

PYROGLYPHS 1994  
In collaboration with Tom Joyce

Theme:

Videotaped in a blacksmith Tom Joyces' shop in Santa Fe, *Pyroglyphs* is a two-channel installation where 12 monitors are arranged in a circle on the floor facing up at a 45 degree angle. The viewer stands outside this circle looking in. The initial inspiration for *Pyroglyphs* was the ancient art of blacksmithing, but soon became a musical treatise of hammering and welding, blowtorches and metal saws.

Operation:

Pyroglyphs is a three video/six audio channel installation on a 15 minute repeated loop. Each of three video disk players provides one video and two audio sources to 3 video projectors and 6 speakers. A video synchronizer aligns the 3 channels of video for a synchronous playback. At the end of each cycle the program automatically returns and re-synchronizes for a repeat performance.

Note: Each synchronizer is custom built for a specific hardware (Sony or Pioneer) and not interchangeable. Using other media or manufacturer requires a different synchronizing device. The Vasulka disk synchronizer works with Pioneer industrial disk players (LD-V2200 to LD-V8000 series).

Space requirement:

Active Space (see drawing/floor plan Room #005-D)  
One half of Fountain Room divided with a sound proof wall built along the diagonal as indicated on drawing.[provided by Roma]

Video:

3 video projectors [provided by Roma]  
3 Pioneer video laser disk players [provided by Roma]  
1 Synchronizer [provided by Roma]  
Cables [provided by Roma]

Audio:

3 Stereo Audio Amplifiers (6 audio channels) [provided by Roma]  
6 Speakers [provided by Roma]  
6 Speakers stands [provided by Roma]  
Cables [provided by Roma]

Maintenance:

The monitor screens need dusting once a week

Daily Operations:

Start up:

Power up monitors, Disk players and synchronizer  
After a short wait the program self-starts

Verify that the installation is starting synchronously.

Shut down:

Power down monitors, Disk players and synchronizer

Trouble shooting:

- 1) repeat above procedure
- 2) check appropriate cable connection

Media:

Program on three video laser disks, Color

Shipping information:

Number of crates: To be determined  
dimensions, weight, kind, content etc

**Note:** A video monitor version of this installation is being contemplated. After January 20 a decision will be made concerning this piece.