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**MCA PRESENTS MAJOR INSTALLATION**  
**BY ARTIST ALIX PEARLSTEIN**

*Interiors* (1996), an installation work by New York-based artist Alix Pearlstein, will be on view in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor video gallery of the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) from June 20 through August 17, 1997. Pearlstein's installation encompasses video, sculpture and a series of collages, all tightly connected through the use of recurring images.

The artist appears in the six-part video against a backdrop of imaginary interior spaces taken from six of the collages. The collages were created with images taken from art and interior design magazines as well as popular publications. Pearlstein is seen in the guises of characters featured in the same commercial imagery, personalities ranging from the Playboy Party Jokes girl to the Energizer bunny. The characters work and play in their interiors which become transformed through their interventions. A common object appears in each scene, thus linking the whole piece together.

Displayed around the gallery space is the series of collages from which the interior imagery of the video was drawn. The spectator is provided with his or her own "interior," a chair and carpet placed in front of the video monitor which mirrors a similar set appearing in the video. *Interiors* was previously shown at the Postmasters Gallery in New York City in September 1996. Its exhibition at the MCA was organized by Curatorial Assistant Dominic Molon.

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Pearlstein's work also appeared in the MCA 1995 video program Use Your Allusion: Recent Video Art. She has exhibited internationally in both solo and group exhibitions.

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