1989 Visit of Director Ally Acker

Denison University

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An authority on the history of filmmaking, Ms. Acker will explore the role of women as pioneers of the cinema. She has devoted considerable time to the study of women filmmakers before 1920, an era that represents a "golden age" in terms of the number of female cinematographers.

As a filmmaker and writer, Ms. Acker has worked for network, local and cable television, as well as film and radio. Her credits include "The Today Show," "Good Morning America," senior producer/head writer for "Attitudes" on the Lifetime Cable Channel, the Disney Channel, "Hollywood Closeup" on KABC, L.A. and National Geographic's "Explorer" TV magazine series.

On an independent level, Ally Acker has directed, written and produced a number of short films, including "Silver Apples of the Moon," a Junior Academy Award winner in 1979 and "The Tortoise and the Hare...The Real Story," a children's film.

Acker's other awards include the first Los Angeles Women in
Film/Annenberg Scholarship for Promise and Excellence in screen writing, a grant which helped support her master’s in fine arts program in screen writing and directing at Columbia University. Acker’s first screen play, "Crystal Crystal Burning Bright" won a Laurel Entertainment award, was a finalist in the Nicholls Fellowships given by the Academy of Motion Pictures, and has recently been optioned for production.

Acker formed The Reel Women Trust Foundation in 1985. The trust was designed to help resurrect the forgotten names in film and is nearing completion of its first documentary.

In addition to being a major writer and producer of films, Ms. Acker has written articles on film for MS Magazine. Her professional affiliations include memberships to New York Women in Film and the American Independent Video Federation.

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CALENDER LISTING: Denison University, Slayter Auditorium, Granville, Ohio— 8 p.m. Tuesday (Oct. 10) All-College Convocation featuring film writer/producer and director Ally Acker speaking on "Reel Women: Pioneers of the Cinema." Free. Call 614/587-6281 for more information.
October 13, 1989

Ms. Ally Acker  
c/o Saunders Farm  
Old Albany Post Road  
Garrison, New York 10524

Dear Ally:

I was sorry I did not have the opportunity to meet you while you were on campus this week, but I enjoyed hearing your presentation. I spoke with Suzanne Condray and she indicated you would like to have a poster.

Enclosed is a poster for your collection, as well as one for ours. I forgot to ask Tenna McCulley (your driver) to get your autograph. If it wouldn't be too much trouble, I would appreciate your signing our poster and returning it to us. I am enclosing a return envelope.

Once again, thank you for sharing your time with us.

Sincerely,

Clare Green  
Secretary

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Cinema Historian To Focus On 'Reel Women'

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