

# Zephyr



*Zephyr and me on  
the streets of NYC.*

Zephyr was one of the great loves of my life. We met at the FUN Gallery and he introduced me to his world. Zeph was **"King of the Line"** which meant he had more pieces running on the subway at that time than anyone else.



*Zephyr dedicated a piece on the Upper West Side, "For Anita."*



Patti Astor  
and her  
partner Bill  
Stelling  
started the  
**FUN Gallery.**



Before the  
FUN Gallery  
opened in  
1981, Patti's  
studio  
apartment on  
3rd Street  
was party  
central.  
Futura 2000  
painted the  
walls and  
Patti threw an  
**"Art Opening  
and BBQ."**

Lenny McGurr  
aka Futura 2000  
with Patti Astor in  
front of his piece.





## Keith Haring

One night at a party I ran into Keith Haring and told him about the pictures I had taken of his subway chalk drawings. Keith asked me, "**What station do you live near and what trains do you ride?**" The next morning from 86th Street down to St. Marks Place Keith had drawn figures taking flash photos - just for me.







*Patti joins Futura and gets in on the fun.*

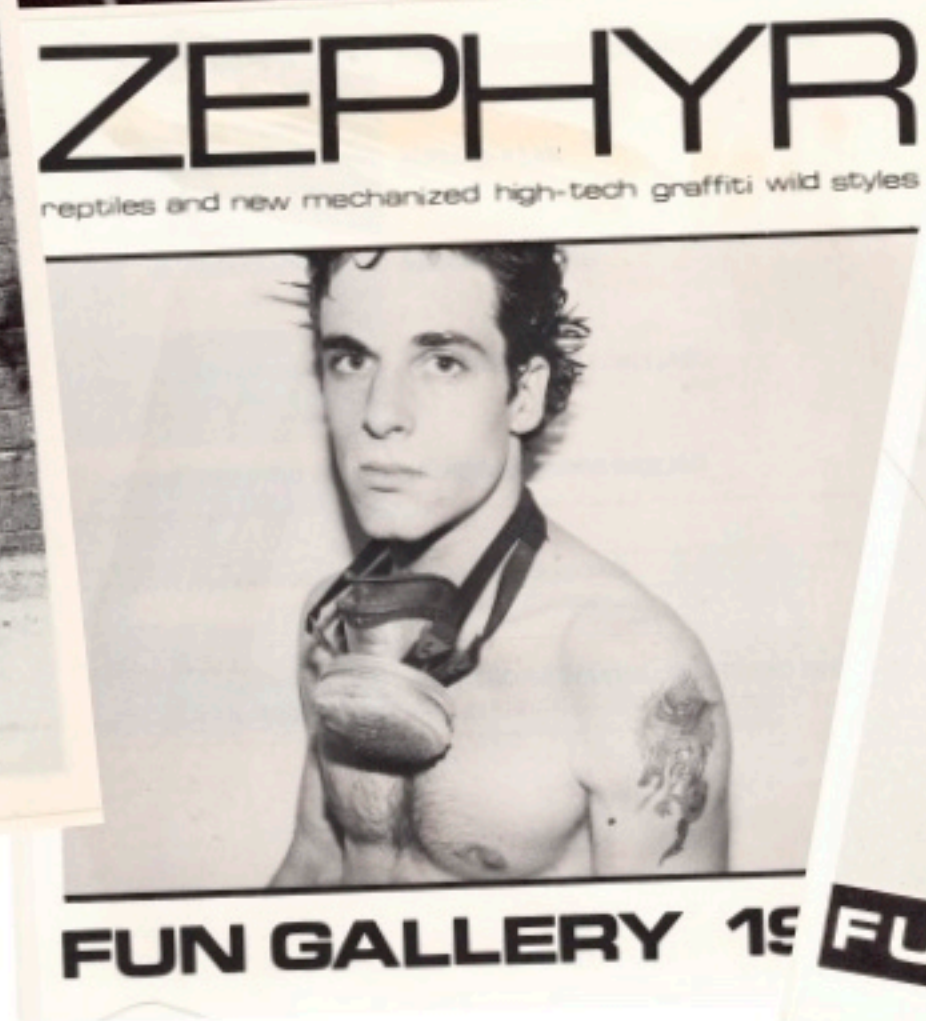
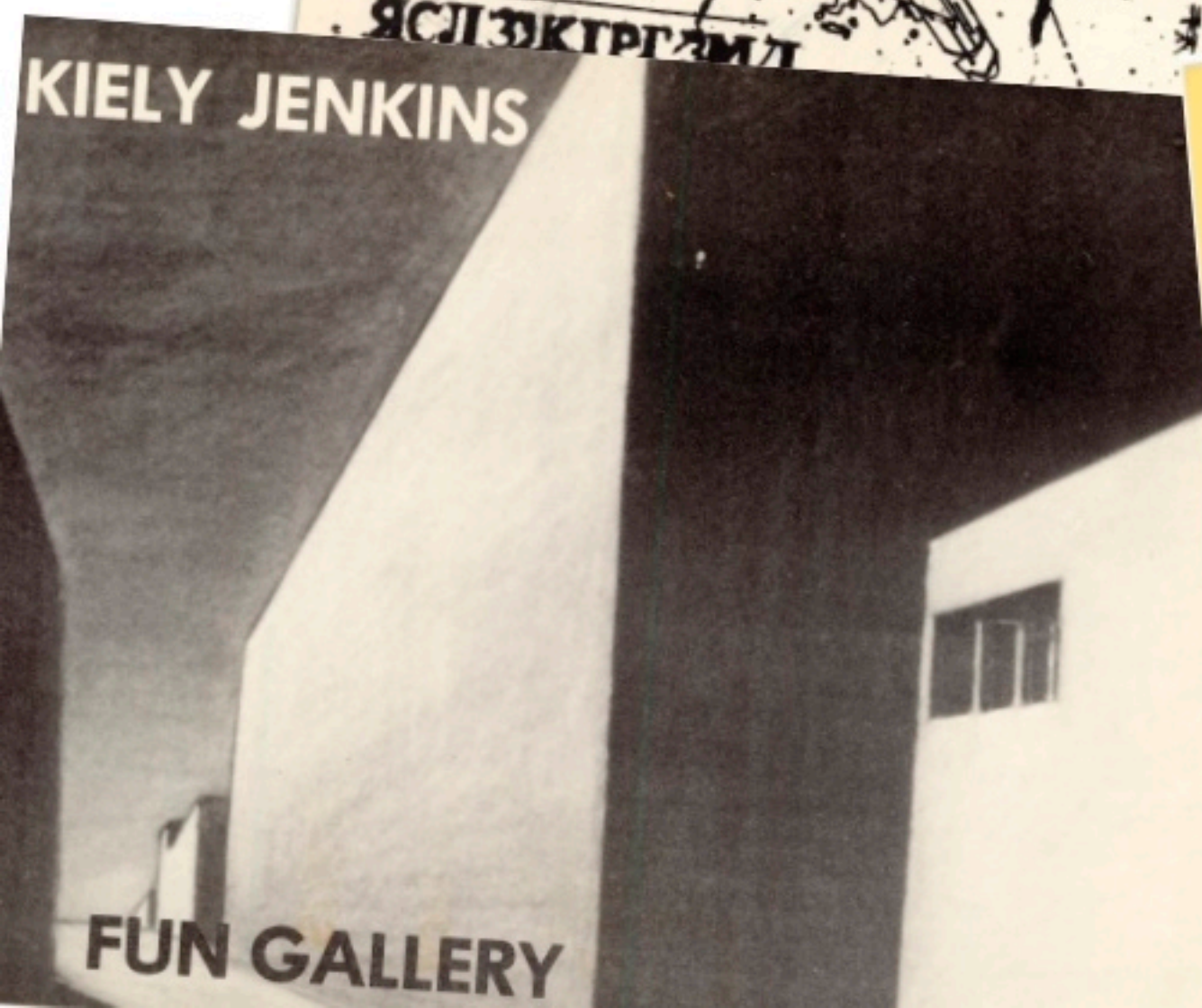


*Zeph organizing his colors.*





Patti and Bill started the FUN Gallery at 11th Street and then moved to 10th Street. The exhibitions and openings were spectacular. All the hot artists of the day were showing there.



FUN Gallery invites were art pieces.



# Dondi

*"**Dondi White**, caught on film by Anita, at the FUN Gallery. This photo is taken at the height of Mr. White's fine art career. Dondi loved painting canvas, slowly educating his new public, and mingling at art openings. Dondi's charisma and sense of humor were on par with his remarkable artistic talent. Accusations that his interest in producing fine art helped put an end to the New York City subway painting movement (Dondi White is considered the greatest subway painter of his time) are without merit. Dondi would always return to the New Lots train yard (walking distance from his Brooklyn home) with cans in hand, to recharge his batteries and send some new pieces out into the world. Dondi White died in 1998 at age 37. His death was the result of AIDS, contracted from "dirty" blood administered to him after being stabbed in a street robbery."*

**- Zephyr**



*Dondi White next to Kenny's customized plastic plant.*