

Artspace and Public Energy present the Niagara Artists Centre's production of

Paris, la Nuit (A Painted Play) an excerpt

written by Dennis Tourbin

performed by Edwin Conroy Jr.

directed by Brian Foster & Natasha Pedros

collaborators: Barsin Aghajan, Kate Leathers, Stephen Remus, Annie Wilson

Paris, la Nuit (A Painted Play) was initially performed at the Centre Culturel Canadien in Paris, France in 1982. *Paris, la Nuit* is a kaleidoscope of sound, colour, images and text which explores the area between painting and literature. The performance takes place within a colourful backdrop of paintings and props. Using over 100 slides, super 8 film, audio tape, video tape and performance art, *Paris, la Nuit* takes you on a charming, romantic excursion through the City of Light, introducing you to a Paris as exciting as you have always imagined.

- Dennis Tourbin

A Note About Interpreting a Painted Play

It's very easy to lose yourself in *Paris, la Nuit*. The language is beautiful, absurd, and très, très, funny. Tourbin doesn't describe Paris to us; he transports us to a time and a place, inviting us to *see* his thoughts. His word-play and art work, combined with photographic and film imagery, make an indelible impression that remains with us, "forever and forever and ever and ever again."

- Brian Foster & Natasha Pedros

Thank you

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Paris, La Nuit (A Painted Play) is part of **The Language of Visual Poetry** (running September 12 to November 2 at Artspace), an exhibition of Dennis Tourbin's work curated by Marcie Bronson and organized by Rodman Hall Art Centre/Brock University. Also running at Artspace is **Goodnight Irene: Dennis Tourbin on TV**, a selection of Tourbin's videotapes curated by Su Ditta. **The Language of Visual Poetry** is presented by the Art Gallery of Peterborough and hosted by Artspace, institutions Dennis had a strong association with and which are both celebrating their 40th anniversaries in 2014.