Sides (J.T. Takagi 1970) 7 min. sound. black and white. 16mm

A docudrama exploring racial tensions in 1970s New York highlighted in the social difficulties of an interracial relationship between an African American boy and a Chinese girl. (description from YFDC catalog)

Bridge High (Manny Kirchheimer 1976) 10 min. sound. black and white. 16mm

Poetic study of the George Washington Bridge. Presents an evocative passage across the suspension bridge choreographing cables, girders and arches in an exuberant dance.



Village Sunday (Stewart Wilensky 1960) 12 min. sound. color. 16mm



A docudrama that captures the spirit of Greenwich Village on a Sunday afternoon, this lively film attests to the vast array of local residents, artists, and tourists that populate this New York City neighborhood. Features musicians, poets, and artists in and around Washington Square Park as well as processions from the Festival of San Gennaro.

This film has been preserved by the Reserve Film and Video Collection of The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, with funding from the National Film Preservation Foundation.



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A showcase of 16mm films for UNESCO World Day for Audiovisual Heritage

The New York Public Library for the
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Featuring films from the Reserve Film and Video Collection

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Filmstrip image from Circles of Confusion





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PROGRAM

Introduction from Elena Rossi-Snook, Collection Specialist at the NYPL Reserve Film and Video Collection (RFVC)

Boundary Lines (Philip Stapp, 1951) 12 min. sound. color. 16mm



Philip Stapp's classic film on bigotry and hate traces the cause of these evils to the imaginary "boundary lines" men draw to divide themselves: lines of fear, possession, color, and greed. This highly stylized animation film with musical background is a plea to eliminate the artificial boundaries that divide people fro each other as individuals and as nations.

Considered the inspiration for the film Picture Your Mind.

Circles of Confusion (Bill Brand, 1974) 16 min. sound. color. 16mm With an introduction by Bill Brand!

"In this film, circles of colored light (red, green, blue) pulsate and flicker as they move around the frame. Where they intersect, they display a variety of secondary colors. The term, 'circles of confusion' belongs to the physics of lenses. Here it has to do with the focus of light. Here it refers to the focus of mental and emotional energies as an



irrational system for composing a film"- notes from the filmmaker

Becca Bender, NYU Moving Image Archiving and Preservation (MIAP) MA candidate and Archival Producer, talks about using the Reserve Film and Video Collection's print of the film Lay My Burden Down in a documentary.

Roslyn Romance (Bruce Baillie, 1977) 18 min. sound. color. 16mm



An avant-garde evocation of memory and family history. The central visual theme of the film consists of old photographs, family album stills and antique postcards. Baillie interweaves these images with rural domestic scenes in fall and winter. The soundtrack combines dialogue fragments, ethnic music and ambient noise.

Billabong (Will Hindle 1968) 9 min. sound. color. 16 mm



The filmmaker explores elements of frustration, tension and empty time and portrays the emotional states and anxieties of young men who are divorced from society and waiting to be taken into the military. The title refers to a stagnant pool of water. Hindle makes a collage of the isolated landscape and the solitary, waiting figures.