

“My life started on the evening of August, 1958 at Darmstadt. 1957, a year before I met John Cage was BC 1 to me.”

N.J Paik

Rheinland, Germany was the hometown of Paik's art and his philosophical establishment on art. It was there where he made his debut as an artist, met lifetime fellow artists, and gave birth to video art. *<Rheinland, my artistic Hermit>* traces the early procedure of Paik's unique views on art and the world through his letters exchanged with his acquaintances, records of exhibitions and many other materials that illustrate his artistic activities during his stay in Rheinland for the 1960s-70s. It will show how his experiments materialized into his artistic concepts and ideas, and will also be the key to understand his artistic world.

The Rheinland is a very crucial keyword in understanding contemporary art and Paik. Under the control of the Nazis, German art lost its independence, serving only for their social system and ideology. After the defeat in the War, art in Germany was made to enter a phase of stagnation as there was an intensive drive for the whole society under the pretense of economic reconstruction and rejection of Nazism led by Adenauer. The Rheinland, which had been divided by the Allied Forces into territories, was also the “culture free zone” where young artists gathered to demand change. It was at the time of this explosive atmosphere spearheaded by the youth in 1956 that Paik settled down in Rheinland. This area soon became a starting point of German contemporary art, and the basis for Paik’s artistic achievements. Many significant events in Paik’s artistic career happened in Rheinland. This was where Paik first met John Cage in 1958, won enthusiastic support from Stockhausen and built intimate relationships with Joseph Beuys and the Fluxus movement. The many different archived materials presented in this exhibition are important in showing the movement of contemporary art, as well as the progression of Paik Nam June’s artistic philosophy within it.

Paik passed away in 2006. He had greatly influenced the young German artists' movement, Fluxus, with his philosophy, music and art, and was received with worldwide attention. The Digital Archive at MMCA provides an opportunity to reflect and reconsider the meaning of his artistic achievements and ideas that he left behind both in the history of art and in contemporary society through these detailed archives.

“내 삶은 1958년 8월 저녁 다름슈타트에서 시작되었어. 존 케이지를 만나기 전 해인 1957년이 내게는 기원전 1년이 되지.”

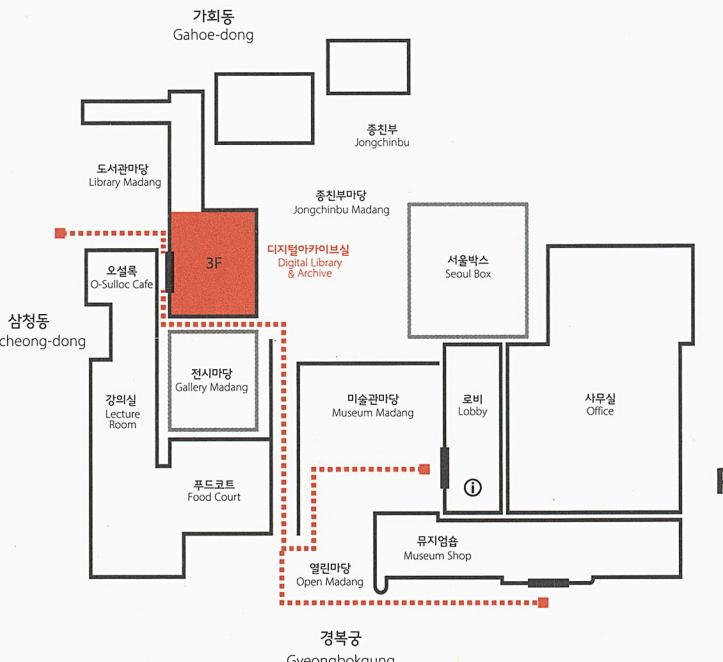
백남준

라인란트 지역을 중심으로 활동한 그에게 독일은 예술가 백남준의 고향이자 그 예술철학의 발원지였다. 그는 이곳에서 예술가로 데뷔하였고, 일생을 함께 보낼 예술적 동지들을 만났으며 비디오아트를 탄생시켰다. 본 전시는 60-70년대 라이지역에 거주하던 백남준이 지인들과 주고 받은 편지, 전시에 대한 기록, 활동모습 등의 자료를 통해 자신 만의 독특한 예술관과 세계관을 만들어 간 백남준의 궤적을 따라 가 보고자 한다. 이는 백남준이 자신의 예술적 발상을 구체화 해 나가며 많은 실험을 한 흐적이이며, 그의 예술세계를 이해하는 열쇠가 될 것이다.

나이지역은 백남준과 현대미술을 이해하는데 매우 중요한 키워드이다. 나치가  
권력하던 독일에서 예술은 그 자율성을 잃고 체제와 이상에 봉사하였고,  
나치패전 이후 들어선 아덴아우어 정권아래에서는 경제재건정책과 나치즘 배격을  
위한 총력전의 미명아래 정체기를 맞을 수 밖에 없었다. 전후 변화를 원하던  
젊은 예술가들은 연합군 분할통치 지역이자 '문화적 자유지대'인 라인란트로  
모여들었다. 백남준은 이러한 시기인 56년 폭발적인 젊음이 모여든 라인란트에  
정착한다. 이곳은 곧 독일 현대미술의 출발점이 되었으며, 58년 존 케이지와의  
만남, 슈톨하우젠의 지지, 요셉 보이스를 포함한 플러서스 그룹과의 교류 등 백남준  
예술세계의 근원이 되는 많은 사건이 일어난 곳 이었다. 이번에 전시되는 여러  
작품들은 이러한 현대미술의 움직임과 그 안에서 백남준의 변화를 관찰할 수 있는  
중요한 자료이다.

2006년 작고한 그가 펼친 철학과 음악과 예술은 플럭서스라 불리는 독일의 젊은 예술가들에게 많은 영향을 끼쳤으며, 나아가 전 세계적으로 많은 관심과 주목을 받았다. 국립현대미술관 디지털아카이브에서 진행되는 이번 아카이브전은 구체적인 기록을 통해 그가 세상에 남긴 죽적과 사상이 미술사에서 또한 현대사회에서 어떤 의미를 지니는지 재고해 보는 기회를 제공할 것이다.

번 전시는 뒤셀도르프쿤스트팔라스트, 프랑크푸르트현대미술관,  
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계자 분들과 그의 제자인 Ivo Dekovic, ricardo wende의 협력 및 전시 기획자인  
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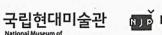


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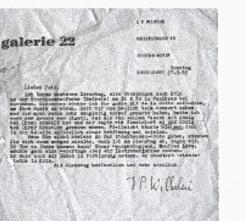
The image is a collage of political posters from 1968 and 2014. The top section features a German poster from April 1968 with the title 'Deutsche Zeitung NAM JUNE PAIK MIT WIRTSCHAFTSZEITUNG' in large letters, followed by a subtitle '(ARCHIVES)' and a main text about the Rhenish protest against NATO-plans. The bottom section features a Korean poster from July 2014 with the title '나의 예술가' (My Artist) and '라인란트의 페남준' (Nam June Paik in the Rhineland), along with a subtitle 'Kreis-Protest gegen NATO-Pläne' and 'Notes zur Atomstrahlung an Washington, London und Bonn'. Both posters include dates: 'Köln - Dienstag, 9. April 1968 - Stuttgart' and '2014.7.10.-9.30.'.

**Joseph und die Katze**  
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seinen Begegnungen  
in Wuppertal zu  
den ersten die  
erinneren die  
erinneren. Was  
heute noch  
versteckt ist  
eine Stadt mit  
einem sehr  
starken Charakter.  
Unterschiedlich  
aber ebenso  
ausdrucksstark  
wie die  
Bauwerke sind  
die Menschen.  
Sie sind  
einzigartig.  
Sie sind  
unverwechselbar.  
**Letters**  
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**Videos**  
**Archives**  
in Germany  
during the 19

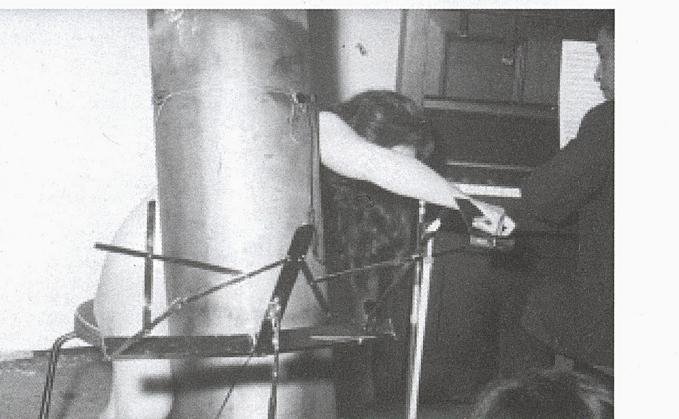


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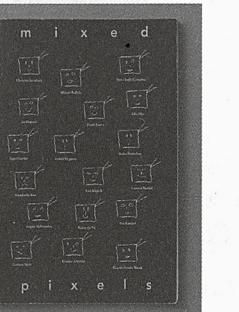
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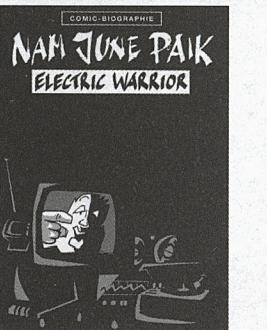
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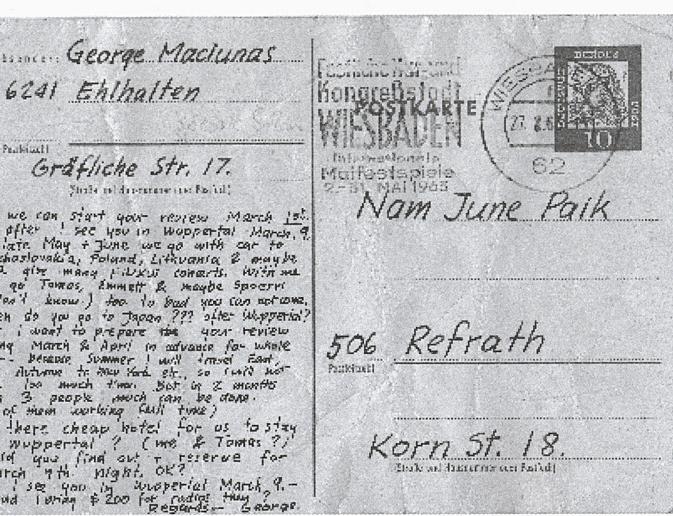
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Nam June Paik

So we can start your review March 1st  
or after I see you in Wuppertal March 9.  
1st, May 7 zone we go with car to  
Gdansk (Gdansk), Poland, Lithuania & maybe  
USA give many lectures concert, with me  
and all the Tomas, Bennett & maybe Spacri  
(I don't know) do you have your own notation?  
What do you go to Japan ??? after Wuppertal?  
But want to prepare the your review  
morning March 8 April in advance for while  
you - because summer will come soon  
and autumn will come fast so with  
time too much time in 2 months  
with 3 people much can be done  
2 of them working full time,  
is there cheap hotel for us to stay  
in Wuppertal? (me & Tomas)?  
Could you fine out to reserve for  
March 9th night, OK?  
So I see you in Wuppertal March 9.  
Should I bring \$ 200 for radio things - George

Regards - George

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