MATTRESS FACTORY SCREENS NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN FILMS BY GREER LANKTON

(PITTSBURGH, PA May 2019) – The Mattress Factory is celebrating the life of a creative icon, with a screening of never-before-seen films by artist Greer Lankton. The event, Greer Lankton on Film, will be held on Thursday, June 6, from 6-8 pm and will feature 11 short films, along with remarks from Margery King, the curator of the Greer Lankton Archive exhibition.

Part of the Mattress Factory’s Greer Lankton Archive, the films provide an intimate look into Lankton’s early private life. Among the films are footage from a family Christmas, candid interactions with friends and stop-motion animations of her famed dolls. When viewed in conjunction with the archival materials on display, the films offer a more complete picture of one of the most influential creators in the East Village art scene of the 1980s.

Curator Margery King will speak about Lankton’s life and works to add context to the films. The event will also showcase some of the Mattress Factory’s archival pieces not currently on display. Drinks and light bites will be provided.

The films will be on display in the museum lobby, June 4-9, and will be free to view with museum admission.

Tickets are $20/$15 for MF members and students and can be purchased at: https://www.showclix.com/event/greer-lankton-on-film.

About Greer Lankton
Greer Lankton (1958-1996) was an American artist whose work is autobiographical and revealing of her obsessions. Lankton’s dolls and environments possess a disarming mix of innocence and decadence, hope and pathos. She said her work was “all about me,” reflecting her life as an artist, as a transgender person and a drug addict. But beyond this, and as an outsider, Lankton eloquently explored and questioned the norms of gender and sexuality, as well as the powerful imagery of popular culture and consumerism.

About the Mattress Factory: Hailed as the best museum for installation art in the United States, the Mattress Factory invites visitors to experience “art you can get into.” Over the past 42 years, the Mattress Factory has presented and commissioned new installation and performance works by over 750 artists, both established and emerging, who have challenged themselves and their audiences through the support of the museum’s exceptional residency program. The Mattress Factory’s outreach programs serve more than 30,000 students, teachers, adults, and families annually, and its activities as a visitor attraction, educator and employer continue to invigorate Pittsburgh’s North Side. For more information, call 412.231.3169 or visit mattress.org.

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