

GALLERY SUBVERSIVE

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Dear To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Haleh Niazmand, and I am the gallery director and curator of *Gallery Subversive* in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The artist LG Williams gave me your email addresses and said that I should contact you. I apologize if this letter reaches you at an inappropriate time, but I thought you both might be interested in this important creative proposition.

I first met LG Williams last week during the national conference of the College Art Association in Atlanta, GA. He was masquerading as a “security officer,” wearing all black and flashing a security card. Most Americans would not think twice at LG’s presence, but as a 15-year Iranian exile I was immediately worried that I was under surveillance. And, despite his cheerful demeanor and handsome good looks he played the part very well and close to his chest.

After our chance meeting, I did not know what to think other than I needed to get back to my family in Iowa as soon as possible. However, on the last day of the conference, LG and I met again and he confessed that he was not a security agent, but a security fraud and imposter – in fact, he was an artist. I laughed and was relieved. LG then proceeded to pull out his Linc Art catalogues, *Duct and Cover* and *Covering Your Ass Since '69: The Linc Art Security Agent Handbook*. (By the way, these are great catalogues! Bravo to Linc Art for producing them!) All the tightly-knit humor in these artworks immediately brought a big smile to my face and, later, to my husband’s – and to you, too, it appears, since you both bought a couple of artworks from his last exhibition at Linc Art last year – namely, his “*Duct Taped Bibles*” – how funny!

After looking through Mr. Williams’s extensive art catalogues, most of them published in conjunction with Linc Art, our gallery was very impressed with his body of work. In fact, *Gallery Subversive* wants very much to curate and install LG’s most ambitious and largest art project, *LG Stands Tall* (2002), this April 1 – June 1. Indeed, we at *Gallery Subversive* believe these disturbing times demand it, and we are committed to see this

exhibition through. You may not be aware of this artwork, so I have included a picture of it.

The artwork consists of 183 statements: 343 lines of text or 2,317 words. I am sure you would agree, this artwork is really impressive and important. The full text of the artwork can be found at:

www.geocities.com/lgexhibitions/Perform_Install/lgstandstall/takeastand_poster.pdf

Now the reason that I am taking the time to write to you is to solicit your company's financial support. Due to this project's very large size and professional printing requirements we need help paying for its production. Since our gallery is non-profit, we must look for private and corporate sponsorship to help fund large installations like this one. We estimate that this exhibit will cost \$3000 to manufacture.



LG Williams, *LG Stands Tall*, 2002, *Wall Installation*

Of course, we are not asking for your company's full sponsorship of the exhibit (although we would not refuse it), but *Gallery Subversive* would appreciate any financial assistance you could provide to help produce this landmark exhibition. Moreover, given that both Linc Art and your private art collection may stand to gain from this undertaking, we think that this proposition would be beneficial to you, in the short and long term. In return, by way of extended thanks, *ecompliance.com* and Linc Art could expect that we would pass along a proportionate number of the manufactured artworks after closure the exhibition.

It is our hope that you will seriously consider this proposition and provide us with a donation. We would be delighted with any contribution you could make in this partnership to exhibit LG's bold and timely artwork. We will, of course, list all contributors in the documentation and promotional literature. Please feel free to contact me via email if you have any questions or concerns – or simply mail your contribution to: *LG Stands Tall*, Attn: *Gallery Subversive*, JG Cherry Building, 320 11th Ave SE Suite 3B, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401.

Sincerely,

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