

Ronald Feldman Fine Arts

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CHRISTINE HILL

PILOT

EXHIBITION RUN: SEPTEMBER 7 – OCTOBER 14

PILOTTAPING: OCTOBER 6

Christine Hill's concept of art is so far out at the edge of the known universe that its confusion with life is nearly total. – Kim Levin

The Feldman Gallery will exhibit *Pilot* by Christine Hill, the complete invention of an actual television “pilot” modeled on a late night talk show. From the exhibition’s start, the artist will begin establishing a functioning television studio, including working production offices and a professional set. On public display will be the entire evolution of a talk show: the development of the host persona, guest selections, writers’ meetings, and technician and band rehearsals. The realization of the project culminates with the filming of the premiere episode before a live studio audience on October 6.

Pilot is an investigation of persona, humor, entertainment practices, and performance. It marks the continuation of a series of “organizational ventures” by Christine Hill under her work and production label, Volksboutique.

Previous projects include *Tourguide?*, a walking tour agency located in SoHo, sponsored by the Public Art Fund (1999); *Volksboutique*, a second hand clothing shop located in Berlin Mitte (1996-97) and featured at documenta X (1997). Upcoming projects include a manufactured Portable Office/ Courier Bag/ Survival Kit, to be presented at Kunsthalle Hamburg in October 2000, and a full scale fashion show to take place in Berlin in 2001. Volksboutique will launch its very first website in the Fall of 2000. [www.volksboutique.org]

Hill worked uninterruptedly as an artist and musician in Berlin from 1991-97 until she was awarded the Berlin Cultural Council’s residency to P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center and was effectively sent “back.” She currently studies improv with Upright Citizens Brigade Theater and maintains a studio in the world-renowned Greenpoint section of Brooklyn.

There will be a reception on Thursday, September 7 from 6:00 – 8:00. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday, Monday by appointment: 10:00 – 6:00. For information and photographs, contact Breck Hostetter (212) 226-32232 or breck@feldmangallery.com.