

# STEVE REINKE IN PERSON!

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Come celebrate Art Metropole's new DVD launch of esteemed Canadian video artist Steve Reinke's wildly influential and maddeningly intelligent oeuvre. This is the first-ever screening of Reinke's entire ongoing series, FINAL THOUGHTS, an archive of fragments – texts, songs, stills, and footage shot, digitally created and found – that will be arranged into different forms, only to be completed at the moment of Reinke's death. The funeral conceit of FINAL THOUGHTS mirrors Reinke's legendary THE HUNDRED VIDEOS (1989-1996), the self-described summa of his work as a young artist. The great wit and intelligence of Reinke's tapes come from his meticulously crafted and jarringly ironic scripts – delivered in voice-overs that throw our near-Pavlovian desire for confessional narrators into crisis – and his thorough unmooring of images from their conventional meanings. This zeal for pulling the rug of representation out from under us has manifested itself of late in his ever-evolving fascination with animation and abstraction, central to this series and ASK THE INSECTS in particular (wherein he muses, "There are too many species in the world, but that doesn't mean we can't learn something from their strange irrelevance.") Thus the epic ANTHOLOGY OF AMERICAN FOLK SONG that kicks off the programme can be seen as a kind of swan song to the recorded image in the age of its oversaturation and degradation – a disparate catalogue of small humiliations, traumas and unsettling, absurd, occasionally beautiful images that queer the mythologies of a culture in crisis.

– Jon Davies

The screening will be followed by a DVD launch and reception at Art Metropole (788 King St. West).

**All videos directed by Steve Reinke.**

### **ANTHOLOGY OF AMERICAN FOLK SONG**

Canada 2005 28 min. video

### **ASK THE INSECTS**

Canada 2005 8 min. video

### **THE MENDI**

Canada 2006 11 min. video

### **Toronto Premiere!**

### **REGARDING THE PAIN OF SUSAN SONTAG (NOTES ON CAMP)**

Canada 2006 4 min. video

### **Toronto Premiere!**

### **MY RECTUM IS NOT A GRAVE (TO A FILM INDUSTRY IN CRISIS)**

Canada 2006 11 min. video

### **Toronto Premiere!**

### **HOBBIT LOVE IS THE GREATEST LOVE**

Canada 2006 3 min. video

### **World Premiere!**

### **DEATH CAMP**

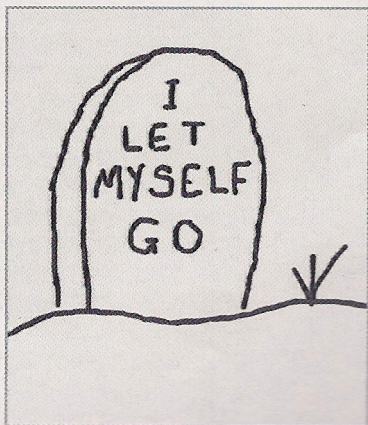
Canada 2007 4 min. video

### **World Premiere!**

### **WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE**

Canada 2007 8 min. video

**Wednesday, January 17 6:30 p.m.**



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