



Dear Dylan,

ça va?

I just arrived back in the USA after a two month sojourn in the City of Light(s) where ironically its is near impossible to find a standard 100 watt light bulb (both in use and for sale). However upon arrival here in New York City the contrast of abundant cutting edge consumer products (America as "leader of the free world" ?!) with paradoxically traces or infrastructure of a third world country (the electrical grid, as the subway system, are both something out of the past) translate to a proliferation of cheap LED light bulbs alongside the continued sale of incandescent light bulbs in all sorts of shapes, sizes, colors etc. as if these light bulbs from the 20th century are still here in defiance of a shifting modernity... or somehow my travel across the ocean has landed me in the light bulb aisle of a hardware store in the 1990's.

But why incandescent light? I think we all know the downsides to this technology: less than 5 percent of the energy going to the bulb is converted into visible light. the remaining energy is lost as heat. Thus this formerly "standard" technology turned "classic" consumes many times more watts per lumen as say an LED light (Light Emitting Diode) or fluorescent light bulb ("energy saving lamp"). As these new technologies continue to improve and advance they are however (at least today in 2020) inferior to the incandescent bulb in terms of color rendering and in general unable to reproduce other aesthetic qualities unique to the incandescent or filament light source.

For my site specific-lighting intervention over the next 12 months at the EFA Project Space I will be exploring not only the aesthetic qualities of incandescent light but also visit and re-visit the situation of the incandescent bulb in the 21st century in terms of its environmental and economic impact in contrast with energy saving alternatives (such as LED lights). I also intend to highlight what I consider a paradigm shift in what is considered "neutral" or "white" or aesthetically pleasing electric light both in the quotidien or vernacular uses and within the more specialized art world setting.

This project will be realized via the following steps:

- The creation of a lighting kit or inventory for the EFA Project Space consisting of a selection of various forms of light bulbs to be used in the track lighting lamps that are provided with the gallery space.
- Working with the EFA Project Space team to modify or amend the electrical infrastructure of the space (additional lighting tracks, dimmers, new outlets etc.)
- Publishing a series of zines to both highlight and expand upon ideas behind the work.

I am asking artists and curators to work with my collection of incandescent light bulbs and have written some guidelines for lighting a show or performance etc. with the bulbs in order to display or give a hint towards some of the many lighting situations that are possible.... (see below).

I see the inventory of incandescent light bulbs and the protocol or "guidelines" of how to use them to be somewhat flexible. My initial selection of bulbs is a mediation on the light bulb as a display tool and object; taking into account shapes, colors, light output, and other aesthetic qualities. The collection includes directional bulbs, color bulbs, and a few iconic forms (such as the S14 shape "sign bulb" formerly used throughout Times Square on marquee displays).

Looking forward, Bien à toi,

Nicholas

Guidelines for using the incandescent light bulb kit

For lighting a show in the gallery where high visibility is desired, the halogen flood lights and/ or the R40 flood lights will be the go-to models to incorporate in the installation.

For more chiaroscuro effect use the halogen spot lights and/or the Ellipsoidal Reflector ER95 spotlights and/ or low wattage lights.

Finally I ask that one or more of the following be incorporated in the installation:

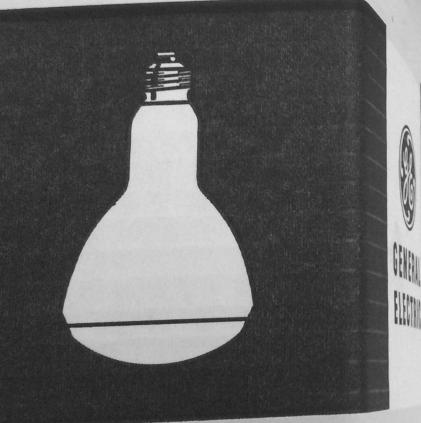
- 1 or more silver bowl light bulbs (this light bulb can be used for an indirect effect bouncing light off the ceiling)
- -1 or more color spot lights or flood lights (can be discreet, i.e. lower wattage etc.)
- -1 or more Ellipsoidal Reflector ER95 spotlight (several of these can be used together for evenly lighting a wall or object)

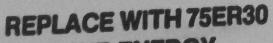


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