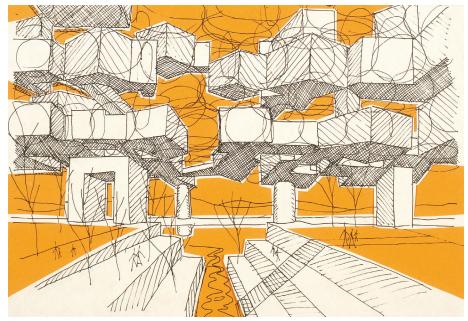
SPATIAL CITY: AN ARCHITECTURE OF IDEALISM



February 5-April 18, 2010 Opening reception: Friday, February 5, 5-8 pm

Spatial City, the first exhibition in the United States of artwork drawn from France's network of Regional Contemporary Art Funds (Frac), brings together an international, multi-generational array of contemporary artists whose work contends with utopian thinking and the idealism and cynicism it inspires.

If idealism can be seen as having a structure—an architecture, because it is a made thing—we can imagine it as a more or less dialectical engine moving between poles of optimism and cynicism. While the theoretical architecture of Yona Friedman (b. 1923), particularly his *utopia réalisable*, was the inspiration for the show's framework, architecture informs this art exhibition not as a practice but as a way of regarding the world. Artists in the exhibition are responding to the complex problems of postwar society: the failed utopian social experiments that resulted in the dehumanizing conditions of Brutalist architecture, the rise and fall of totalitarian states, the tensions resulting from post-colonial immigration, and the destruction of the environment in the name of progress.

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Spatial City will travel to Chicago's Hyde Park Art Center (May 23-August 8, 2010) and Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit - MOCAD (September 10-December 26, 2010).

Lida Abdul Élisabeth Ballet **Yves Bélorgev Berdaguer & Péjus Monica Bonvicini** Jeff Carter Jordi Colomer François Dallegret Peter Downsbrough **Philippe Durand Jimmie Durham** Simon Faithfull **Didier Fiuza Faustino** Cao Fei **Robert Filliou** Yona Friedman Dora Garcia

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Yona Friedman, Ville spatiale, 1959-1960. Photography: François Lauginie. Collection Frac Centre.

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Friday, February 5, 2010 at 4:30 pm School of Architecture and Urban Planning Lecture Series: *Travel Song Lyrics* Architecture and Urban Planning Building Room 170, 2131 E. Hartford Ave.

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