# *Videofreex 50<sub>th</sub> Anniversary 1969 - 2019 Celebration!*



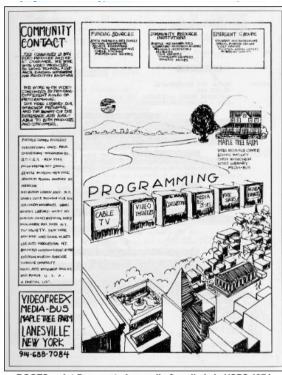
Videofreex began when Parry and David met at the 1969 Woodstock Music & Art Festival. With the 1969 CBS "Now Project" accelerating growth, during the following year ten founding partners joined in our Soho New York City studio, moving later to Maple Tree Farm in upstate Lanesville. We lived and worked together for nearly a decade 1969 - 1978 working with dozens of collaborators including Nam June Paik, Shirley Clarke, Ant Farm, and TVTV. Videofreex Partnership, which continues today, was formalized in 2006 to further the legacy of the Videofreex and the Freex place in media history forever. This 50-year anniversary also locks Videofreex.com as a digital time capsule, using social media now for public events' publicity. For current Videofreex events stay tuned to MoreArtistsMovies.com/news & Facebook

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## •2-week Maple Tree Farm Lanesville 50th Anniversary Celebration!

<Link to 5-minute Vfx@MTF Slideshow with "Memories" by Snow & "Sunny Disposish" Lanesville TV theme>
Freex partners, early video collaborators and our families gathered in August at Breathe Inn, the chic renovated AirBnB that was our 1970s home, studio, media center, and pirate TV station.

## **Maple Tree Farm Report: Participatory Media Roots & Branches**





ROOTS: print flyer posted on walls & mailed via USPS 1974

BRANCHES: www.Videofreex.com posted on world-wide web & emailed 2019

Thirty-page illustrated report compares Videofreex and early indy video, a 1970s leading edge medium, with contemporary digital media and current indy production groups. Co-authored by five Videofreex, other early videomakers, and younger activist mediamakers, during a two-day convening. Archived on the web and at the Hunter, Phoenicia and Mountain Top (Tannersville) Public Libraries, Mountain Top Historical Society and NYSCA.



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## Click here for link to Report

## <u>Videofreex Dance Party for a Change!</u> (playlist)

Two-hour 30-song musical manifesto made for movement (and for the Movement) by DJ Skip B. At our 1970s dance parties we jacked up Maple Tree Farm's living room floor or otherwise it would bounce way too much Let's get moving for a big change! <1-minute opening>

<<u>LIST: 30 song titles & artists</u>>

## **Videofreex 50th Anniversary Celebration Year 2019**

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## **Screenings**

Met Breuer NYC <u>Fred Hampton Interview</u> (1969) September 18, 2018 - January 6, 2019 Continuous gallery screening in group exhibition "Art & Conspiracy," including "<u>Join the Videofreex Conspiracy!</u>" live unscheduled unofficial public activist participatory art event.

The Cinematheque Vancouver BC Canada <u>Skip Blumberg: Micro-retrospective</u> July 10, 2019 Skip's Videofreex and indy videos, with live Skype Q&A appearance. Printed program booklet.

Casey Kelbaugh's Stony Clove <u>Lanesville TV MAPLE TREE FARM Showreel</u> August 17, 2019 Late night outdoor screening with Skip, Bart & Allan Scholom attending.

Sky TV UK broadcast August 17, 2019 & Sky.com The Festival That Rocked The World: The People's Woodstock Todd Austin's epic Woodstock Festival doc includes interview bites with Parry and 12 minutes of David & Parry's 1969 behind-the-scenes footage.

Theater release & Netflix "Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story" by Martin Scorsese September 2019 The doc's opening has a minute of Skip's 1976 bicentennial footage.

**VDB TV: Winter Landscapes** December 2019 Featuring Parry's experimental musing **Snow**.

Videofreex 2020 screenings in Hunter and Phoenicia Public Libraries TBA

## **Live Broadcast Radio Shows on Wave Farm's WGXC-FM**

Videofreex Dance Party for a Change May 1, 2019

Two-hour 30-song musical manifesto made for movement (and for the Movement) by DJ Skip B in the WGXC studio. Hosted via FaceTime by Nancy in Desert Hot Springs.

<u>Videofreex Woodstock Festival 50th Anniversary Celebration & Farm Radio Show:</u>
<u>Lanesville TV Special</u> August 15, 2019. LIVE broadcast from Maple Tree Farm!

History of the Videofreex in farms... Yasgur's Farm, Ant Farm, Maple Tree Farm and Wave Farm. Hosted by Mary Curtis, Davidson, Nancy (via FaceTime), VJ Skip, Bart and Peter Samis.

### **Press**

<u>HEAPSmag.com</u> Interview with Videofreex Nancy Cain (via FaceTime), Davidson Gigliotti, and Skip Blumberg, by Risa Akita, photos by Kohei Kawashima.

VIVO Journal Summer 2019

Skip Blumberg: Videofreex & Beyond interview - Casey Wei.





#### **Archive**

Kandinsky Library at the Pompidou Center in Paris Videofreex print materials collected and digitized during 2017 TREIZE gallery exhibition are included in the new collection *Guerilla TV Movement: History of Alternative Video*. Curated by Sibylle de Laurens and Pascaline Morincôme.

Videofreex archive - *In Motion* Productions NYC studio Photo by Kohei Kawashi / HEAPSmag

Sun sets at Maple Tree Farm Photo courtesy of Breathe Inn

