



## JEFF WALL

"Mimicking the archaic mannerisms of traditional genre painting, Jeff Wall turns his camera on the nameless dispossessed. The large scale back-lit transparencies that result evade both the solipsistic dreariness that has come to characterize much recent *photography about photography*, and the formulaic drudgeries that frequently neutralize politically oriented efforts. If, as Wall remarked in a recent interview, he has managed to evade the "dream world of art, to show something of the dirt and ugliness of the way we have to live", he has done so less by documentary exposition than by a tautly managed rhetorical manipulation of the image and its conventions."

- Jack Bankowsky, *Artforum*, 1989

Jeff Wall was born in Vancouver in 1946. He studied at the University of British Columbia, graduating with a Master of Arts degree in 1970. He did his doctoral research at the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London, England, from 1970 to 1973. He has taught at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Simon Fraser University, and is currently Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia. His work has been exhibited internationally, and is represented in numerous public and private collections. Jeff Wall lives and works in Vancouver.

### Selected Exhibitions      (s-solo, g-group, t-travelling)

- 1990 - Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario (s)
  - Ydessa Hendeles Art Foundation, Toronto, Ontario (s)
- 1989 - Galerie Johnen & Schöttle, Cologne, Germany (s)
  - Marian Goodman Gallery, New York, United States (s)
  - Galerie Grita Insam, Vienna, Austria (g,t)
  - Galerie Roger Pailhas, Marseille, France (g)
- 1988 - Westfälischer Kunstverein, Münster, Germany (s)
  - Le Nouveau Musée, Villeurbanne, France (s)
  - Studio Casoli, Milan, Italy (g)
- 1987 - Galerie Ghislaine Hussenot, Paris, France (s)
  - Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Basel, Switzerland (s)

### Selected Collections

Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa, Ontario  
Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario  
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario  
Vancouver Art Gallery, British Columbia  
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France