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An Art Historian's Recipe is a short film homage to art historian Douglas Crimp (1944-2019). In the 1970s, Crimp and his boyfriend attempted to publish a Moroccan cookbook in New York City, but their project failed and the book was never published. The film's narration consists of excerpts from Crimp's memoir, *Before Pictures*. The footage is a collage of 16mm films shot between 2017 and 2021. Central to the footage are scenes of Crimp preparing a tagine dish (from his unpublished cookbook) with his students at the University of Rochester.

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Voices: Lauren DiGiulio

Amanda Graham

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Edit: Per the artist's request, this film was available for one year after the publication of this issue. For more info on her work, see the artist's website: <https://najdahmadi.com/>.

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