

AUGUST 6, 1945  
HIROSHIMA



*"Today . . . the wretched scenes of that time float up before me like phantoms. In an instant it became dark as night."*

— 11 year old atom bomb victim

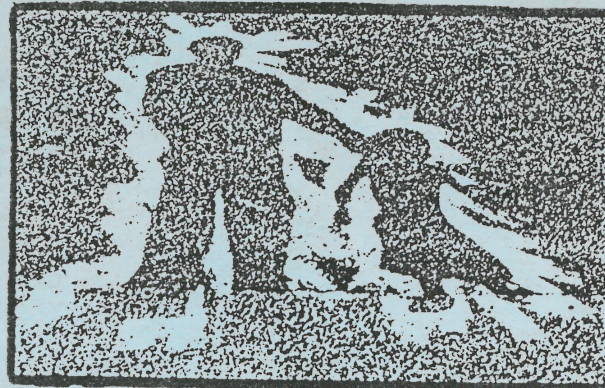
AUGUST 6, 1982  
NEW YORK CITY



*"We want people to ask questions, to inquire about what they've seen. This is no parade. Nor is it an isolated event."*

— organizer  
New York Shadow Project

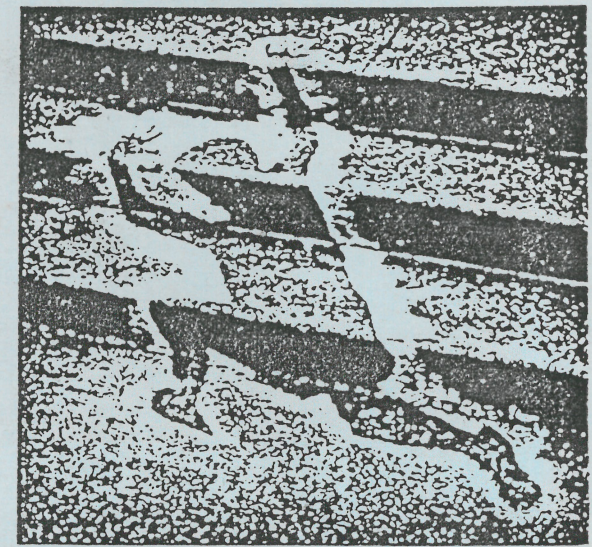
AUGUST 6, 1983  
PORTLAND, OREGON



*"This project . . . made me begin to realize the personal horror associated with nuclear war, made me begin to understand that passivity around this issue was, in fact, the same as . . . standing still, waiting to be vaporized."*

— participant

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AUGUST 6, 1985



# THE INTERNATIONAL SHADOW PROJECT

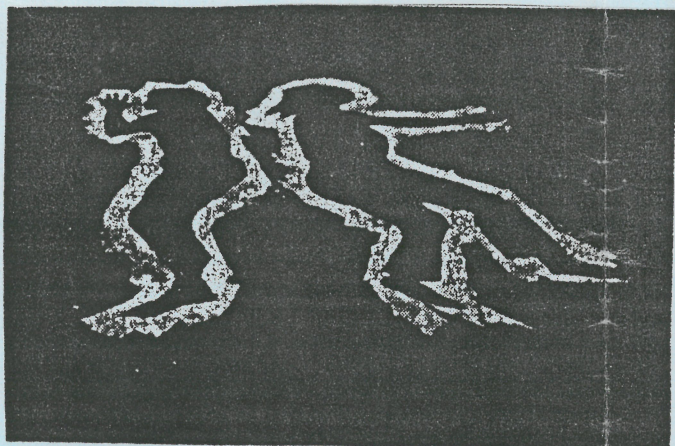
## 1985

*"By scattering images across the face of the earth, we hope to nourish the collective imagination. It is possible, indeed it is our expectation, that people seeing for themselves what will be left after nuclear war will not only act to preserve their own lives, but to continue all life on earth."*

— Alan Gussow



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WHEN THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB EXPLODED OVER HIROSHIMA FORTY YEARS AGO TODAY, HUMAN BEINGS WHO WERE WITHIN THREE HUNDRES METRES OF GROUND ZERO WERE INSTANTLY VAPOURIZED BY THE SEARING HEAT, LEAVING BEHIND ONLY THEIR SHADOWS.

THE REMNANTS OF THESE INNOCENT VICTIMS PROVIDE THE IMAGE AND THEME OF THE SHADOW PROJECT, A SOLEMN MEMORIAL WITH A SINGLE PURPOSE: TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND AND IMAGINE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF LIFE.

THE SILENT, ANONYMOUS SHADOWS SCATTERED THOUGHOUT KAMLOOPS ARE REPRESENTATIONS OF A SIGHT WHICH, IF A BOMB HAD BEEN DETONATED, WOULD BE SEEN BY NO ONE. UNLIKE THE SHADOWS LEFT BY A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST, THE IMAGES PAINTED ON THE STREETS ARE NOT PERMANENT.

KAMLOOPS 19??



AS RESPONSIBLE HUMAN BEINGS, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SHADOW PROJECT WANT TO MAKE THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION VIVID. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PROVIDE IMAGES THAT WILL AWAKEN ALL OF US TO THE IMMEASURABLE THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE POSED BY NUCLEAR ARSENALS. THOSE WHO VIEW THE HUMAN SHADOWS ARE ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY PERSONALLY WITH VICTIMS OF NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION. WE NEED TO DRAW THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE PRESENT ARMS BUILD-UP AND THE INEVITABILITY OF THE SAME SORT OF HOLOCAUST THAT OCCURRED AT HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI. IT IS OUR EXPECTATION THAT PEOPLE, SEEING WHAT IS LEFT AFTER NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST, WILL TAKE ACTIONS TOGETHER TO PRESERVE LIFE ON EARTH AND AVERT OUR COLLECTIVE DISINTEGRATION.

MEMORIAL FOR THE VICTIMS  
OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

MEMORIAL PARK, 2ND & BATTLE, 8:00 PM, AUGUST 6, 1985