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Mr. and Mrs. James Walton
5601 Aylesboro Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217

Dear Ellen and Jim:

I would like to invite you to the premier of The Text of Light, a new film by Stan Brakhage, one of the leading, if not the foremost, independent film makers. This is the Film Section's offering to celebrate the opening of the Sarah Scaife Gallery. The film will be screened in the new theater on Saturday, October 26 at 8:30 p.m.

The film is completely abstract, and difficult if your expectations are literary and narrative vis à vis Hollywood, as is the case with many of us. Nevertheless it is one of the most lyrically beautiful compositions of light and shadow (the essence of the film medium) that I have ever seen, and I would like very much to share it with you on this occasion.

I realize what a full week it will be for all concerned with the opening of the new gallery so will perfectly understand if you are unable to attend. However, since so many are eager to come to the premier, I would appreciate it if you could let me know by the 18th if you do want tickets. It would be our pleasure to send them to you.

Most sincerely,

Sally F. Dixon
Curator, Film Section

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