From Transcription to Transduction
Speech acts, audio collages, and re-enacted voices
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Since the introduction of the portable tape recorder in the late 1960s, artists, art historians and musicians have been experimenting with a dialogic form of writing and sonic compositions which incorporate the spoken voice in their work. In this lecture I will compare the work by art historian and feminist Carla Lonzi Autoritratto (Self-portrait, 1969) with the sound work Conversation Piece by artist William Furlong (1998). By drawing on examples from my own curatorial methodology and current research on the artist voice I will discuss issues of vocal expression, sound, performativity and montage. Focusing on dialogic strategies (including artists’ interviews, storytelling, body to body transmissions) I will look at the theatrical, evocative, mediated, and interactive qualities of the performative archive and how the activation of historical works can be seen as a potential utopic for the present rather than simply an inventory of documents from the past.

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