Record Nr. UNINA9910554212403321 Autore Kitnick Alex <1981-> Titolo Distant early warning: Marshall McLuhan and the transformation of the avant-garde / / Alex Kitnick [[electronic resource]] Chicago:,: The University of Chicago Press,, 2021 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-226-75359-X 1 online resource (224 p.): 56 halftones Descrizione fisica Collana Chicago scholarship online 111.85 Disciplina Soggetti Avant-garde (Aesthetics) Art, Modern - 20th century - Philosophy Art criticism - History - 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Also issued in print: 2021. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Frontmatter -- Contents -- Introduction -- 1. The Age of Mechanical Nota di contenuto Production -- 2. What It Means to Be Avant-Garde -- 3. Lights On -- 4. Electronic Opera -- 5. Massage, ca. 1966 -- 6. Information Environment -- 7. Culture Was His Business -- Postscript: McLuhan's Art Today -- Acknowledgments -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980) is best known as a media theorist many consider him the founder of media studies - but he was an important theorist of art, too. A near-household name for decades, McLuhan remains a fascinating and even cultish figure in art history. However, his connections with the art of his own time has been largely unexplored. Art historian Alex Kitnick delves into these rich connections and argues both that McLuhan was influenced by art and artists and, more interestingly, that McLuhan's work directly influenced the art and artists of his time. Kitnick builds the story of McLuhan's entanglement with artists by carefully forging connections between him, his theories, and the artists themselves. The story is packed with

Warhol, Nam June Paik, and others.

big names: Marcel Duchamp, Jasper Johns, Niki de Saint Phalle, Andy