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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Several years ago I visited your "gallery space" while on a business trip to NYC. I have been on your mailing list since that time and have read the brochures you send out with each ensuing exhibit.

In each instance, I have conscientiously looked for some glimmer of merit in the shows you have held. Unfortunately, I must say that at no time have I found any of the stuff to have any redeeming social or artistic value whatsoever. Much of the time it has been almost unintelligible and completely lacking in any artistic creativity. And the written comments and critiques accompanying the various shows have been a type of artistic nonsensical double-talk, often in the psycho-babble realm!

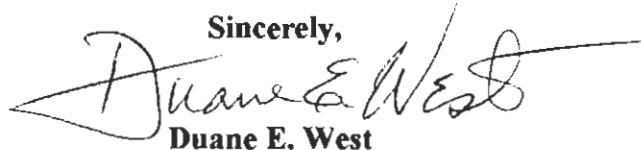
The kind of "stuff" you folks have been doing is precisely why the artistic world is having so much trouble getting support from the general public. And the piece for the show which ran from Feb. 24 through April 14-Q.P.M.A.F.- is a prime example: the writer went on and on about the size of his partner's penis, with hardly a mention or any discussion of the supposed topic-"TV as an artform".

I do not know who or what Matt Silverstein is. But I do find it very offensive that apex would let this sort of inane, salacious bovine fecal material appear in print, especially in light of public, tax payer funding apex receives.

I am not a prude, but there must be some limits to what we permit people to foist off onto the public. Try quality, quality, quality for starters!

At any rate, your allowing this first grader, bathroom humor to invade your space, is "the straw that broke the camel's back". Please remove my name from your mailing list.

Sincerely,



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