



SOHO  
ARTS  
NETWORK

## **The SoHo Arts Network Announces Downtown Cultural Walk**

(March 20, 2017)

The SoHo Arts Network (SAN) is pleased to announce its first 2017 programs: a Downtown Cultural Walk, preceded by a public talk on art, criticism, and the legacy of the arts in SoHo.

SAN seeks to further ignite the growth of the arts in the neighborhood through public programs exploring SoHo's rich cultural history.

### **Art + Criticism Public Talk**

Monday, March 27, 7:00pm

Judd Foundation

101 Spring Street, New York, NY 10012

Presented by the SoHo Arts Network at Judd Foundation, the panel will discuss how important art criticism was to the burgeoning New York art community from the late 1950s through the mid 1970s, and will examine the historical and contemporary role of the art critic. The panel will also consider Donald Judd's role historically as an artist and art critic. Judd published criticism in the 1950s and 1960s in *ARTnews* and *Arts* magazines, where he evaluated, on average, twenty exhibitions on a monthly basis. He later published longer form pieces on art, architecture, and politics in additional publications, including *Art in America* and *Art Forum*, among others.

Participants include Elizabeth Baker, former Editor-in-Chief of *Art in America*; Melissa Rachleff Burtt, professor at New York University's Steinhardt school and curator of *Inventing Downtown: Artist-Run Galleries in New York City, 1952-1965* at NYU's Grey Art Gallery; and Phyllis Tuchman, art critic and biographer. The talk will be moderated by Sarah Douglas, Editor-in-Chief of *ARTnews*.

Tickets can be reserved free of charge at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soho-arts-network-presents-art-criticism-public-talk-tickets-33058141792>

### **Downtown Culture Walk**

Saturday, April 29, 11:00am-6:00pm

SoHo Arts Network member organizations

*Presented by SoHo Arts Network, the Downtown Culture Walk will be held Saturday, April 29 from 11:00am to 6:00pm.*

*Visitors will be invited on a self-guided walking tour that highlights and celebrates the non-profit art spaces in the SoHo and Downtown area, with exhibition walkthroughs, artist talks, open hours, and free or reduced admission to all organizations that are a part of the SoHo Arts Network.*

This event is held in conjunction with *Inventing Downtown: Artist-Run Galleries in New York City, 1952-1965* at NYU's Grey Art Gallery, curated by Melissa Rachleff Burt, professor at NYU's Steinhardt school. On view through April 1, 2017.

*Art in America* is the media partner for the Downtown Culture Walk.

### **About the SoHo Arts Network**

The SoHo Arts Network (SAN) fosters collaboration between non-profit arts institutions and artistic leaders within the area of New York City's SoHo neighborhood. Founded in 2014 by non-profit arts organizations, the network celebrates the rich history of SoHo's unique creative community and advances the neighborhood's continued cultural contributions to the lives of both residents and visitors. Further, it provides an important platform to increase awareness of the neighborhood's continued importance as an arts district.

Members include Apex Art, Artists Space, Center for Architecture: AIA New York Chapter, Center for Italian Modern Art, Dia Art Foundation, The Drawing Center, The Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation, HarvestWorks, Emily Harvey Foundation, ICP Museum, Judd Foundation, Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, New Museum, Recess, SoHo Photo Gallery, Storefront for Art and Architecture, and The Sylvia Wald & Po Kim Art Gallery.

For more information, please visit [www.sohoarts.org](http://www.sohoarts.org)

Media Contact:

Elizabeth Abrahamson

Programs & Communication Manager, Judd Foundation

[eabrahamson@juddfoundation.org](mailto:eabrahamson@juddfoundation.org)

212.219.2747