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The Library of Babel

Vicki Bennett aka
People Like Us (UK)

George A. Miller Visiting Artist

Monday
November 11, 2024
6:00 pm

Knights Auditorium
Spurlock Museum
600 South Gregory, Urbana
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

screening and discussion
Introduction by special guest Hearty White

Inspired by a 1941 Jorge Luis Borges short story, *The Library of Babel* (2024) explores themes related to the complex interplay of infinity, knowledge, and the cosmic fabric, presented through the metaphor of a vast, seemingly infinite library. In her film inspired by the story, artist Vicki Bennett relies on an amalgamation of audio-visual collage and intricate editing techniques to reconfigure, decompose, redirect, and recombine images with sounds that are often already ingrained in audience's collective consciousness. Rather than adhering to a linear progression of events, her thematic narrative unfolds in layered complexities, offering a fragmented but coherent tale achieved through a blend of various sources and an 'exquisite corpse' approach.

The screening will be followed by a discussion with Bennett and White on their independent and collaborative creative journeys in seeking meaning, social connection, and joy through the mediums of radio, video, and performance.

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