

Brainwashed - John Giorno, 1934-2019

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We are devastated by the loss of our brainwashed family member John Giorno.

Giorno was a NYC-based poet, artist, musician, and label owner who founded [Giorno Poetry Systems](#) in 1972, initially to release recordings that were served up on the Dial-A-Poem hotline. Over the years, GPS was responsible for issuing numerous collections with words contributed by William S. Burroughs, Anne Waldman, and Jim Carroll and music by Cabaret Voltaire, Coil, Diamanda Galas, Einsturzende Neubauten, and Swans.

Giorno kept active and his current exhibition, [Do the Undone](#), is running through October 26th in NYC.

[A wonderful obituary has been published by Art Forum.](#)

We wish his friends and family our deepest sympathies.