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light gallery by the sound of water and pipes—dripping, rushing, bubbling, and clang— an original sound composition by Mike Van Liew. The first room with its industrial character is contrasted by the gentle humor of the domestic kitchen. The tactile nature of the space is given an additional layer of meaning with the biweekly performances of dancer/choreographer, Linda K. Johnson.

This unique presentation is the result of industry, labor, and the area community working together. The materials for Pipe Dreams were donated by Ameron Pipe Group, DeTemple Company, Familiar Northwest, Grinnell Supply, J.D. Mechanical, and Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services. Financial support was provided by CH2M Hill, Plumber & Pipe Fitters Local 290, Burdock Burn, and the Regional Arts & Culture Council.



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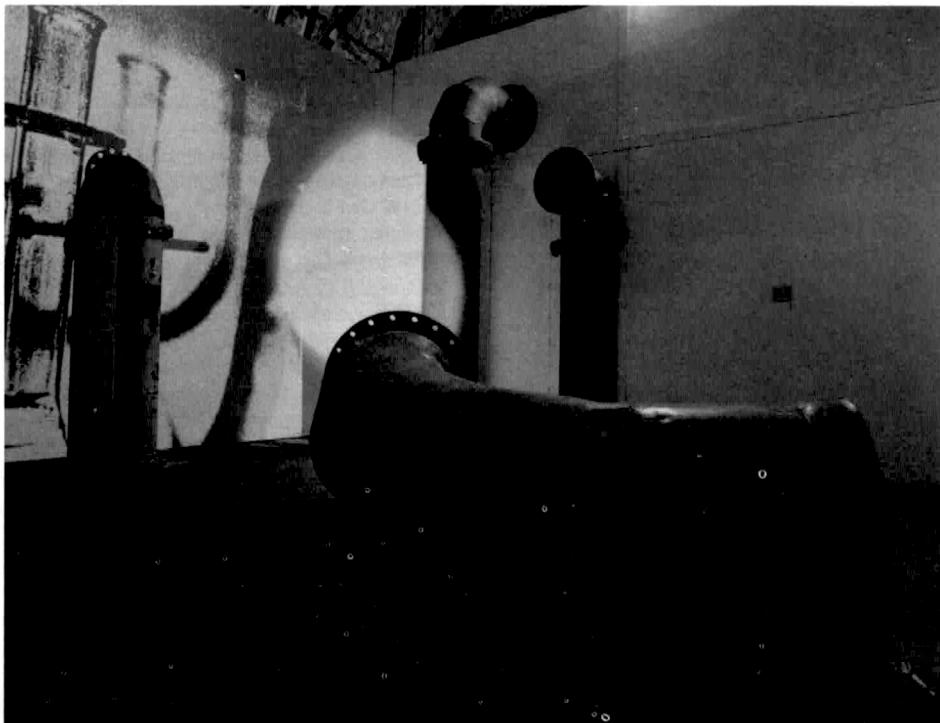
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