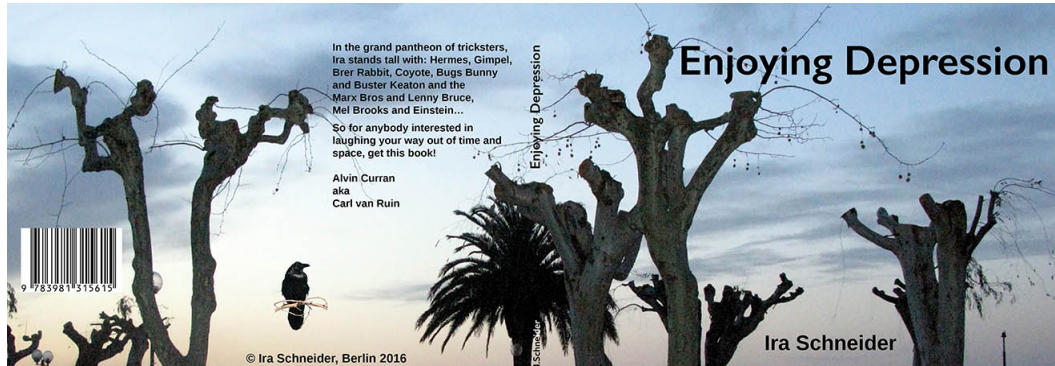


Sunday April 24,2016 - 2-6 pm

Book Launch:

"Enjoying Depression"

By Ira Schenider



A humorous commentary to today's living conditions with many pictures and a few short videos.

This book contains anecdotes, photos and the antics of a band of pranksters at an Ivy League University in the late '50s.

It is full of aphorisms and one senses the influence of existentialism and Theatre of the Absurd (Ionesco, S. Becket) and lot of satirical commentaries on the art world.

And when in the end of the 50s the term "happenings" arose in the art world, Schneider already had several of these performances (perpetrations) staged in public. These are recounted in the book. A Schneider ad-hoc performance at Brown University 1959 is described by Willoughby Sharp (publisher of *Avalanche*).

It includes links to 4 short videos:

"Austerity Breeds Contempt", 2011

"The Great Suds your Duds Robbery", 1963

"Schneider marries his SONYa", 1999

"Schneider to Marry", 2013

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