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Desire Lines

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Desire lines are paths created by human, animal or vehicular traffic, often representing a short cut or disruption of land. These paths run contrary to the designs of urban planning and resist the rules of how public and private spaces are meant to be used. They are an index of disobedience and movement.

Shot entirely in parking lots over the course of a year and a half, *Desire Lines* records humans, animals and automobiles behaving in a similar manner; with the urgency to perform actions that override the behavioral programming of the place they occupy. The film surveys various customs and rituals that are carried out in the vast areas adjacent to shopping malls, sports stadiums, schools, and other venues throughout the United States.

“The shopping strip and its paved surroundings are so ubiquitous in the American landscape that often people never give this entire phenomenon a second thought, it is a universally accepted part of everyone’s collective unconscious... then some have a subliminal identity with things in their environment, they recognize the presence of this hostile slab which inspires a range of interpretations. Things are done spontaneously that give life to what is otherwise considered dead...” -James Wines



Desire Lines was filmed in Birmingham, AL, Huntsville, AL, Los Angeles, CA, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Hallandale Beach, FL, Miami, FL, Atlanta, GA, New Orleans, LA, Berlin, MD, Greensboro, NC, Greenville, NC, Raleigh, NC, Statesville, NC, Philadelphia, PA, Albuquerque, NM, Belen, NM, Edgewood, NM, Columbia, SC, Pine Ridge, SD, Yankton, SD, Bartlett, TN, Memphis, TN, and South Boston, VA.

The film features original music and sound design by Joe Williams.

Tommy Malekoff (b. 1992) is a New York based artist from North Carolina. His work with video and photography deals with insular worlds and displaced phenomena in the American landscape. His work has been exhibited in New York, Detroit, and Tokyo.