

Art Love Monday – NZ's Len Lye Centre

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Most often when we talk about art on Daily Concepts, we're mentioning an exhibition opening. This post, however, goes a bit further. Indeed, it focuses on the opening of a new museum – the Len Lye Centre.



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Opening on July 25, 2015 in New Plymouth, New Zealand, the museum is dedicated to the works of artist Len Lye (1901-1980). The modernist artist was driven by a passion for pulling forth the artistic side of motion and energy through film, poetry, painting and kinetic sculpture.

Prior to his death, Lye donated a collection of his works to the The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Zealand's museum of contemporary art, which he referred to as the "swingiest art gallery in the antipodes." In keeping with Lye's view of the museum, Patterson Associates designed the Lye Centre with curved exterior walls made of mirror-like stainless steel.



Inside the museum will be everything from Lye's paintings and photograms to rare books and kinetic sculptures. A shared focus of Lye's works – the relationship between art, individuality, and happiness.



Len Lye Fountain 1963-1976. Stainless steel on formica and chipboard base, motorised, 460 x 390 diameter cm, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery Collection

A message seen on the site for the forthcoming museum that's already inspired us: Individual Happiness Now.

We can't wait to delve further into Lye's world.

To follow the Len Lye Centre as it heads towards its July 25, 2015 opening, visit <http://govettbrewster.com/Len-Lye/Len-Lye>. For more information about the Govett-Brewster Contemporary Art Museum visit <http://govettbrewster.com/>.