, R. Chuang, R. Cohen, G. Entis, S. Folz, R. Gould, J. Palrang, C. Rosendahl, D. Venhaus, J. Ward Assorted Animation Pieces 1983-5 4½ minutes

INSTALLATIONS

Lance Williams Serpent 1985 Shore 1986 Photographs of raster images

Richard Wright 1,2,3,0; 0; 5,2,8,4,2,4,1,4 1,2,3,0; 0; 3,2,8,4,1,2,7,4 1986 Photograph of raster image

Shigeki Yamamoto Luminous Wind 1986 Inkiet print

Shinva Yusa Computer Tube 1985 Computer Bugle 1985 Serigraphs

THE UNIVERSAL SPHERES 1986

The Universal Spheres reflect technical advances in computer graphics as expressed in spherical objects. Unless otherwise noted, all the Spheres are photographic reproductions of raster images. Numbers refer to the order in which images are shown.

Al Barr

15. Untitled (Rings of Spheres) 1982 53. Untitled (Crystal Tinkertoys) 1982

James F. Blinn 22. Blobby DNA Molecules 1981 30. Io Closest Approach 1979 32. Venus Surface Map 1982 32. Saturn Rings 1982

David E. Breen 60. Terrain 1986

Bruce Brown 12. Re-entry Vehicle Simulation 1979

Stan Cohen, Todd Rodgers 10. Untitled (Spheres) 1984

Michael Collery 26. Untitled (Textured Shapes) 1982

Robert Conley 54. Refractions 1982

Frank Crow 44. Untitled (Peppermint wineglass and green glass ball) 1982

Frank Dietrich 23. Untitled (Blobby) 1984

David Difrancisco 73. Chrome Hedge 1981

Kathleen M. Dolberg 8. Shadows (LAUR85-2918) 1985

David Em 39. Crimson King 1979 40. Kapong 1979

David Geshwind 63. Untitled (Bug Eyes) 1980

Rov Hall 55. Untitled (Still Life with Candy Dish) 1984

71. The Gallery 1983

Hsuen-Chung Ho

57. Untitled (Pink and Green Balls, Chrome Reflections) 1983

Kirk Hoaglund 13. Untitled (Spheres and Machine Part) 1984

Jim Hoffman 36. Untitled (Poly-patterned Planet) 1981

Kevin Hunter 41. Untitled (Translucency Illusion) 1982

Tony Johnson 6. Bubble Girl 1982

Bruce Jones, Mark Sylvester,

John Grower 76. Wavefront's Exclamation Point 1985

Richard Katz 11. In The Beginning 1983

Yoichiro Kawaguchi 24. Untitled (Splash) 1982 45. Crystal Space 1982

46. Untitled (Sphere with Reflection) 1982

D. B. Kirk 51. Untitled (Primary Light Spheres) 1985

79. Untitled (Green Sphere on Water) 1985 Ken Knowlton

3. Untitled (Blue and Green) 1979

Chuck Kozak I. Nuke the Cablecars 1982

David Laidlaw, Hüseyin Koçak 77. Tubes Within Tubes 1986

D. Leich 69. Untitled (Floating Spheres) 1983

David Lister 47. Bouncing Balls 1983

Dick Lundin 68. Untitled (Ant and Crab from The Works) 1982

Mike Marshall 5. Beam and Bubbles 1981

Nelson Max

20. Two Base Pairs of DNA; double exposure 1979 18. Twenty Base Pairs of DNA;

No Shadows 1980 19. Ball-and-Stick DNA; open form 1981

Nelson Max, Fred Wooten

16. Antimony Sulfer Iodide Crystal 1979

Nelson Max, John Blanden, John Watchmaker 21. Untitled (Translucent DNA) 1982

G. Mvers 27. Shiva First 20 Beam Shot 1979

L. Nackman

35. Untitled (Polygon Fantastic Planet) 1982

Suma Noji 25. Stone 1985

Arthur Olson, Nelson Max

17. Tomato Bushy Stunt Virus 1980

Michael Potmesil

- 14. Untitled (Sphere Towers) 1980
- 38. Untitled (Painted Spheres) 1980 48. Untitled (Recursive Sphere and Cube) 1980

50. Untitled (Mandril Sphere) 1980

Melvin Prueitt

58. The Rising 1985 59. Sparkling Molecule 1985

John Ridgeway 2. Untitled (Full Moon) 1984

Christa Schubert 4. Untitled (Plotted Circles) 1984 Photoreproduced collage of plotter drawing

Michael Sciulli, James Arvo 56. Orange 1985

Patricia Search

74. Mystrigue 1986 75. Spirit Two 1984

Richard Shoup 28. Planet Composition Chart 1980 29. Orbiter Trajectory Chart 1979

D. Stredney 62. Old Cowboys Never Die 1982

S. Todd

67. Untitled (Modular Structure with Spheres) 1985

Joanne Tolkoff 7. Cactupus 1985

George Tsakas

78. Pool Balls 1986

Richard Voss, Benoit Mandelbrot

33. Fractal Planetrise According to Benoit Mandelbrot 1982

P. Watterberg 49. SIGGRAPH '83 (Mandrill Title Slide) 1983

72. Untitled (Crystal Ball Pyramid Lake) 1985

Turner Whitted

52. Untitled (Ray Traced Spheres) 1982

Lance Williams

9. Giaconda 1982

65. Untitled 1979 66. Casting Curved Shadows on Curved Surfaces 1979

Lance Williams, Alvy Ray Smith 64. Untitled 1979

artists unknown:

from Paramount Pictures 34. Genesis Planet 1982

from Information International Inc.

43. Computer 197961. Untitled (Still Life With Orange) 1979

70. Untitled (Interior Scene) 1981

from Information International Inc. for Disney

37. TRON Solar Sailor 1982

from Lexidata Corp. 42. Untitled (Translucent Ball Bearing) 1983

Images seen in *The Universal Spheres* may be found in SIGGRAPH slide sets from previous years.

INSTALLATIONS

Linda Gottfried Betsy IV 1986 Betsy V 1986 Betsy V1 1986 Gyro-Glyphics 1985 Photographs of raster images

Henry Grebe Statue of Liberty (3×3) 1986 Photograph of raster image

Eric Haines *Homo Ludens* 1984 Photograph of raster image

Sharon Hendry Artist's Studio 1985 In the Heights — Houston, Texas 1985 Portrait of a Spy 1985 Photographs of raster images

Trish Henry Don 1985 Don 2 1985 Photographs of raster images

Colin Hui Ugman 1986 Porcelain Doll 1986 Photographs of raster images

Colin Hui, Tom Nadas, Alain Fournier, Avi Naiman, John Amanatides In Drag 1985 Photograph of raster image

Hervé Huitric, Monique Nahas Hommage à Georgette La feuille 1985 Nature 1985 Eva 1986 Caprice 1986 Photographs of raster images

Masa Inakage Dream Cloud 1985 Photograph of raster image Christian Janicot

Dido & Aeneas 1985 La Table Rouge 1985 Photographs of raster images

Lauretta Jones Drawing Life, Drawing Blood 1985 Mixed media collage

Alyce Kaprow Two_Foto 8A 1984 Two_Bignums 1984 Photographs of raster images

Alex Kempkens Haider 1984 W. F. # 1984 W. F. b 1984 W. F. c 1984 Photographs of raster images

Mi Kyung Kim Still Life with Cat 1986 Photograph of raster image

Haresh Lalvani Islamic Pattern Q2.P4.Q8.P3 1982 Islamic Pattern Q9.Q5.P4.Q8.Q2.R1 1982 Islamic Pattern P3.P4.P2.Q2.Q8.P6.P4.Q5.Q9.R12.Q6.Q1.R1 1982 Plotter drawings

Xavier Lee Embers (Tribute to Gerima) 1985 Photograph of raster image **Ruedy W. Leeman** Sexuality Body 1985 Photograph of raster image

Sharmen Liao *Untitled* 1986 Photograph of raster image

Don MacKay Shirt 1-1 1985 Shirt 1-5 1985 Shirt 1-6 1985 Photographs of raster images

Gregory MacNicol Four Threads 1985 Photograph of raster image

Ferdinand Maisel *Rch.in* 1985 Photograph of raster image

Ferdinand Maisel, John Chadwick Touchdown 1985 Photographs of raster images

Steven L. Mayes *Crossroads* 1985 Photoetching monoprint

Karen McInnis Cal and Cort Poolside 1985 Sea Shack 1985 Pep and Muggs 1985 Photographs of raster images

Gavin S. P. Miller, Jon Hunwick Boris the Spider (Hanging by a Thread) 1985 Photograph of raster image

John Jay Miller srobb.2 1984 qfix.861 1986 Photographs of raster images

Mary Lynn Morrow Green Chair Parade 1986 Chair Parade in the Church 1986 Photographs of raster images

Charles B. Murphy *Dog Dreams* 1985 Photograph of raster image

Herbert Paston Domo Sushi 1985 Photograph of raster image

Edie Paul *Cityman Takes a Walk* 1985 Photograph of raster image

Steve Pietzsch *Rembyte* 1985 *Self Portrait* 1985 Photographs of raster images

Marilynne Ramsey Tsunami Waterbed 1983 Printer drawing

Micha Riss Vision 1985 Photograph of raster image

Elizabeth Rosenzweig Beresheet 1983 Syzygy 1984 When 1984 Photographs of raster images

Christa Schubert Untit led (B) 1985 Collaged plotter drawing Christa Schubert, Roy Montibon Untitled (D) 1985 Collaged plotter drawing

Ilene Schuster *Communication Spheres* 1985 *Spacescope* 1985 Photographs of raster images

Leslie Schutzer Femme Robuste 1984 Electralily 1985 Madonnae 1986 Photographs of raster images

Anne Seidman, William Kolomyjec, John Donkin Ghoti 1985 Photograph of raster image

Takeshi Shibamoto, Yumi Shibata Koömote 1982 Photograph of raster image

Joel A. Slayton JSDD2 1982 JS2537 1982 Photograph of raster image

Dan Spence *Metal Limpet* 1985 Photograph of raster image

René Steichen Blue Runner 1985 Motion 1985 Photographs of raster images

Gwen Sylvan Journey 1985 Santorini 1985 Photographs of raster images

Naoko Tosa Visual Buddha 1985 Photograph of raster image

Joan Truckenbrodon becoming 1984 relativistic observer 1985 resonance 1985 Photographs of raster images Lattice Vibrations 1985 Printed canvas tapestry

Sotera Tschetter Late Night Stop 1986 Photograph of raster image

Frances Valesco *Birdcall #3* 1986 Mixed media print

Tom Vasko Chess Game 1985 Manipulated photograph of raster image

Michael J. Voelkl Newland VII 1985 Inkjet print

Keith Waters Eiffel Tower 1984 Plotter drawing

Greta Weekley Seven Curved Chords, Version III 1985 Plotter drawing

Jerry Weil Money for Nothing 1986 Irony 1986 Photographs of raster images

INSTALLATIONS

Denis Bolohan Untitled 1985 Mylar mirrors 500 sq. ft.

Peter Broadwell, Rob Myers, Robin Schaufler Plasm: A Fish Sample 1986 Environment with Iris workstation

D. L. Deas, Jeanne Mara Let's just call it 'Untitled' 1986 Mixed media 60 x 48 x 18.5"

Tom DeWitt, Alan Jackson *Pantomation* 1986 Laser projector 8 x 8 x 20'

Alejandro Ferdman, Mark Holzbach, David Chen Airborne 1985 Hologram 8 x 8" His Master's Song 1986 Hologram 8 x 8"

Audrey Fleisher Kimono 1985 Mixed media, 41 x 50"

Jim Gibson Inexplicable Synthetic Persona 1986 Dangerous Illusions 1986 Voodoo Mojo 1986 Amiga microcomputer

Jo Ann Gillerman, James Gillerman Orchid 1986 Aurora computer graphics system

Copper Giloth The Conversation #1 1986 Amiga microcomputer and wood

Margot Lovejoy Azimuth XX Series 1986 Projection 12 x 16'

Sharon McCormick Time Man 1986 Hologram Texas / SIGGRAPH 1986 Hologram

Barbara Nessim Untitled 1986 Macintosh microcomputer and five printer drawings

Philip Pearlstein Philip Pearlstein Draws the Artist's Model Videotape 86min Legs and Linoleum 1984 Watercolor on paper 30 x 41½"

Edward R. Pope Doctor Artist 1985 Apple IIe microcomputer

Thomas Porett Victims 1985 Macintosh+ microcomputer and printer drawings

Michael Sciulli, Melissa White, James Arvo et.al. Arcade 1985 Dome Temple 1985 Temple_2.land 1985 Rainbow 1985 A Spectrum of Graphic Solutions 1986 Apollo computer Vibeke Sorensen Abstraction 1975 Krinklebox 1984 Untitled 1986 Stereoscopic studies

Jacques Stroweis Untangible 1986 Mutoscope image

PAINTING IN LIGHT 1986 the following works are included in this installation:

Pat Alexander *Carnival* 1985 Photograph of raster image

Carlos Argüello Mary 1985 Poul + Mary 1985 Photographs of raster images

Daniela Bak Haricots verts 1986 Photograph of raster image

Amy Bassin A Battle of Nude Men #2 1985 Photograph of raster image

John Ashley Bellamy Comet Impregnation of the Star Man 1985 Image Shattering Re-entry of the Star Man 1985 Cosmic Metamorphosis 1985 Photographs of raster images

Alain Bergeran Singing 1986 Photograph of raster image

Peter Beyls Handkoloriete Computerzeichnungen 1984 Hand-colored plotter drawing

Terry Blum Folded Structure 1983 Ellipse Series #1 1985 Photographs of raster images

Chiara Boeri Love Love Love 1985 Décor pour Don Juan 1985 Erotica 1 1985 Photographs of raster images

Jeff Brice Burden of Memory 1985 Photograph of raster image

Paul Brown Drawing 1974 Plotter drawing Sculpture Simulation 1983 Photograph of raster image

Luz Bueno China Doll 1983 Woman Running Under the Moon 1983 Photographs of raster images

Nancy Burson, Richard Carling, David Kramlich Androgyny 1982 The Dead 1984 Composite silver prints

Martha Cansler Paintbox/ADO Demo 1985 Photograph of raster image

Christian Cavadia, Jean-Pierre Lihou Bouquet flèché 1981 Plotter drawing Christian Cavadia, Jean-Charles Troutot Hommage à Escher 1983 Plotter drawing

Miguel Chevalier + F... a touch of red & pink 1986 Red Lips 1986 following the tracks 1986 Photographs of raster images following the tracks 1986 Altered transparency

Jp Culver Dancer 1986 Cancelled Life 1986 Photographs of laser images

Mary A. Daemen Journey 1985 Three Graces Plus One 1985 Self-portrait III 1985 Photographs of raster images

Mark A. Dearing A Little Bird Told Me 1985 The Young Officer 1985 Photographs of raster images

Ryoichiro Debuchi Biomechanoids #1 1986 Biomechanoids #2 1986 Photographs of raster images

Amber Denker Blowout 1984 Isolation/Inspiration 1984 Untitled 1985 Photographs of raster images

Tom DeWitt Vassar 1985 Photograph of raster image

Frank Dietrich C-Mix (a) 1984 C-Mix (b) 1984 Antarctica 1984 Photographs of raster images

Frank Dietrich, Greg Turk Softy 1983 Photographs of raster images

Matt Elson Poster Image 1985 Helga Smoking 1985 Phil in the Desert 1985 Photographs of raster images

Audrey E. Fleisher Skywarp 1986 Photograph of raster image

Donald Gambino Does He, or Doesn't He? 1986 Flexing for Her 1986 Photographs of raster images

Rachel Geliman Dance Variations 3 1985 Composite photograph Abstract Conversations 1985 City/Texture 1985 Photographs of raster images

Michael Golden Quality Foil 1 1985 Quality Foil 2 1985 Quality Foil 3 1985 Photographs of raster images

Deborah M. Gorchos *Mr. Lizard Snakeskin Sheds It* 1985 Heat transfer on fabric

TWO DIMENSIONAL / THREE DIMENSIONAL WORKS

Masao Komura Leap! 1973 Offset lithograph and serigraph 24 x 24"

Masao Komura, Kunio Yamanaka Return to a Square (b) 1968 Serigraph 20 x 17

Masao Komura, Kouji Fujino Running Cola Is Africa! 1968 Serigraph 40 x 40"

Ben F. Laposky Oscillon 40 1952 Photograph of analog screen 11 x 14" Oscillon 1049 1960 Photograph of analog screen 11 x 14"

Tony Longson

Group Theory Grid 1968 Plexiglass 24 x 24 x 4" Square Tonal Drawing #2 1980 Plexiglass 30 x 30 x 4 After Mondrian 1986 Plexiglass 30 x 30 x 4' Fragmented Anamorph 1986 Aluminum rod and image 30 x 30 x 10"

Robert Mallary

Quad III 1968 Laminated veneer 86 x 16 x 16" Collage 1985 Cibachrome of raster image 8.5 x 10.5" A Group of Four 1986 Cibachrome of raster image 30 x 12"

Robert Mallary, Douglas Cox *Three Arrays* 1978-9 Mixed Media, 80 x 60 x 52"

Aaron Marcus

Lightbuttons: Rising Suns 1967 Photograph of vector image 30 x 30" Radioactive Jukebox 1972-4 Serigraph 18 x 15" Hieroglyphs 1978 Plotter drawing 12 x 12"

Hideki Mitsui

CG 1972-1 1972 Photograph of plotter drawing 10 x 12" Cosmic Image: Transmigration 1985 Acrylic on canvas 36 x 36

Manfred Mohr

P-21 Band-Structures 1969 Plotter drawing 22 x 22' P-26/2 Inversion Logique 1969 Plotter drawing 22 x 18.5 P-52 Quark-Lines 1970 Plotter drawing 22 x 22" P-161 Cubic Limit 1973 Plotter drawing 38.5 x 153" P-155 Cubic Limit 1974-6 Serigraph 27.5 x 27.5" P-200 /2009 /2015 /2016 /2020 Cubic Limit II (series) 1977-80 Plotter drawings 12.25 x 12.25" each P-306 Divisibility I 1980-3 Acrylic on canvas and wood 40 x 44" P-370-P Divisibility II 1985 Plotter drawings 24 x 24"

Vera Molnar

Interruptions -20 1969 Plotter drawing 17.5 x 13.5" Interruptions -72 1969 Plotter drawing 15 x 13.5" Hypertransformations 1973-6 Plotter drawings 15 x 13" Hypertransformations 1973-6 Serigraph 25.5 x 19.5" Fissions -5 1985 Serigraph 22 x 22"

David Morris Spirit 1986

Aluminum 2 x 3 x 3'

Frieder Nake

Random Polygon 1963 Photograph of plotter drawing 8 x 6" Random Polygon, Controlled Randomness 1965 Serigraph 20 x 20" Hommage to Paul Klee 1965 Serigraph 20 x 20" Random Walk Through Raster, series 2.1-4 1966 Serigraph 18 x 18" Matrizenmultiplikation serie 40 1968 Plotter drawing with felt pen 20 x 20" Matrizenmultiplikation serie 42 1968 Plotter drawing with felt pen 20 x 20" Contribution to Ars ex Machina 1972 Serigraph 20 x 15"

Georg Nees

Corridor 1966 Serigraph 39 x 28" Gravel Stones 1966 Serigraph 39 x 28"

Duane M. Palyka

Computer Art 1967 Printer drawing 28 x 20" Centered Bubbles 1974 Photograph of raster image 20 x 16" Self-Portrait 1975 Photograph of raster image 16 x 20" Picasso 2 1979 Photograph of raster image 16 x 20"

John Pearson

O H B Proposal #1 1984-5 Acrylic on board 22 x 36 x 3" Fresnel Proposition (five plots) 1986 Plotter drawings 11 x 8.5" each Remembrances #5 1986 Acrylic on shaped canvas 74 x 93"

Lillian Schwartz

Big MOMA 1984 Lithograph 8 x 4' Symbolic Homage to Picasso 1986 Cibachrome of raster image 4 x 4

Chihaya Shimomura

Work #4 circa 1979 Photograph of plotter drawing 8.5 x 11" Work #10 circa 1979 Photograph of plotter drawing 8.5 x 11" Work #16 circa 1979 Photograph of plotter drawing 6 x 8"

Gregg Smith, Kathy Neely Colin Wilson — Distorted in Triangles 1985 Inkjet print 11.5 x 15" Delano 1985 Inkjet print 12 x 16"

Vibeke Sorensen

Three Ring Circuit 1986 Electronics and plexiglass 8 x 8 x 4"

Kerry Strand Crest 1972

Serigraph 16 x 21"

Stan Vanderbeek *Cosmos Series 29.1 / 29.2* 1967 Etchings 24 x 24" each Love / Hate (4) 1974-5 Etchings 18 x 40" each Disappearing Man 1979 Plotter drawing 60 x 29.5" Disappearing man 1979 Preliminary sketch 77 x 22"

Mark Wilson Untitled 1975

Acrylic on linen 72 x 72" Long Skew B 1985 Plotter drawing 20 x 96"

Edward Zajec Proster V. 8. 1 1968-70 Plotter drawing 18 x 18" Spatial Metaphors 1970-3 Serigraph 22.5 x 22.5' Prismiance 1122 1978-81 Plotter drawing 16 x 16⁴

Edward Zajec, Matjaz Hmeljak

The Cube: Theme and Variations TVC 3271 1971 Plotter drawing 12 x 12" TVC 57302 1971 Plotter drawing 15 x 15" TVC 59888 1973 Plotter drawing 15 x 15" Logic Moments in Color LMC 3002086 1976 Inlaid paper 17 x 17' LMC 3002086 1976 Alphanumeric print 14.5 x 16" LMC 5160680(011) 1976 Alphanumeric print 14.5 x 16" LMC 5160680FTT 1976 Inlaid paper 17 x 17'

TWO DIMENSIONAL / THREE DIMENSIONAL WORKS

Colette Bangert, Charles Bangert

Large Landscape: Ochre & Black 1970 Plotter drawing 32 x 23" Landlace 1976 Acrylic on cotton duck 52 x 52" Structure Study II: Yellow, Red, Brown, **Black** 1977 Plotter drawing 10 x 16" Grass: Series I 1979 Plotter drawing 11 x 13.5" Circe's Window 1985 Plotter drawing 8.5 x 11"

Manuel Barbadillo

Cuadro Numero 192, 168 circa 1969 Alphanumeric prints, 11 x 15" each Aneila 1974 — Aneya 1974 — Aneda 1975 Photographs of studies for paintings, $7 \times 7''$ each

Metaplasmos, 6M5 1985 Plotter drawing 22 x 9.5"

Klaus Basset

Symmetrische Durchdringung gerader und ungerader Reihen 1963 Drawing 6 x 6" Gegenläufiger Rhythmus mit einem Zeichen in 8 verschiedenen Längen 1967 Tempera on paper 5.5 x 19.5" Osliper Fächer 1981 Alphanumeric print 12 x 12" Layers and Steps I (1 of 10) 1984-5 Alphanumeric print 12 x 12

Klaus Basset, W. Plochl Linz (series) 1979

Alphanumeric prints 12 x 22"

Susan Brown Stretch 1985 Plotter drawing 28 x 30" Violin 6 1985 Plotter drawing 20 x 25"

Daniel Cooper Luma-1 1984 Serigraph 18 x 26"

Charles Csuri

Hummingbird 1966 Photograph of plotter drawing 8.5 x 11" Hummingbird Transformations 1966 Photograph of plotter drawing 8.5 x 11" Leonardo Man 1966 Photograph of plotter drawing 8.5 x 11" Sine Curve Man 1966 Photograph of plotter drawing 8.5 x 11"

Marilyn Eitzen Jones Reflections 1985

Mixed media on acrylic 3.5 x 3.5'

David Em

Redbal 1980 Cibachrome of raster image 6 x 8' Sunrise 1985 Cibachrome of raster image 16 x 20" Zotz 1985 Cibachrome of raster image 16 x 20" Chernobyl 1986 Cibachrome of raster image 40 x 40"

Eudice Feder

Permutations 1980 Plotter drawing 8.5 x 11" Separation 1980 Plotter drawing 16 x 23" Divided Sea 1983 Plotter drawing 12.5 x 15" Southern Lights 1985 Plotter drawing 16 x 23"

Jürgen Lit Fischer

Obertöne-spektral 1984 Serigraph 40 x 40" Intervals / Intervalle 1985 Serigraph 19 x 19" Light-Piece / Laser-Peace 1986 Plexiglass 40 x 40 x 0.8"

Rob Fisher, Ray Masters

Skyharp 1986 Stainless steel, aluminum 16 x 16 x 6'

Herbert Franke

Grafik 1 1956 Serigraph 11 x 17" Grafik 6 1956 Serigraph 11 x 17" Serie 1956 1956 Serigraph 28 x 20" Serie 1956 ed 'a 1956 Serigraph 28 x 20" Serie 1961/62 e'd'a' 1961-2 Serigraph 27.5 x 20" Drakula 1972 Serigraph from calendar 21 x 16" Farbraster 42 1975 Inkjet print 16.5 x 14" Farbraster 75 1975 Inkjet print 16.5 x 14"

Herbert Franke, Peter Henne

Algebraische Kurven, ed 'a 1969 Serigraph 28 x 20"

Herbert Franke, Horst Helbig

Mathematische Landschaft 1984 Cibachrome of raster image 20 x 20"

Jeremy Gardiner Self-portrait 1985 Acrylic on canvas 60 x 60" X-Ray 1985 Acrylic on canvas 60 x 60"

Laurence M. Gartel

Deciphering Archetypes of Human Form 1985 Polaroid collage 37 x 33"

Darcy Gerbarg DVI Series 1 #1 1979 Etching 10 x 12" *Q space* 1982 Serigraph 50 x 40" Plain 1985 Acrylic on canvas 63 x 87" Sandy 1986 Acrylic on canvas 63 x 89" Julian Guest CC/400/P Series (3) 1977 Plotter drawing 11 x 11" each

Bruce Hamilton, Susan Hamilton Tetrad 1984 Wood 16 x 27 x 23"

Josepha Haveman Stillife 8 1985 Inkjet print 10 x 12"

Martin J. Heller Eternal Braid 1983 Plotter drawing 40 x 28"

Richard Helmick Hills 1980 Screenprint 20 x 21" Glades 1983 Screenprint 22 x 30"

Janet Hoskins Boomer Bytes 1985 Fabric 21 x 36"

Gerald Hushlak

Chernozen Fields Forever 1977 Ink on paper 18 x 18" Rubber Stamping the Lonely Angels of Reality 1982 Ink on paper 30 x 40"

Gerald Hushlak, Larry Sinkey Ain't No Navel Forces in Dis'Dress 1982

Ink on paper 30 x 40" Intuitive Ordering of Aqueous Humor Into a Likeness of Mount Rushmore 1982 Ink on paper 30 x 40" The CEO Apologizing to her CRT from a Mount in Marlboro Country 1982 Ink on paper 30 x 40"

Suguru Ishizaki

Organic Image 1986 Serigraph 32 x 32"

Jozef Jankovič, Imrich Bertok

The Place Above 1979 Serigraph 32 x 21.5" Computer, My Daughter and I 1980 Serigraph 25.5 x 19 The Group Exercise 1983 Serigraph 26.5 x 33

Alyce Kaprow

Fazes 1983 Photograph 16 x 20" Matthew_3 1984 Photograph 16 x 20"

Kenneth Knowlton

Daybreak 1966 Serigraph 16 x 20" American Gothic Pair 1984 Dominoes 26 x 24 each Statue of Liberty 1986 Laserprint 20 x 16"

Kenneth Knowlton, Leon Harmon Nude (Study in Perception) 1966 Alphanumeric print (original 30 x 144")

