



**FILMS for ONE to EIGHT PROJECTORS**  
mutli-projector experimental shorts by Roger Beebe

**WHAT:**

Renowned experimental filmmaker Roger Beebe, whose films have shown around the globe from Sundance to the Museum of Modern Art and from McMurdo Station in Antarctica to the CBS Jumbotron in Times Square, takes to the Heartland in September and October to present a program of his recent mutli-projector films as part of a 6-week US tour. In his recent films, Beebe explores the possibilities of using multiple projectors—running as many as 8 projectors simultaneously—not for a free-form VJ-type experience, but for the creation of discrete works of “expanded cinema.” The show builds from the relatively straightforward two-projector films “The Strip Mall Trilogy” and “TB TX DANCE” to the more elaborate three-projector meditation on Las Vegas, “Money Changes Everything,” and on finally to the eight-projector meditation on the mysteries of space “Last Light of a Dying Star.” These films are simultaneously performance films (as they can only be screened with Beebe actually running the projectors—and running from projector to projector), technological demonstrations (with a parade of different modes of image making and presentation—16mm and super 8mm film alongside video and digital formats), and significant aesthetic works in their own right.

"[Beebe's films] implicitly and explicitly evoke the work of Robert Frank, Garry Winogrand and Lee Friedlander, all photographers of the atomic age whose Western photographs captured the banalities, cruelties and beauties of imperial America." --David Fellerath, *The Independent Weekly*

"Beebe's work is goofy, startling, and important." --Daniel Kraus, *Wilmington Encore*

**ABOUT ROGER BEEBE:**

Roger Beebe is a professor of Film and Media Studies at the University of Florida. Beebe has screened his films around the globe at such unlikely venues as McMurdo Station in Antarctica and the CBS Jumbotron in Times Square as well as more traditional venues such as the Museum of Modern Art and the Pacific Film Archive in addition to numerous festivals, among them Sundance, the International Film Festival Rotterdam, and New York Underground. He has won dozens of awards including a 2009 Visiting Foreign Artists Grant from the Canada Council for the Arts, a 2006 Individual Artist Grant from the State of Florida, and Best Experimental Film at the 2006 Chicago Underground Film Festival. In addition to his work as a filmmaker, he is also a film programmer: he ran Flicker, a festival of small gauge film in Chapel Hill, NC, from 1997-2000 and is currently Artistic Director of FLEX, the Florida Experimental Film Festival. He also owns Video Rodeo, an independent video store in Gainesville, FL.

## **ABOUT THE FILMS:**

Last Light of a Dying Star (2008, 4 X 16MM, 3 X VIDEO, 1 X SUPER 8MM, 30 min.)

A multi-projector meditation on the passage from film to video, from abstraction to representation, and from the technological wonder of space exploration to the banality of the digital snapshot. Originally made for an installation/performance in a planetarium at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon, GA, the film attempts to recapture some of the excitement of the early days of space exploration and the utopian aspirations of expanded cinema. Made as an orchestration of a number of different elements, made and found: handmade cameraless film loops by Beebe and Jodie Mack; striking sequences of digital stills by Cassandra C. Jones; 16mm educational films about eclipses, asteroids, comets, and meteorites; and a super 8 print of the East German animated film "The Drunk Sun."

Money Changes Everything (2009, 3 X 16MM, 5 min.)

Three days in Las Vegas, Nevada, and three different visions of the discarded past and the constantly renewed future. A three-part portrait of a town in transformation: a suburban utopia in the desert, a cancerous sprawl of unplanned development, a destination for suicides.

TB TX DANCE (2006, 2 X 16MM, 3 min.)

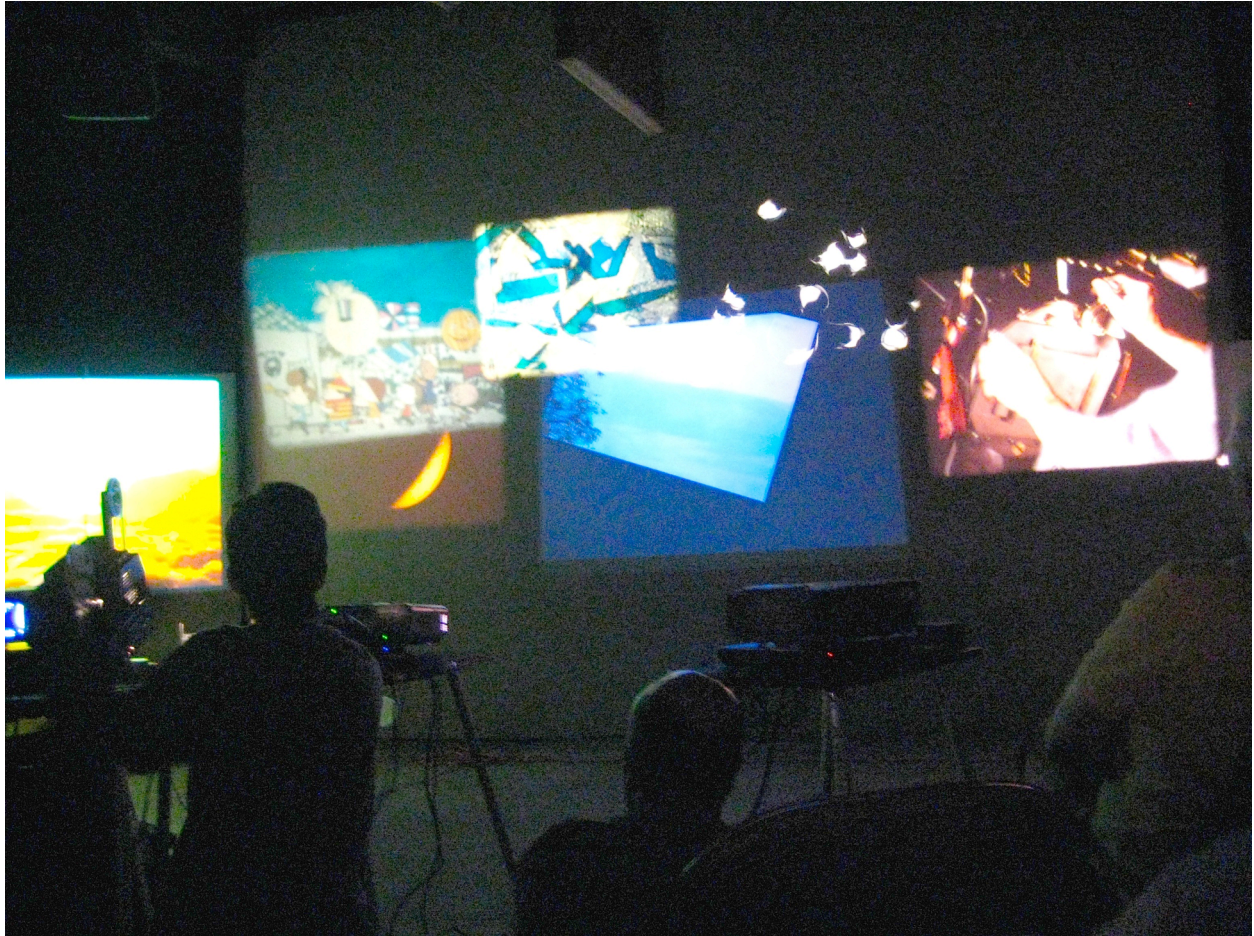
A cameraless film made on a black & white laser printer with an optical soundtrack made of dots of varying sizes provides the backdrop for revisiting Toni Basil's appearance in Bruce Conner's 1968 film "Breakaway." Commissioned as part of Mike Plante's Lunchfilm series, where filmmakers are asked to make films for less than the price of the lunch they've just been treated to. (This film's budget was \$32.37 worth of pulled pork sandwiches and peach cobbler.)

The Strip Mall Trilogy (2001, 1 X SUPER 8MM/1 X VIDEO, 9 min.)

A look straight into the heart of the most postmodern of architectural forms, the strip mall, shot in a mile-long parking lot that could be Anywhere, USA. "He has actually managed to bust apart the mind-controlling code of relentlessly commercial space and reconfigure it into a landscape of beautiful colors and forms. It is a remarkable piece of Super 8 alchemy." --David Finkelstein, Film Threat

## TOUR DATES

<u>date</u>	<u>city</u>	<u>venue</u>	<u>showtime/price</u>
9/4/09	Macon, GA	Tatnall Square	9:00 PM/FREE
9/5/09	Atlanta, GA	Eyedrum	8:00 PM/\$6
9/6/09	Nashville, TN	Watkins College of Art, Design & Film	7:00 PM/\$5 (free for Watkins students)
9/9/09	Bloomington, IN	Indiana University	7:30 PM/FREE
9/11/09	Chicago, IL	School of the Art Institute, Flaxman Theatre	4:30 PM/FREE
TBA	Milwaukee, WI	Warehouse Cinema	9 PM/FREE
9/16/09	Madison, WI	The Starlight	8:30 PM/FREE
9/17/09	Minneapolis, MN	Trylon Microcinema	7:00 PM/\$8
9/18/09	Duluth, MN	Zinema 2	7:15 PM/\$5
9/20/09	Iowa City, IA	University of Iowa	7:00 PM/FREE
9/23/09	Lawrence, KS	University of Kansas	7:30 PM/FREE
9/24/09	Kansas City, MO	La Esquina Gallery	8:00 PM/FREE
9/28/09	Norman, OK	University of Oklahoma Lightwell Gallery	9:00 PM/FREE
9/30/09	Hot Springs, AR	Maxine's	9:00 PM/FREE
10/2/09	Shreveport, LA	minicine?	8:00 PM/\$5
10/3/09	Dallas, TX	The MAC (McKinney Avenue Contemporary)	5:00 PM/\$5
10/4/09	Austin, TX	Austin Film Society	7:00 PM/\$6 (\$4 for students & AFS members)
10/8/09	New Orleans, LA	Zeitgeist Arts Center	8:00 PM/\$7
10/10/09	Pensacola, FL	End of the Line Café	8:00 PM/\$5
10/11/09	Tallahassee, FL	Tallahassee Film Society	7:00 PM/\$7
10/30/09	Orlando, FL	University of Central Florida	time TBA/FREE
11/3/09	Gainesville, FL	The Harn Museum of Art	7:30 PM/\$4



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