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“Stephen J. Kaltenbach: TIME CAPSULES (1967 – present)”

September 13 – October 17, 2008 - Opening Reception: Saturday, September 13, 7pm – 10pm

ANOTHER YEAR IN LA is pleased to present the largest number of Time Capsules by conceptual artist, Stephen Kaltenbach, ever assembled; including several very rare early examples borrowed from private and public collections.

Kaltenbach made his first three Time Capsules in 1967 (pre-dating Andy Warhol’s Time Capsules (1974)). The Time Capsules had specific instructions inscribed on the outside regarding how they should be maintained and when they should be opened. They were selectively given to Bruce Nauman (artist), Barbara Rose (critic) and the Museum of Modern Art in New York (institution). On the capsule given to art critic Barbara Rose the inscription reads, “BARBARA ROSE – Please open this time capsule, when, in your opinion, I have reached national prominence as an artist.” For this exhibition, we have the actual capsule given to Bruce Nauman and replicas of the other two.

The next Time Capsules Kaltenbach made were a set of five from 1969 that read, “Open After Jan. 1, 2000 AD” & “...2025 AD” & “...2050 AD” & “...2075 AD” & “...2100 AD”. Several from this series are included in the exhibition.

When asked by Cindy Nemser in a November, 1970 Artforum interview regarding the contents of the Time Capsules, Kaltenbach responded by saying, “They could possibly contain things and possibly they do not contain things. I don’t say anything about their content or that there’s any content at all, because I found out the concealment of information is as primary a function of the capsule as its preservation.”

The artist has continued to make Time Capsules, although in true Kaltenbachian form he refuses to establish a date for any of them that haven’t previously been published. We will have over 25 included in this exhibition.

Catalog available with contributions by Lucy Lippard, Bruce Nauman, Patricia Norvell and others.

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