

# dave hickey + ed ruscha

They walk in - "I feel like Stephen Colbert" - DH  
Trouble with microphone - "it is all just too perfect!" - DH  
"We are like Sherlock and Dr. Watson." - DH "No I think we are like Lewis and Clark." - ER "We need a Sacagawea."

## 26 GASOLINE STATIONS

ER - OKLAHOMA to CALIFORNIA; "the number 26 has always pointed me in the direction of what to do"; excitement of traveling; in 1952/1953 took 26 rides to miami and took 26 rides back; "seemed like a marriage in heaven."

## OTHER EXAMPLES

34 PARKING LOTS; REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITIES → "THIS WAS HIS FIRST VENTURE IN LANDSCAPE PAINTING."

VARIOUS SMALL FIRES; NINE SWIMMING POOLS;

"1940s - 1950s LOS ANGELES IS CAPTURED IN HIS WORK. THERE IS AN ESSENTIAL SWEETNESS. IT IS KIND OF LIKE Chet Baker's music." - DAVE HICKEY

## STANDARD STATION ON FIRE + NORMS RESTAURANT ON FIRE

"It isn't the absolute it is incarnate." - DH

"These paintings are my cosmic sweetspot, they became my friends. They enlightened me to you." - ER

"We all know how to do this type of work but Ed put his stamp on it." - DH

"There is a difference between painting something and what the subject is. Painting and what you are trying to paint. A painting is a picture made of paint." - ER

"The simplicity of something has to be like it is." - ER

## MEAN AS HELL + SHE SURE KNEW HER DEVOTIONALS

"This was my entry in the world of complete sentences."

"My work is a gumbo of gravel and it is spit out. The logic isn't clear." - ER "You think you can figure out Ed's work, but you can't." - DH



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□ RANDOM THOUGHTS - ER

"ARTISTS need a negative environment to make things happen. You can't just capture beauty alone, you need something to antagonize with it."

□ BLISS BUCKET

"This is unlikely things coming together." "Music and mattress - this is about rest, this is the iconography of rest." "BUCKET OF BLISS" (?)

□ BOOKS

FOUR EDGE BOOKS - "I like blank pages"  
DH: "IF YOU COME TO SANTA FE, BRING YOUR OWN FOOD."

□ BLANK WHITE CANVAS

"CENSOR STRIPS OR DUMB BLOCKS" "Read the title and understand or make up your own."

□ Phalldrones paintings

"TVLSA SLUT" ← DH "That is a word you hear everyday" // "STEP ON NO PETS" // "STAB NAILS AT ALL ITALIAN BATS"

□ RANDOM THOUGHTS

"Culture begins at symmetry then escapes it. Nature aspires to symmetry but never achieves it. These divisions are the history of culture."

- DH; "I have a romance with books"; connects with phrases and things that grab him - ER

"I design and work like the guy who works for the phone company and is designing for the company picnic." - ER