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**JOHAN GRIMONPREZ
*INFLIGHT!***

**FROM SKYJACKED TO SPACENAPPED: WORDS
TO READ IN THE SKY
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INFLIGHT, conceived by JOHAN GRIMONPREZ, is a spin-off from the standard airline magazine you find waiting in any airplane seat pocket complete with barfbag, safety instructions, flight routes and feature articles. It is based on the inspiring idea of collecting literature for the sky.

INFLIGHT breaks a basic convention of sky reading by focusing our attention on the history of airline hijacking. An obsessively researched collection of articles takes us on an exciting detour from the seamlessly peaceful world of showbiz chats and international recipes usually provided to relax air passengers. By sourcing 30 years of news archives on the subject, he also subtly scrutinizes the media's influence in shaping our understanding of polemic world events. It reports that today the hijacker character has virtually vanished from our screens.

With a growing fear of the political unknown, attention on aliens is up! We were Skyjacked in planes, now spacenapped in UFOs and cyberjacked over the net.

'Inflight' also describes the concept of the show he has created to launch the magazine at Deitch Projects. Grimonprez has created an INFLIGHT lounge, with comfortable furniture, coffee and a soundscape containing an audio library where the visitors can choose their own movie soundtrack. A jetwalk corridor of iconography leads us into the main gallery in which a giant wall map indicates the history of skyjack and spacenap routes. On the show's opening night, DAVID SHEA, who compiled the unforgettable sound track for Grimonprez's acclaimed film dial H-I-S-T-O-R-Y that screened at Deitch Projects in 1997, will spin a

special selection of tunes to the images of a 'pre-KIRK' movieclip of WILLIAM SHATNER acting out a manic fear of flying. During the show, this soundtrack will be broadcast as a pirate radio frequency to a series of boomboxes.

Enjoy your detour!

Inflight stewardess : CENDRINE du WELZ

Sound devices: SUSUMU KOMATSU

Radio soundscape: DARAGH REEVES

Soundtrack : DAVID SHEA

Lounge furniture provided by TOTEM

I N F L I G H T

by Johan Grimonprez

Features include : Intro by WILLIAM BURROUGHS; LEILAKHALED's Skyjack Journal; An interview with NOEL GODIN "The entarter who flanned BILL GATES"; "Gravity as a Psychiatric Construct" by psychologist Dr. DAVID G.HUBBARD; "Digital Zapatismo" by RICARDO DOMINGUEZ; and contributions by DON DELILLO, CAPTAIN HAAS, CAPTAIN JOHN TESTRAKE and many others.

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