

# DONNELL MEDIA CENTER

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 2005 FILM/VIDEO PROGRAMS

PRESENTED BY DONNELL MEDIA CENTER

All programs held in the Donnell Library Center Auditorium  
20 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street (between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues) (212) 621-0609

ADMISSION FREE



The New York Public Library

- The front entrance display windows flanking the front entrance of Donnell Library Center will be the location of **Free Speech Zone**, a site-specific installation by artists **Nora Ligorano** and **Marshall Reese** on display from September 5 to October 2, 2005. Coinciding with Banned Book Week, Free Speech Zone explores challenges to America's foundation of free speech, and takes its title from the current practice of restricting the exercise of First Amendment rights into areas called "free speech zones."
- On September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M., media artists **Nora Ligorano** and **Marshall Reese** will present and discuss their site-specific installation **Free Speech Zone**. The installation, which will be exhibited in Donnell Library Center's display windows, explores the impact of censorship and underlines the importance of libraries. The installation takes its title from the current practice of restricting the exercise of First Amendment rights into areas called "free speech zones."

The artists will also introduce a number of children's book authors, **Judy Blume**, **Deborah Hautzig**, **Robert Lipsyte**, **Walter Dean Meyers**, **Phyllis Naylor**, **Peter Sis** and **Rita Williams-Garcia**, who will read selections from their own published works. The titles they will read have been challenged. In turn, the authors have challenged the challenges leveled against their

Saturday, September 24, 2005

2:30 P.M.

Special Film Program: Romancing the Stone

**Romancing the Stone**, 16mm film, color, 106 minutes

Directed by Robert Zemeckis, 1984

Starring Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito

Joan Wilder, a writer of best-selling romance novels, gets a chance to live out one of her stories when she unknowingly becomes the recipient of a treasure map. Her sister is kidnapped and the map is demanded as ransom for her release.

Thursday, September 29, 2005

6:00 P.M.

Meet The Makers...Free Speech Zone

The media artists **Nora Ligorano** and **Marshall Reese** who created the **Free Speech Zone** installation will briefly introduce the program. The following award-winning writers of works for children and young adults **Judy Blume**, **Deborah Hautzig**, **Robert Lipsyte**, **Walter Dean Meyers**, **Phyllis Naylor**, **Peter Sis** and **Rita Williams-Garcia** will read from their own banned and challenged books. The artists have been collaborating for over 20 years on videos, interactive installations, limited edition multiples and artists books. Their work dissects media through the manipulation of images and audio from print, television, the Internet and radio. They are the recipients of numerous awards, including support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York State Council on the Arts, the Jerome Foundation, Art Matters, Inc., the Puffin Foundation and the New York Foundation for the Arts.

*All programs subject to last-minute change or cancellation*