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WHITNEY ANNOUNCES ITS JULY 2007 PERFORMANCE SERIES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXHIBITION *SUMMER OF LOVE: ART OF THE PSYCHEDELIC ERA*

Whitney Live takes on the Summer of Love with the Black Rock Coalition, DJ Scientific and Dana Leong, Dirty Projectors, Lucky Dragons, Love Intelligence Group, LaTasha Diggs, Fred Ho and Quincy Troupe, Taylor Ho Bynum, and DJ Steinski

Every Friday night in July, the Whitney's lower level is transformed into an immersive environment of words, sounds, and sights inspired by the radical spirit of the 1960s. These shows feature artists who channel the era's vitality and sense of possibility, creating a tapestry of new work that is intrinsically connected to the sounds and visions of the psychedelic era. The performance series celebrates the new exhibition, *Summer of Love*, organized by Tate Liverpool, on view at the Whitney through September 16, 2007.

Whitney Live is free with Museum admission, which is pay-what-you-wish on Fridays, 6–9 pm. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations are not accepted.

Further information and schedules follow below; for press reservations, contact the press office at 212-570-3633 or pressoffice@whitney.org. All programs are at the Whitney Museum of American Art, 945 Madison Avenue at 75th Street, in the Robert J. Hurst Family Gallery on the Lower Level.

FRIDAY, JULY 6 at 6:00 pm

Revolution as a Work in Progress

featuring the Black Rock Coalition

Artistic Adviser: Vernon Reid

The Black Rock Coalition, friends, and like-minded co-conspirators create an evening celebrating the Black artistic sensibility that was integral to the musical and political movements of the Summer of Love, spotlighting the major changes in Black culture that occurred during this time period, and tracing their impact on the creative scene of the time.

FRIDAY, JULY 13 at 6:00 pm

Kompasshun

Hosted by Elan Vytal a.k.a. DJ Scientific and Dana Leong with special guests

Remixer extraordinaire Elan Vytal (a.k.a. DJ Scientific) and multi-instrumentalist Dana Leong lead a hip-hop driven electronic music exploration of compassion and counterculture.

Accompanied by a troupe of dancers and musicians, DJ Scientific and Leong embody the essence of the collective energy and spirit in the face of one of the most violent periods of American history. Presented in conjunction with SOZO MEDIA.

FRIDAY, JULY 20 at 6:00 pm

Psychedelia's Progeny: Dirty Projectors

Dirty Projectors, an emerging avant-pop group, create a psychedelic carnival. The group, led by composer David Longstreth, performs reconstructions and reinterpretations of Black Flag's *Damaged* album. Luke Fischbeck performs as Lucky Dragons, an electronic music project with a handmade aesthetic.

FRIDAY, JULY 27 at 6:00 pm

Earth to Sun Ra

An evening exploring the visionary genius of Sun Ra includes a reading of a new opera, *Mr. Mystery: The Return of Sun Ra to Save Planet Earth!*, with music by Fred Ho and libretto by Quincy Troupe, and additional performances by vocalist, and sound artist Latasha N. Nevada Diggs; maverick coronetist and composer Taylor Ho Bynum; VJs Love Intelligence Group; and the infamous DJ Steinski.

About The Whitney

The Whitney Museum of American Art is the leading advocate of 20th- and 21st-century American art. Founded in 1930, the Museum is regarded as the preeminent collection of American art and includes major works and materials from the estate of Edward Hopper, the largest public collection of works by Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, and Lucas Samaras, as well as significant works by Jasper Johns, Donald Judd, Agnes Martin, Bruce Nauman, Georgia O'Keeffe, Claes Oldenburg, Kiki Smith, and Andy Warhol, among other artists. With its history of exhibiting the most promising and influential American artists and provoking intense debate, the Whitney's signature show, the Biennial, has become the most important survey of the state of contemporary art in America today.

Current and Upcoming Exhibitions at the Whitney Museum of American Art:

Gordon Matta-Clark	Through June 3, 2007
Taryn Simon	Through June 24, 2007
Lincoln Kirstein	Through August 26, 2007
Summer of Love: Art of the Psychedelic Era	Through September 16, 2007
Rudolf Stingel	June 28-October 14, 2007
Kara Walker	October 11, 2007-February 3, 2008
Lawrence Weiner	November 15, 2007-February 10, 2008
Modernisms	Through November 2007
Demuth's Late Paintings of Lancaster	February 23-April 27, 2008
2008 Whitney Biennial	Opens March 2008

The Whitney Museum is located at 945 Madison Avenue, New York City. Museum hours are: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., closed Monday and Tuesday. For information, please call 1-800 WHITNEY or visit www.whitney.org

Current and Upcoming Exhibitions at the Whitney Museum of American Art at Altria:

Matthew Brannon	Through August 26, 2007
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The Whitney Museum of American Art at Altria is located at 120 Park Avenue at 42nd Street. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sculpture Court Hours: Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sundays and holidays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Whitney Museum at Altria is funded by Altria Group, Inc. Admission is free. Free gallery talks are offered every Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 p.m. For further information, please call (917) 663-2453.