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New York activist artist Mierle Laderman Ukeles s 1969 manifesto MaintenanceArt: Proposal for an Exhibition was a major intervention in feminist performanceand public art challenging the domestic role of women. Ukeles proclaimed herselfa maintenance artist arguing for the intimate relationship between creativeproduction in the public sphere and domestic labor a relationship whoseintricacies she has been unraveling ever since. Starting in 1977, she became

an unsalaried artist-in-residence at the New York City Department of Sanitation, a position that enabled her to introduce radical public art as mainstream culture into an urban system serving and owned by the municipal population. This substantial and long overdue monograph documents her art ballets, a series of large-scale collaborative performances involving workers, trucks, barges and tons of recyclables performed between 1983 and 2012. Texts by Kari Conte, Krist Gruijthuisen plus a conversation with Ukeles, Tom Finkelpearl and Shannon Jackson.