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Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller
The Paradise Institute

March 16 – April 27, 2002

Press preview: Friday, March 15, 11am - 1pm
Opening Reception: Friday, March 15, 6 - 8pm

Luhring Augustine is pleased to present Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller's multimedia, collaborative, project *The Paradise Institute*. This is Cardiff and Miller's first solo exhibition at the gallery.

Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller have forged a multimedia practice that international critics have identified as one of the most significant breakthroughs in conceptual art in the past decade. For the 2001 Venice Biennale, Cardiff and Miller produced *The Paradise Institute*, a 13 minute digital video experience combining film/video with the stunning stereo and binaural audio tracks that have become the trademark of their narrative, audio-driven walks through museums and urban landscapes. In this piece, as in others, the artists use sound and moving images in fundamentally new ways, effectively blurring the distinction between the actors in the film and the observers in the audience. For *The Paradise Institute*, Cardiff and Miller received the Biennale's Premio Prize, which is reserved for the most promising artists in the exhibition.

Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller are both Canadian, and currently live in Berlin, where Cardiff recently finished a DAAD fellowship. Their work has been presented at some of the most important venues for contemporary art, including the Carnegie International, Pittsburgh, The Hamburger Banhoff, Berlin, PS1 Contemporary Art Center, New York, and the Tate Modern, London.

Each thirteen-minute showing of *The Paradise Institute* can accommodate 16 people. As each viewer requires his or her own seat and headphones, this number is not flexible. In order to accommodate everyone comfortably, with the least amount of waiting time, showings on Saturday will be reserved by appointment only. We will also have a special press preview on Friday, March 15th from 11am to 1pm. For more information please contact Claudia Altman-Siegel or look on our website, www.luhringaugustine.com.