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-OFFICIAL BUSINESS-
THE FIRST NEW YORK
ART PARADE
September 15, 1983

GRAND FINALE: "SANITATION CELEBRATIONS"(c)

Dear Sanitation Worker, Dear Friend, from Mierle Laderman Ukeles
Artist in Residence

I take great pleasure in inviting you to march with me in the Grand
Finale of the First NYC Art Parade in History. I send this invitation to you
and to the members of your family who benefit most directly from your
very difficult labor.

The parade takes place on Tuesday, September 27, 1983, from 7 to 9
p.m., on Madison Avenue in Manhattan, from 104th Street south to 72nd Street,
and concludes with a celebration for participants only in Central Park. I know 7 to 9 at night is a difficult time for you—but that's the only
time THE ART PARADE could get, near many of NYC's greatest
museums. If you can manage to get there, it is guaranteed to KNOCK
YOUR EYES OUT! Your great-grandchildren will ask you if you were
there! This is IT: We'll rehearse at 106th and Madison Avenue between
Mad and 5th at 7:15p.m.
GRAND FINALE IN 4 Parts:

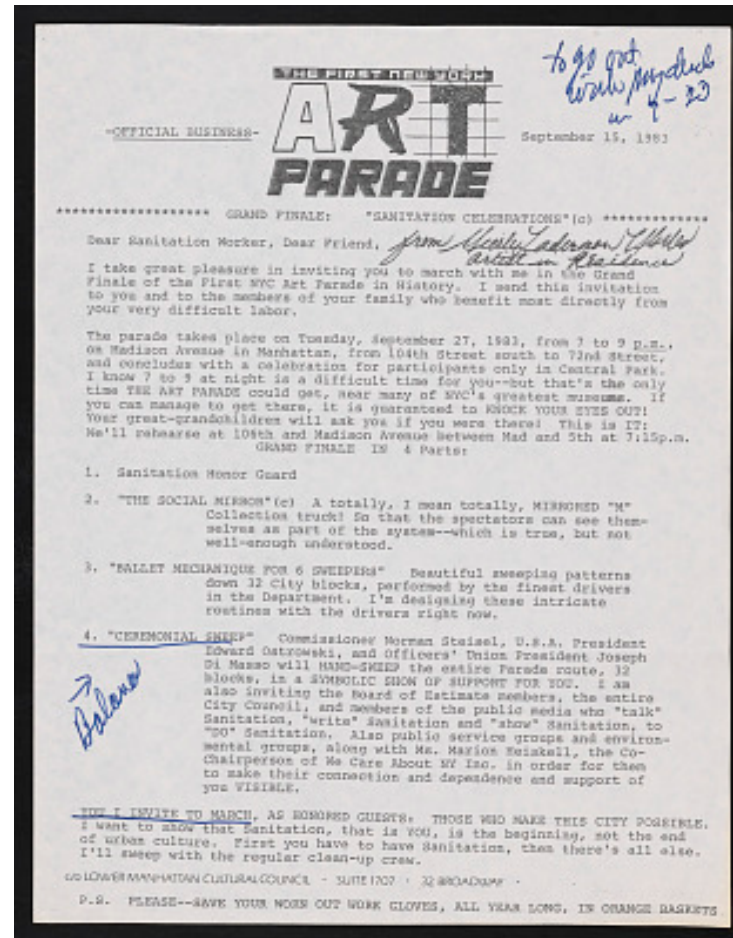
1. Sanitation Honor Guard

2. "THE SOCIAL MIRROR"(c) A totally, I mean totally, MIRRORED "M"
Collection truck! So that the spectators can see themselves as part of
the system—which is true, but not well-enough understood.

3. "BALLET MECHANIQUE FOR 6 SWEEPERS" Beautiful sweeping
patterns down 32 City blocks, performed by the finest drivers in the
Department. I'm designing these intricate routines with the drivers right
now.

[[note]] Bolono [[/note]] 4. "CEREMONIAL SWEEP" Commissioner
Norman Steisel, U.S.A. President Edward Ostrowski, and Officers'
Union President Joseph Di Masso will HAND-SWEEP the entire Parade
route, 32 blocks, in a SYMBOLIC SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR YOU. I
am also inviting the Board of Estimate members, the entire City Council,
and members of the public media who "talk" Sanitation, "write"
Sanitation and "show" Sanitation, to "DO" Sanitation. Also public service
groups and environmental groups, along with Ms. Marion Heiskell, the
Co-Chairperson of We Care About NYC Inc. in order for them to make
their connection and dependence and support of you VISIBLE.

YOU I INVITE TO MARCH, AS HONORED GUESTS: THOSE WHO
MAKE THIS CITY POSSIBLE. I want to show that Sanitation, that is
YOU, is the beginning, not the end of urban culture. First you have to
have Sanitation, then there's all else. I'll sweep with the regular clean-up
crew.



c/o LOWER MANHATTAN CULTURAL COUNCIL SUITE 1707 32
BROADWAY

P.S. PLEASE--SAVE YOUR WORN OUT WORK GLOVES, ALL YEAR
LONG, IN ORANGE BASKETS

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