

PRESS RELEASE

Blinky the Friendly Hen: 40th Anniversary Exhibition

Presented by Artist Jeffrey Vallance

February 2 – March 16, 2019

Artist Reception: February 2, 4-6pm

Gallery Talk: February 4, 10am

Artist Walkthrough: February 16, 1pm



California State University, Northridge Art Galleries is honored to present ***Blinky the Friendly Hen: 40th Anniversary Exhibition***. Comprised of a Relic Chamber, a Blinky Theatre, Blinky book editions (1979-2019), chapel, gift shop, stained glass, and historical artifacts, this fourth retrospective exhibition celebrates historical and contemporary works relating to four decades of the Blinky phenomenon. A curated group exhibition of works by international artists, CSUN faculty and staff, as well as a student show component, will acknowledge Blinky's legacy.

Built in the style of a cathedral dungeon, the Relic Chamber will have early first-class relics on display from the collection of Barry Sloane; other reliquaries will contain third-class relics produced over the years. The Blinky Theatre will screen Blinky-related videos, including a 1983 clip from "Late Night with David Letterman," Bruce and Norman Yonemotos' 1988 video documenting Blinky's exhumation, a MOCA TV episode, and a punk rock video dedicated to Blinky. The Blinky Gift Shop installation will offer affordable handmade Blinky souvenirs and collectibles.

A major art exhibition space in the San Fernando Valley, the CSUN Art Galleries are located just a few miles north of downtown Los Angeles. The Galleries have mounted over 500 exhibitions since 1980 with yearly gallery attendance averaging 25,000 visitors.

Gallery hours are from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday. More information and press images are available upon request; call the Art Galleries at (818) 677-2156 or visit www.csun.edu/artgalleries.

Jeffrey Vallance is represented by Edward Cella Art & Architecture in Culver City, California.

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