

THE WEST 1983  
(audio by Woody Vasulka)  
(video by Steina)

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Theme:

"The West revels in the vastness of the western spaces, the primeval quality of the landscape and ancient architecture, the rich colors of the earth and sky, and the all-encompassing light and warmth of the sun. The complex layering of spaces and the electronic manipulation of image, color and form so central in Steina's earlier work is still an important aspect of this installation. But *The West* is emphatically a tribute to the grandeur of nature." William D. Judson

Operation:

The West is a two video/four audio channel installation. Each of the two video disk players provides one video and two audio sources to a bank of video monitors and four speakers. A disk synchronizer aligns the two channels of video for a synchronous playback. At the end of each cycle the program automatically returns and re-synchronizes the program 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 #016)  
11,50M x 5,95M (37'9" x 19' 5")

VIDEO

48 stackable matching in size, color video monitors \*  
[provided by Roma]  
2 Pioneer video laser disk players [provided by Roma]  
2 video distribution amplifiers with multiple video outputs  
[provided by Vasulkas]  
1 Two channel Synchronizer [provided by Roma]

Installation notes:

Connect the players to monitors in a checkerboard fashion:  
Channel one to 1,3,5,7... Channel two to 2,4,6...and reversed  
on the other row. The terminators must be open except for the  
last monitor on each chain.

**Maintenance:**

The monitor screens need dusting once a week

**AUDIO**

2 Stereo Audio Amplifiers (4 audio channels) [provided by Roma]  
4 Speakers [provided by Roma]  
4 Speakers stands [provided by Roma]  
Cables [provided by Roma]

**Installation notes:**

Channels 1 and 2 are in an average range and could if necessary be connected to the monitor speakers, channel 3 and 4 however need good base speakers (subwoofers).

**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
- 3) panic and call the Vasulkas (call them anyhow)

**Media:**

2 Laserdiscs (The 2 masters are on 1" NTSC)  
Programs on video disk PAL format

**Shipping information:**

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