

MAGIC LANTERN

WHERE: JACK KEROUAC ALLEY, 255 COLUMBUS AVE.
WHEN: EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY STARTING JUNE 2ND
ADMISSION FREE (DRINK PURCHASE AT VESUVIO REQUIRED)
AGE 21+
***SEATING ONLY - NO STANDING**
ALL SHOWS START AT 8:30



June 2nd: DOMINIC ANGERAME IN PERSON!!

We are honored to host San Francisco experimental film maestro **DOMINIC ANGERAME**. Known for his award-winning City Symphony films, Angerame's stark films run the gamut from observational urban landscapes to meticulously constructed pulsing imagery to biting self-parody. Angerame seeks to find beauty and even humor in destruction. Tonight's program will be presented almost all on **16mm** film, with live musical accompaniment by **KEVIN BARNARD**.

June 16th: JOHN LAW IN PERSON!!

Tonight we're super-thrilled to host prankster, culture-jammer, and San Francisco counterculture legend **JOHN LAW!!** Co-founder of the Cacophony Society, SantaCon (be nice), Burning Man and Billboard Liberation Front, Mr. Law and filmmaker **STEVE MOBIA** swoop into Kerouac Alley to grace us with hilarious films—and stories—from their decades of pranking, billboard altering, guerrilla theater and other raucous cultural interventions! This super-rare occasion includes films ranging from the second S.F. **SANTACON** to the first billboard altered by the **SUICIDE CLUB** to escapades with the iconic **DOGGIE DINER** heads to adventures from the early days at **BURNING MAN!** Come out for a night of S.F.'s days of mischievousness and playful protest! Books about the Cacophony Society available for sale, courtesy of Last Gasp and City Lights.

June 30th: A NIGHT OF BEAT FILMS!!

In the wake of the passing of four beloved Beat poets during COVID (Di Prima, Ferlinghetti, McClure and Ruth Weiss,) and in honor of North Beach history, we celebrate the lesser-known legacy of S.F. Beat filmmakers! In the days of post-WWII disillusionment, and even before Ferlinghetti's publication of Ginsberg's **HOWL** made headlines around the world, North Beach underground filmmakers were experimenting with **FOUND FOOTAGE**, **FRAGMENTED NARRATIVE**, **HAND-PAINTED 16mm film** and **COLLAGE**. Inventing new cinematic forms in the process—now taken for granted—in their attempts to evoke the existential angst, critique of American imperialism, and other themes that would come to define the Beat Generation, these watershed filmmakers transformed film forever and rocketed San Francisco to the forefront of experimental film. Included are underground classics by **BRUCE CONNER**, **CHRISTOPHER MACLAINE**, **WALLACE BERMAN**, and many others!

July 14th: MARIAN WALLACE AND V. VALE IN PERSON!!

Join us tonight as we host legendary publisher **V. VALE** and filmmaker **MARIAN WALLACE** for an evening of rare **UNDERGROUND FILMS**, **COUNTERCULTURE BOOKS**, and fun! Both staples in the subcultural history of San Francisco, from punk to experimental film to industrial culture, Vale and Marian will be delivering a series of short films documenting much-missed Bay Area spots such as the **A-Hole Gallery** and **Land's End**. ALSO, Mr. Vale will be presenting us with his piece on **PUNK PUBLISHING**, featuring work by **MARK PAULINE**, **DEVO'S G.V. CASALE**, and more!! PLUS two special shorts by cut-up master **WILLIAM BURROUGHS!!** **RE/Search** and **SEARCH&DESTROY** books/zines available for sale.

July 28th: PUNK ROCK FILMS!!

In celebration of the origins of **DIY CULTURE** in San Francisco, and as a special tribute to the lost-but-legendary **MABUHAY GARDENS** (just around the corner on Broadway,) we present a program of **PUNK ROCK FILMS**. In the late 1970s, while punk bands and artists were saying "FUCK YOU!" To prevailing aesthetics and politics, the Mabuhay was the center of the universe for West Coast punk, and many punk filmmakers rose to the occasion to document the scene. Though many punk filmmakers turned to Super 8, VHS, collage and found footage in the tradition of punk ingenuity, tonight's program focuses on the 16mm films that captured the gritty clubs, bands, and defiant spirit of our beloved San Francisco. Included in the program are Mindy Bagdon's **LOUDER FASTER SHORTER** (featuring **THE AVENGERS** and **THE MUTANTS!**), Liz Keim's **IN THE RED**, alongside films by **DANNY PLOTNICK**, **GRETA SNIDER**, **RICHARD GAIKOWSKI** and many more! Plus **LAST GASP** publisher and brother **RON TURNER** pays us a visit with his recently-released book about the Mabuhay for sale!