

Production Workshops

For several months VFA has been offering a comprehensive six-week production workshop in video. The course teaches portapak techniques, mixes, editing, video graphics, and some theory (a concession to jive rhetoric). We were hesitant to start the school at first, fearing a swarm of lost souls, looking for yet another new identity; but the classes have proven to be highly productive for both our students and ourselves.

We are now enlarging our school, offering more production courses, a technology course teaching simple repairing, and attempting an intelligent course on the aesthetics and content of video.

We think that there's no better way in the nation to learn about video.

School inquiries should go to Bob Klein at VFA, 442 Shotwell St., San Francisco, California 94110. (415) 648-9040.

Showings

Video Free America announces OPEN STUDIO—a continuous series of weekend video events, showings, and performances at the Video Free America Shotwell studio. This new series will begin on the weekend of December 16th 1972 with a program of tapes by Don Hallock and Bill Roarty of the National Center for Experiments in Television. Future possible programs will include: a marathon showing of twenty plus hours of uncut originals from "The Continuing Story of Carel and Ferd;" a "Vidium, Feedback, Synthesized" performance; a jam session of visual musicians; and "Electric Equinox," a multi-monitor environment recreating and expanding with video graphics techniques the 1970 autumn equinox celebration in Golden Gate Park, the dream game, tapes by Top Value Television, and a women's weekend. Admission \$2. Inquiries or suggestions sent to Skip Sweeney/Studio, c/o VFA, 442 Shotwell St., San Francisco, California (415) 648-9040.

General Electronics

After tireless negotiation, VIDEO FREE AMERICA will combine energies and resources with GENERAL ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC. to offer a complete production/rental/consultant/communication service in *all* video tape formats.

GENERAL ELECTRONICS, celebrating twenty years of experience in the business (and that means something, brother); and VIDEO FREE AMERICA, bringing the awareness and talents of one of the nation's most active and critically acclaimed video experimenters, form a video pas de deux which can relate gracefully to any problem or project requiring video tape hardware or programming.

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