

THE BEGINNING OF AN EXPANDING SERIES SLIDE PROJECTIONS
P.S. 1 Institute for Art and Urban Resources 1978 – 1979

In 1978, as part of a national program, I received from New York City a studio at P.S. 1—an abandoned terracotta school that artists saved from demolition in industrial Long Island City. Spending endless hours with the building, I was attracted physically to different classrooms and each one's unique deterioration. I wanted to interact with but not disturb the past. Responding to the physical properties of each room, I created site-specific slide projections. The old building provided an architectural container for my experiment. I derived the images for the slide projections from my *Avenue of the Americas* portfolio. I used large-format transparencies from the portfolio of original plates and transformed them into hundreds of individual slide frames. From these slides, I built *The Beginning of an Expanding Series* and situated projectors in different rooms. In some instances, the simultaneous projections passed from room to room, creating a meandering, organic animation. The relationship of the images to real architecture gave a visual shape to the confrontation between past and present.

During my time at P.S. 1, I took over classroom # 202 A as my studio. I was surprised to learn that Fred Sandback previously occupied this particular room as I admired his bodiless installations. His simple string constructions represented a new way to deal with negative space. Now that he is no longer with us, I realize how meaningful it is to me that we passed through the same space. Perhaps he left behind a visionary spirit that provoked my senses and inspired me to make light projections.

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