

Paper Piece

for solo performer

Duration: unlimited

Materials Needed: A college ruled notebook (spiral bound or perforated), a contact microphone, small amplifier and mechanical pencil

Performance Preparation: Place the contact microphone about 6-8 sheets under the sheets that you will be writing on, be sure to use tape to keep the microphone in place while the performance is happening.

Performance Practice: Sit down and write an audience member a letter. Make mistakes. Erase. Crumple-up your first draft and throw it behind you. Try writing the letter again. Again, make mistakes. Erase and scribble. Maybe draw a doodle or two. This time tear the paper up, maybe into long strips or maybe little piece by little piece. On a fresh sheet begin writing again. This time write "Done" on the page. When you have finished writing the word and decorating the page, slowly remove the page from your notebook. Fold the page as if you were going to put it in a envelope. Hand the letter to a person in the front row.