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***LAST PICTURE SHOW* ARTIST JOHN BALDESSARI  
TO DISCUSS HIS WORK AT WALKER ART CENTER NOVEMBER 18**

**John Baldessari**, one of 57 artists represented in the Walker Art Center exhibition *The Last Picture Show: Artists Using Photography, 1960–1982*, will discuss his work at 7 pm Tuesday, November 18, in the Walker Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 (\$4 Walker members and students).

Although Baldessari began his career as a painter, he turned to photography in the 1960s in order to challenge the conventions of traditional artistic media. As an early entrant into the field of appropriation, he began to construct a series of photo-based works taken from stills of Hollywood films. His work has since expanded to include projects in film, video, and installation.

Born in National City, CA in 1931, John Baldessari studied art, literature, and art history at San Diego State College and the University of California, Berkeley. Baldessari is the recipient of several prestigious awards including a Guggenheim Award in 1986; the Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in Visual Arts in California in 1997; and a Spectrum-International Award for Photography from the Foundation of Lower Saxony, Germany, as well as a College Art Associations Lifetime Achievement Award, both in 1999. His work has been featured in numerous national and international solo and group shows for the past thirty years. He holds honorary degrees from the Otis Art Institute of Parsons School of Design and San Diego State University and currently teaches at UCLA.

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Focusing on a roughly 20-year period of history, *The Last Picture Show* features more than 200 photographic works by artists who took up the camera as a tool in pursuit of a diverse range of artistic experiments that provocatively intersected with the realms of sculpture, painting, and performance. The exhibition remains on view through January 4.

Baldessari's Artist Talk is made possible by generous support from Aaron and Carol Mack.

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**The Walker Art Center is located at 725 Vineland Place,  
at Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, one block off Highway I-94.  
For public information, call 612.375.7622.  
Gallery hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 10 am–5 pm;  
Thursday, 10 am–9 pm; Sunday, 11 am–5 pm; closed Monday.  
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