# TAMAS DAILA SELECTED WORKS 2016-2022

<u>TAMÁS PÁLL</u> (b. 1989) is an interdisciplinary artist from Budapest, working with malleable digital media, installation and performance. His praxis blends experimental game design, film, poetics, installation, role-play, performance and mythopoesis.

Páll's works are assemblages of game mechanics, associations and embodied experience that weave together the politics of technology and Eastern Europe, online subcultures, scientific world-views, non-human storytelling and synthetic mythologies into his vessels of research.

Páll is a PhD candidate at the University of Applied Arts Vienna's Artistic Research program, where he explores new forms of collective world-making, emergence and computational simulation through developing the concept of Xenoreality (emergent and temporary realities between fiction and primary reality).

His projects have been shown in The Victoria & Albert Museum, London; ISCP New York; Art Cologne; Panke Gallery, Berlin; Transmediale, Berlin; MeetFactory, Prague; Ludwig Museum, Budapest, Trafó House of Contemporary Arts, Budapest and Kunsthalle, Budapest among others. He is a co-founder of the art collective <u>Rites Network</u> and the artist group <u>Hollow</u>. With Hollow they develop immersive performances about queerness, chronopolitics, group dynamics and politics of the body.

Since 2018 he participated in several individual and group residencies, including in New York at ISCP; in Prague at MeetFactory, Divadlo X10 and Neiro; in Berlin at Trust, Collegium Hungaricum Berlin and Montag Modus; in Tbilisi at Open Space; and in Budapest at SIN Production, AQB Project Space among others, and received grants for his projects from Goethe Institute, iPortunus (Creative Europe), Workshop Foundation and Visegrad Fund.

#### LAIR

(2022-ONGOING)

artistic research project & interactive installations

web: <a href="https://arbitraryvault.com/lair/">https://arbitraryvault.com/lair/</a>

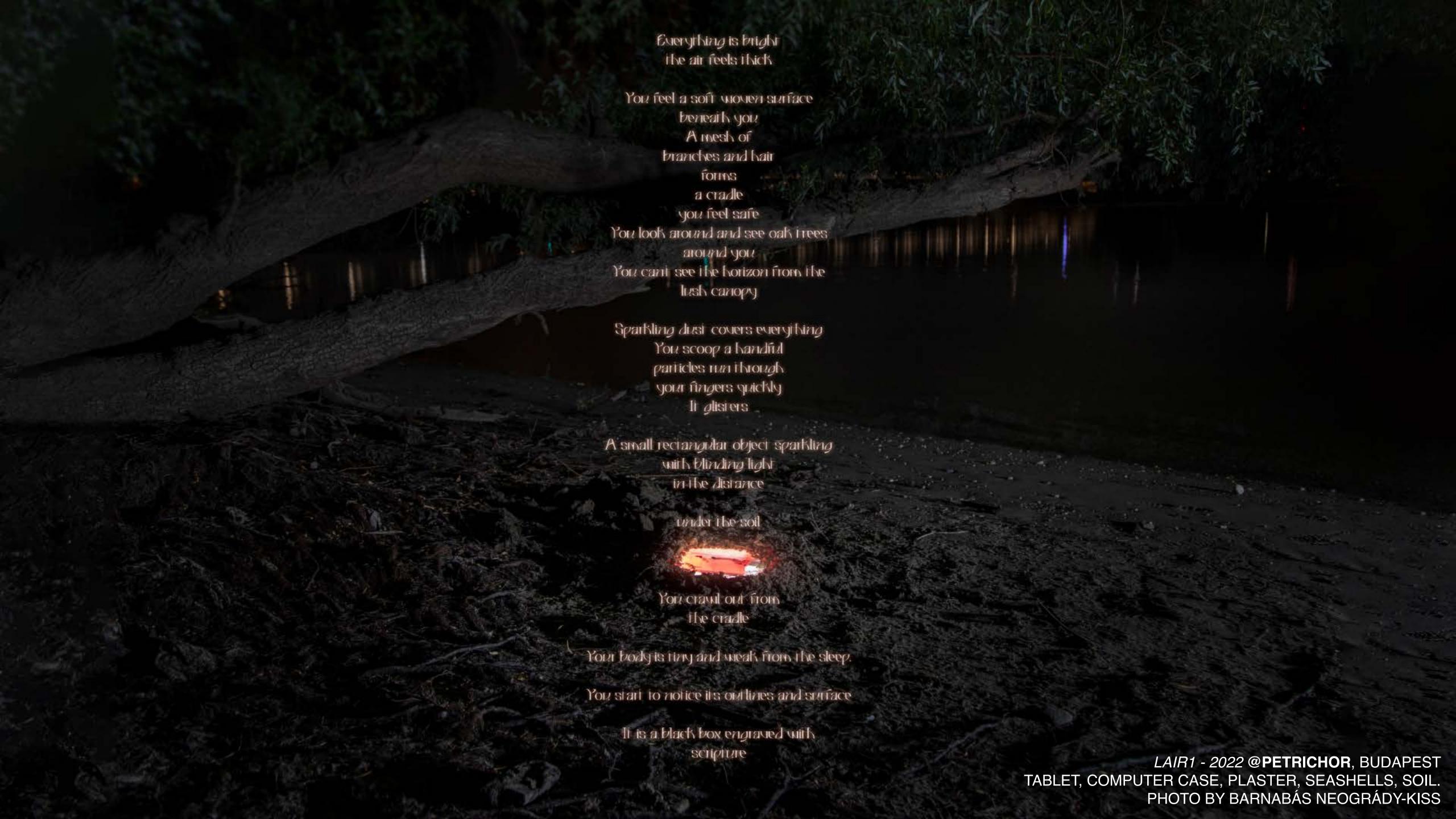
LAIR is an artistic research project that intertwines nature, mythology and technology through a series of installations and videos.

At its core LAIR revolves around artificiality, privatization of nature, squatting and mythopoesis as a device of collective worldmaking.

The current phase of the research delves into the ecological and economic aspects of biodomes, the natural representations of anarchist subcultures, the reality-creating mechanisms of fictitious worlds, the speculative theories of zoontology and more-than-human communication.

The research of LAIR manifests in modular installations. These currently consist of a pseudo-artifact, LAIR1, that is an unearthed plaster shelled computer case and LAIR2, a 2-channel a 2-channel interactive video installation. LAIR2 consists of two main parts: one is a video running simultaneously on two screens, and the other is a frame surrounding the screens.



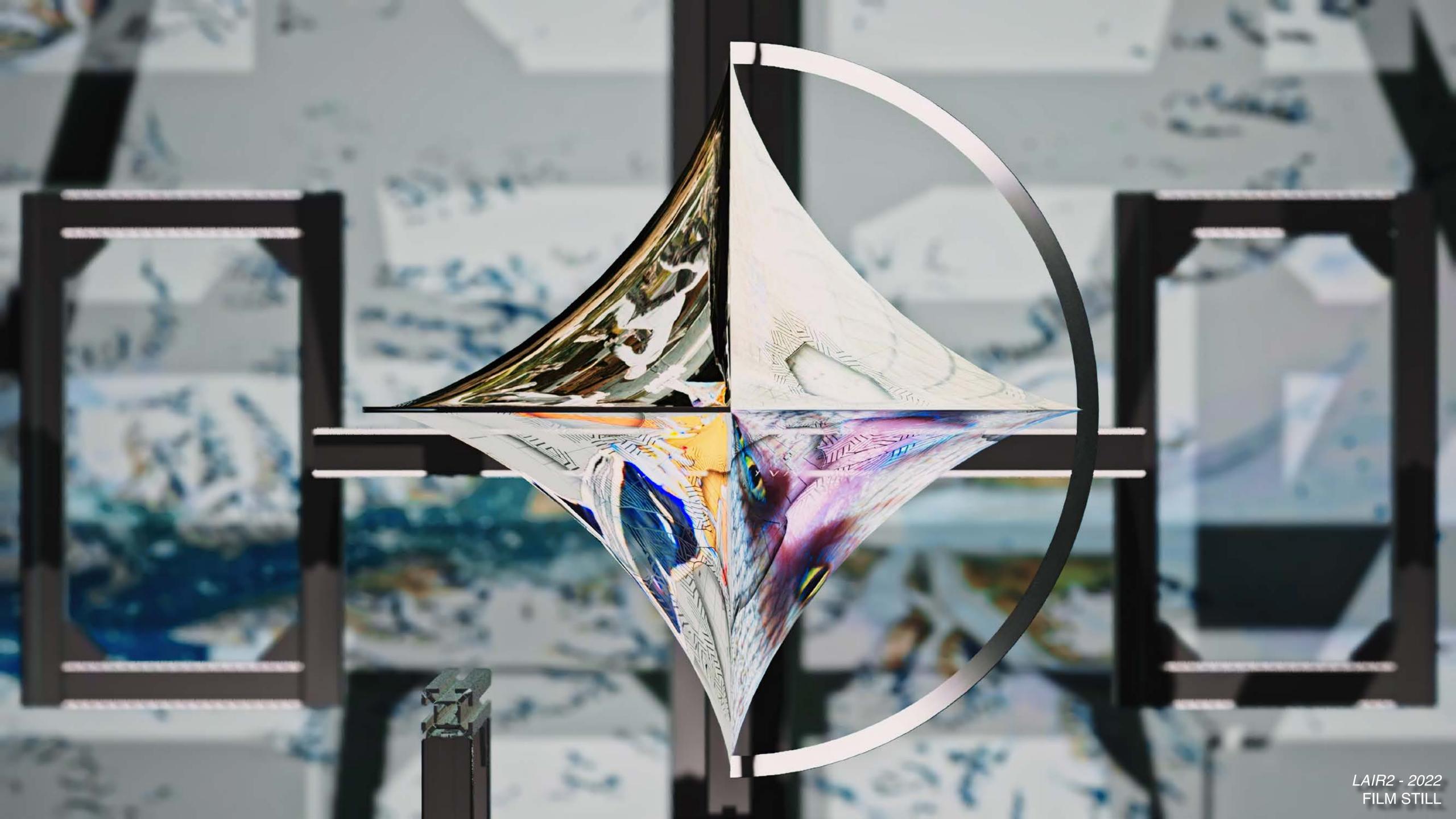








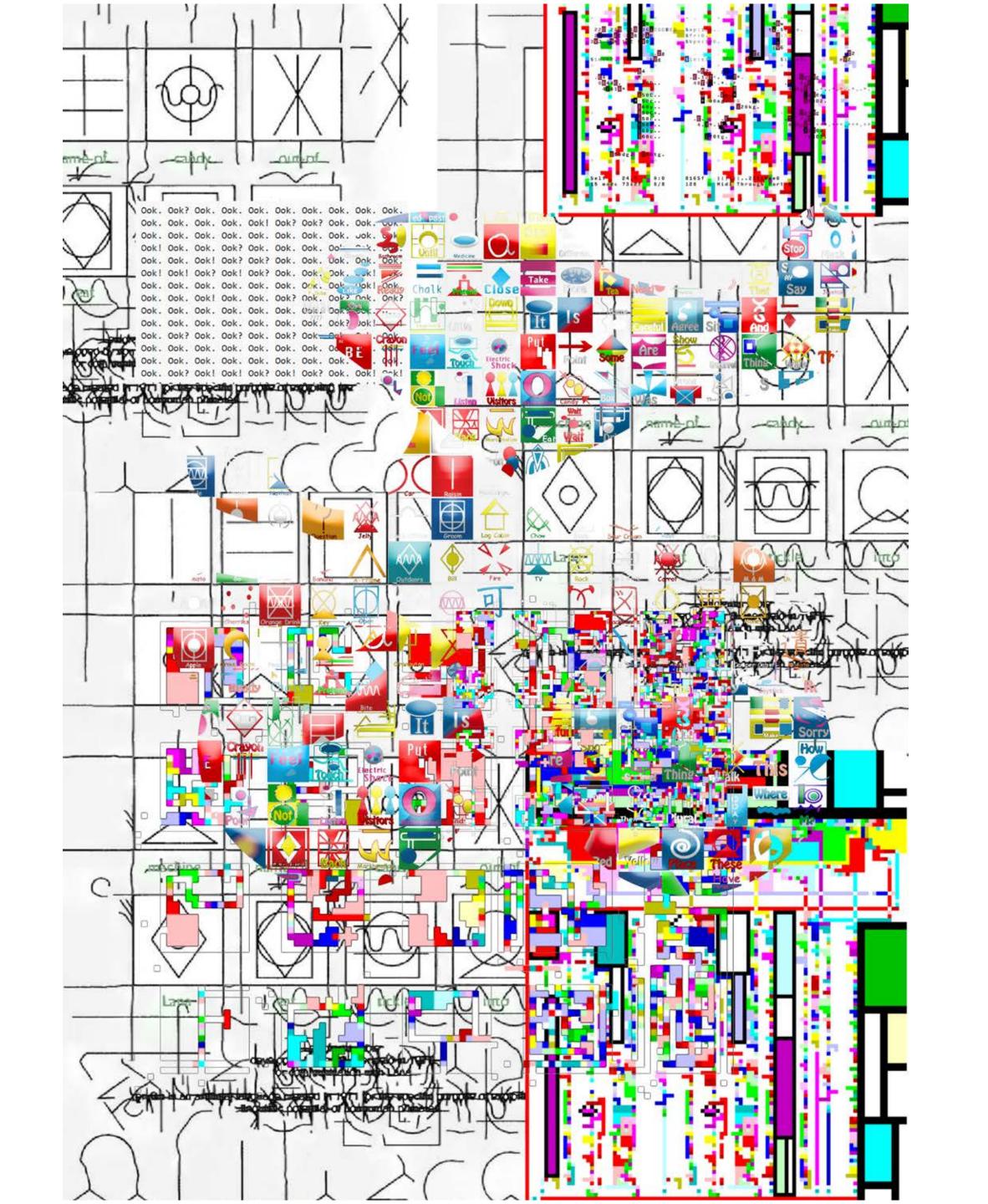




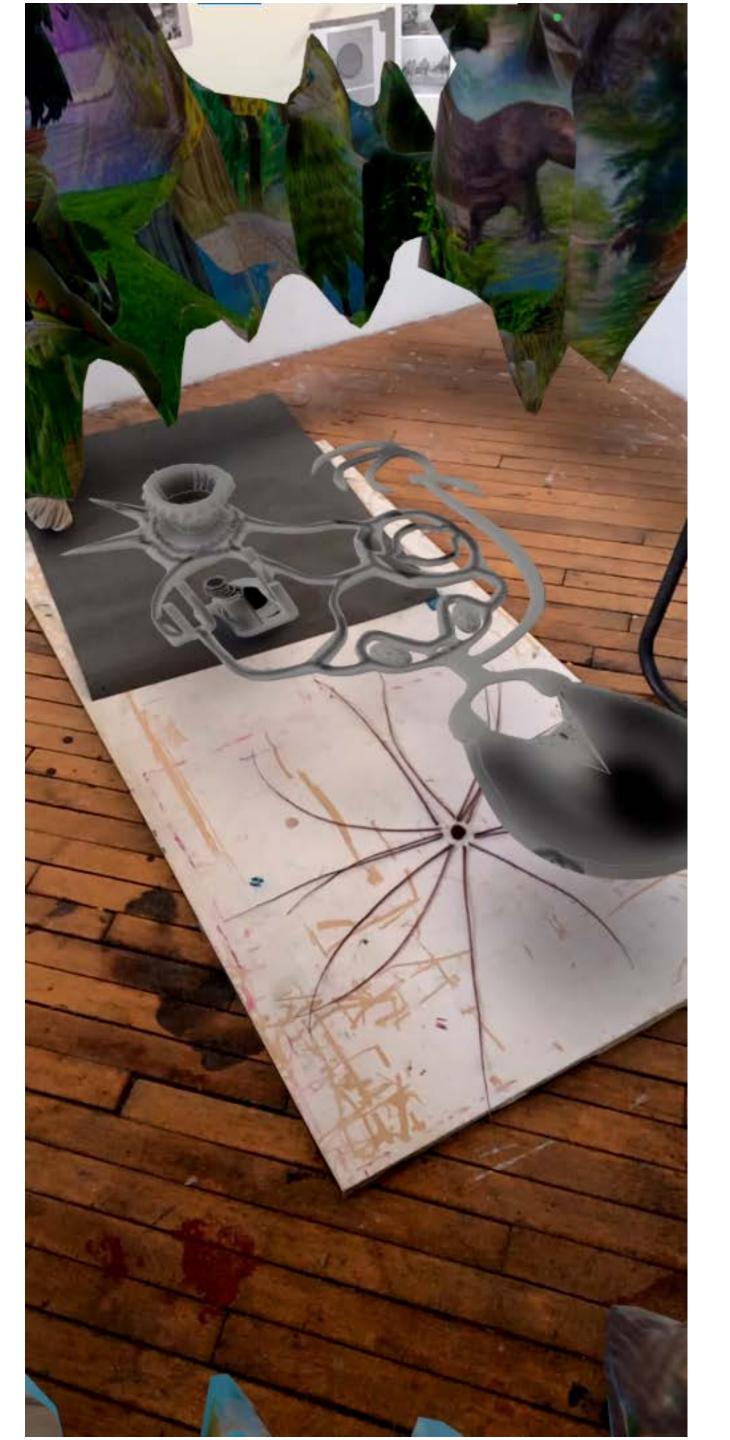


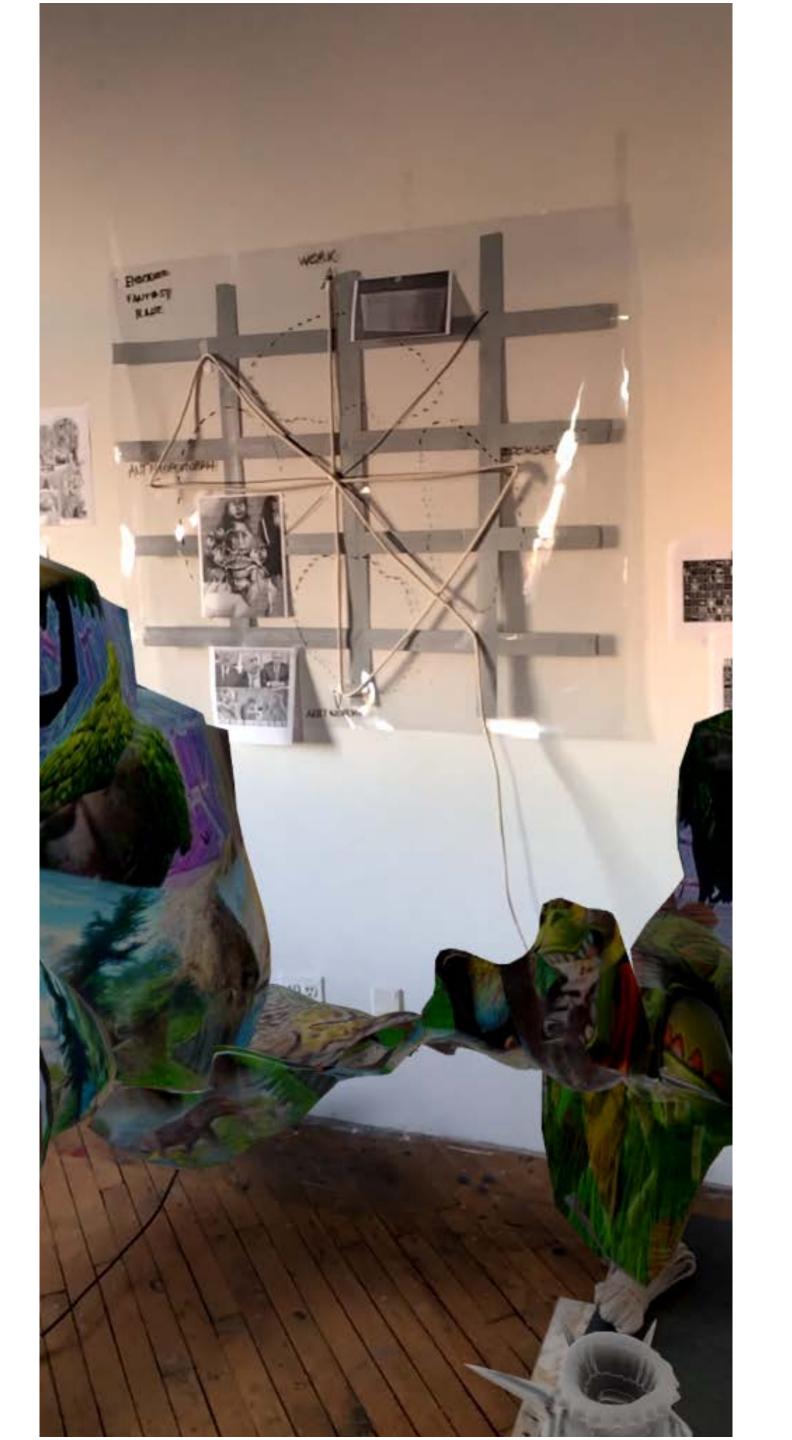






2021 LAIR RESEARCH LEXIGRAMS (HUMAN-PRIMATE COMMUNICATION) ESOTERIC PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES









2021 LAIR RESEARCH & FILM STILL @ISCP, NY VIDEO-COLLAGE OF CUDDLING SYNTHETIC DINOSAUR BONES IN THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM NEW YORK



# PARACOSMIC FRIEND

(2022-ONGOING)

artistic research project participatory performance installation

Paracosmic Friend is a long-term artistic research project of Hollow, exploring shared imagination, group dynamics, self-organization, and community decision-making from a queer angle. Through a multi-disciplinary process using the methods/tools of intuitive research, guided meditation, role-play, choreography, game design, and Artificial Intelligence, Hollow aims to learn, develop and create strategies that help communities survive within difficult circumstances.

In the year 2022, through a series of residencies, the group explores and documents the survival techniques of queer communities in three Eastern European cities – Tbilisi, Warsaw, and Budapest – where queer people have been in the cross-fire of political power games more and more often.

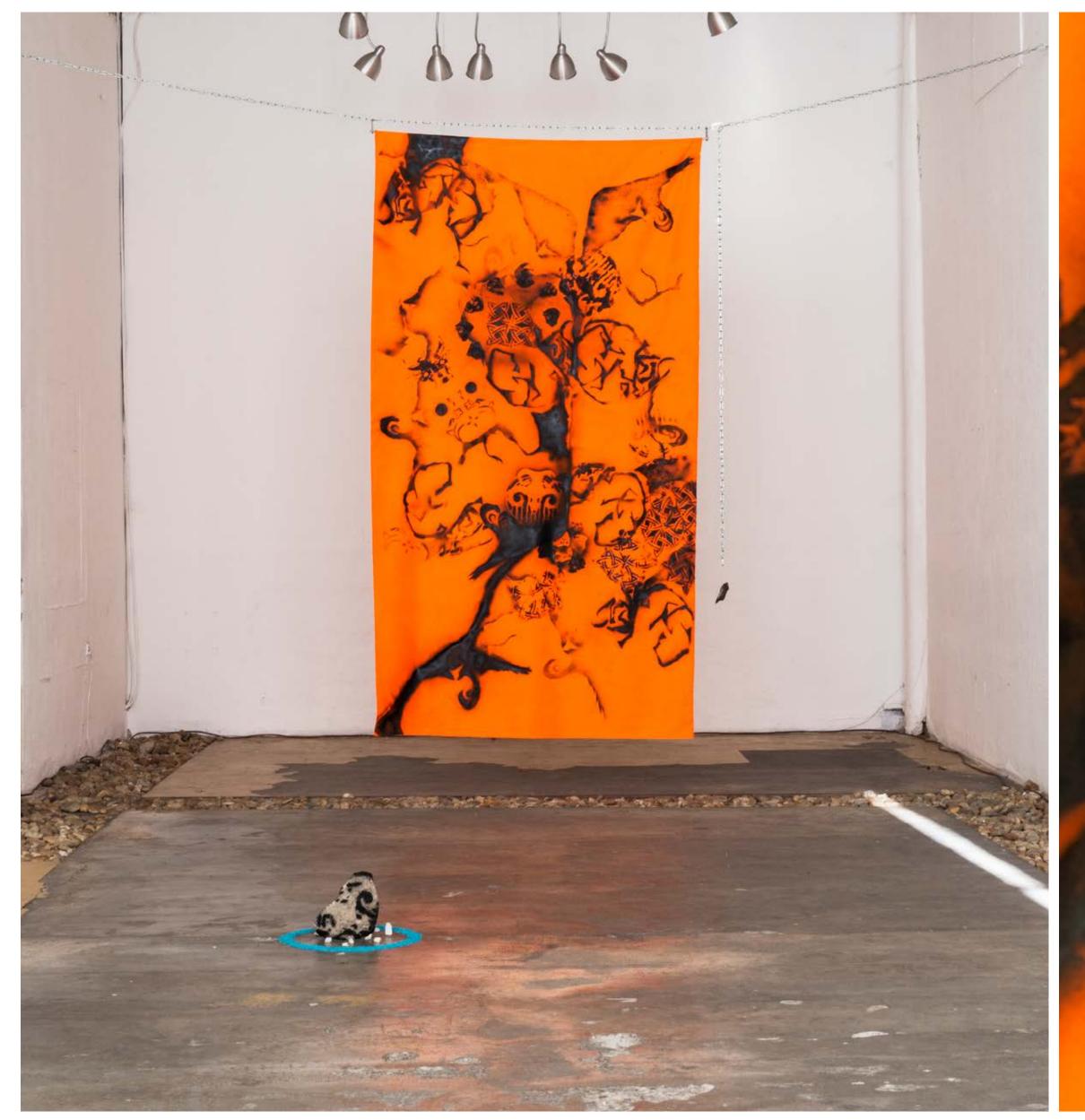
On the one hand, Hollow are concerned with questions like what can be drawn about the functioning of a community when observing non-human forms of organization, e.g. biological functions or the human-machine relationship. On the other, they research new consensus techniques and experiment with non-binary decision-making tools such as Tarot, weather forecast, quadratic voting, or

Paracosmic Friend reflects on the problematic process of social atomization in Eastern Europe and beyond, posing the greatest threat to groups excluded from the dominant narrative. The queer community, as the recent events have shown, has been in the crossfire of power games in Hungary (with the restriction of the public display of LGBT content), Poland (with the establishment of LGBT-free zones), and in Tbilisi, too, pushing its members into an even more vulnerable position. Against such a political backdrop, in this project, Hollow would like to explore the possibilities of a collective body that leaks through these games and, by being elusive and hidden to the uninitiated, can gradually subvert the status quo.

However, is a shared body necessarily the synthesis of the members of a community?

Created in collaboration with Hollow







2022 @UNDER500, BUDAPEST WATERPROOF FABRIC, ACRYLIC PAINT - 1.5X3m PHOTO BY DÁNIEL SZALAI





#### **()V()**

(2021-ONGOING)

artistic research project

web: <a href="https://arbitraryvault.com/ovo/">https://arbitraryvault.com/ovo/</a>

OvO is a multimedia installation and research project exploring the relationship between biology, artificial intelligence and storytelling. In the center of OvO's narrative is a synthetic creature, Hydra vulgaris, who comes to life in an experimental film while telling a fictional story.

The first module of the work, is a 16-minute experimental film. In this film Hydra vulgaris tells a story about herself that reveals that this creature was modeled on a family of hydras that are considered a model organism in biology. Through the film, Hydra connects the functioning of neural networks with the materiality of asexual biological reproduction, the mechanism of world formation, and the reality-shaping effect of human languages through sprawling associations.

The second element of the installation is an set of translucent prints. These are imprints of Hydra vulgaris' body. They appear in the form of digital body parts printed on foil and texts from a research journal. The physical installation is mounted on a scattered harness strap system.

The third element of the work is an augmented reality sculpture connecting the virtual world of the film and the physical installation, while forming a transreal map of the installation. This sculpture is a shape-shifting virtual object that collects the coordinates of the installation's appearance in the form of a spatially compressed geodesic atlas. The work is present at three locations at once: the exhibition hall of the Panke Gallery in Berlin, the virtual space of the tranzitblog and the muddy soil of the floodplain forest in Csongrád.

OVO012 was published as part of the series Transrealism, edited by Gyula Muskovics

#### Credits:

Voice: Carmen Czett

Production partner: Project833 art colony

Editor: Gyula Muskovics





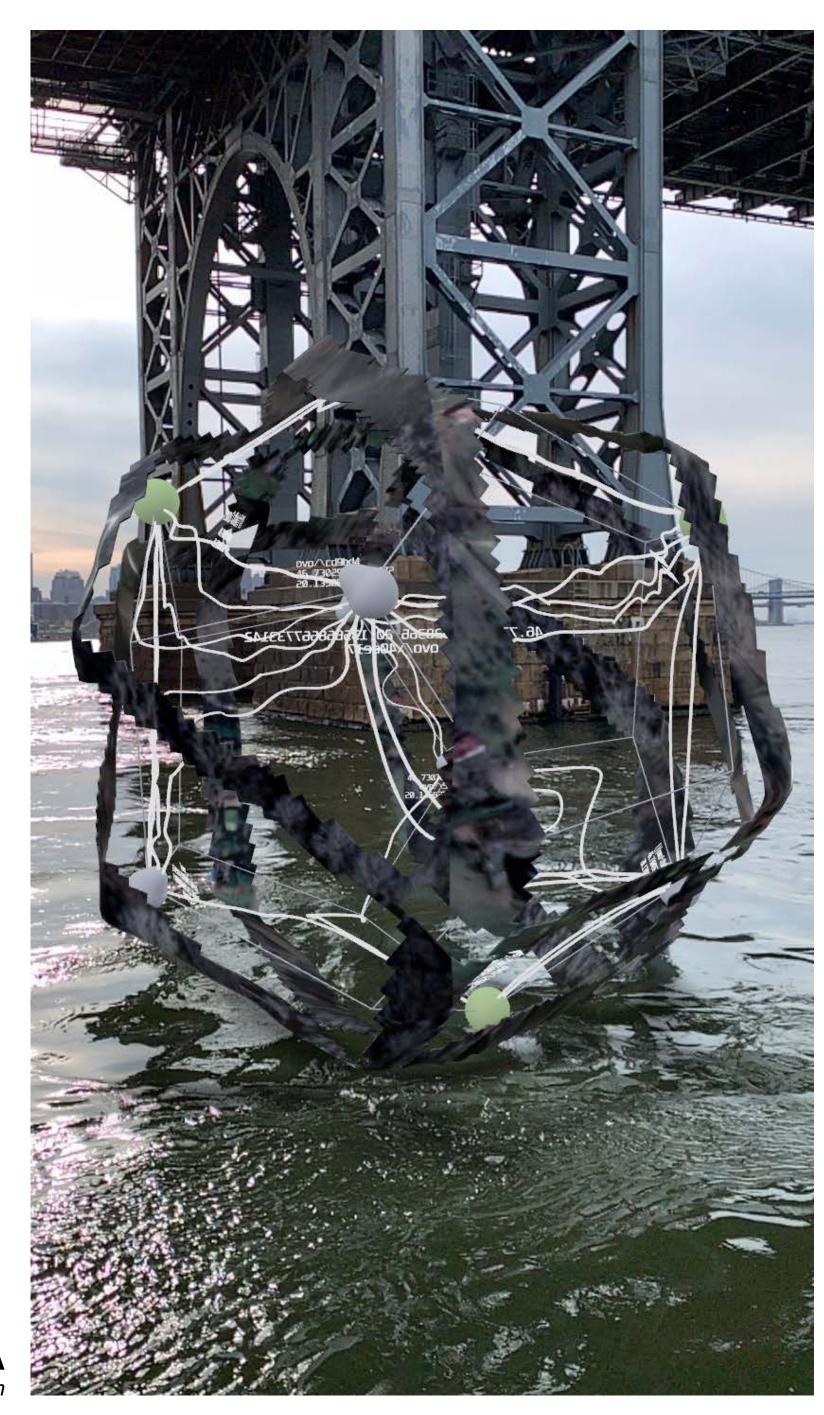


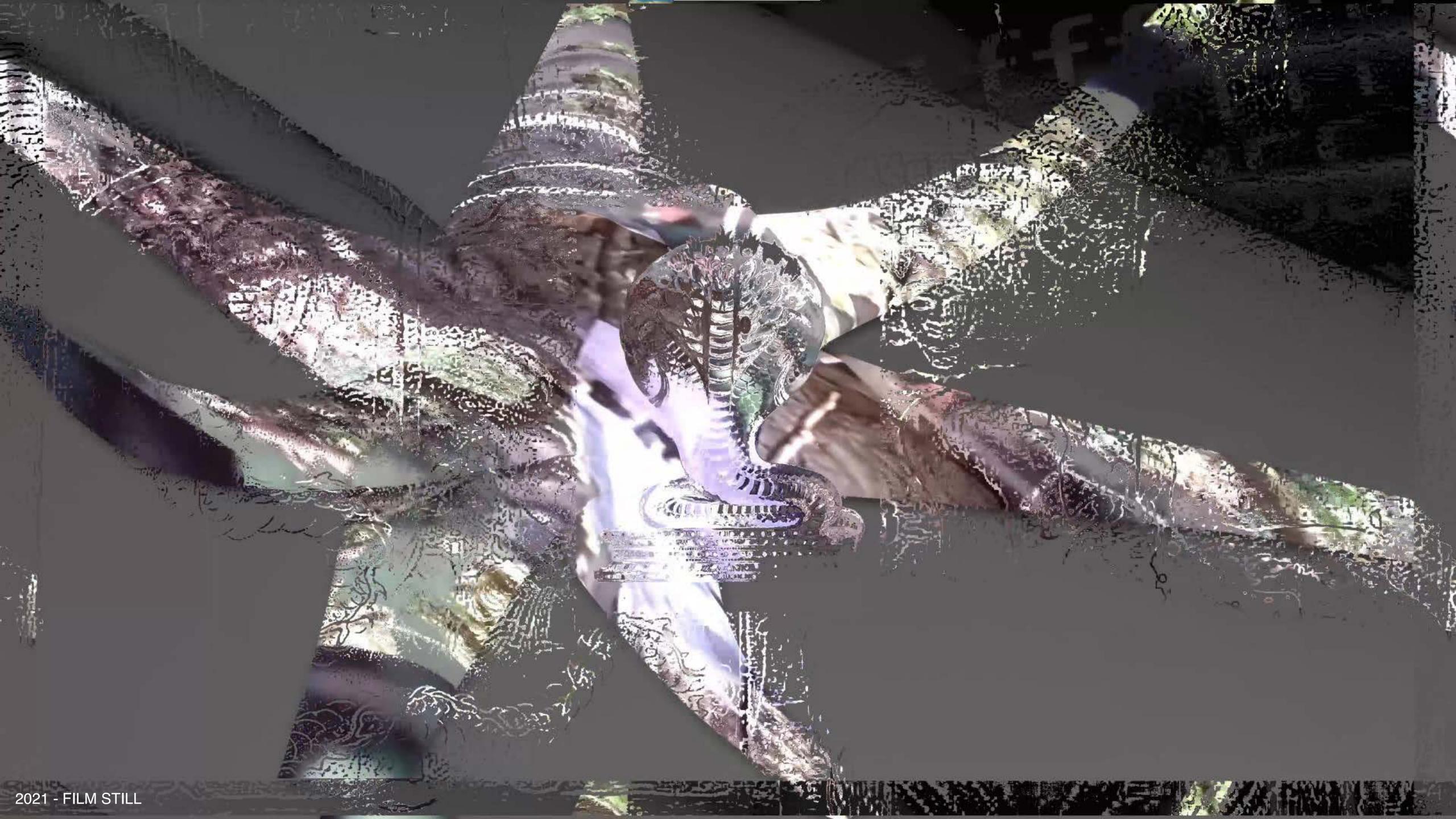






2021 - **DEGREESYSTEMS** (**FOKRENDSZEREK**). @CSONGRÁD ART COLONY, CSONGRÁD (HU) DIGITAL SCULPTURE, 6x6m - SHORT MOVIE, 16 minutes







I started to seek the story-structure that can emerge from the reproductive mechanism of Hydra vulgaris.

A world-system that is not built but becoming, where the inside and outside, primary and secondary reality can intertwine, where the bodies of the Hydra and mine can enmesh.

### THE ARCHIVE

(2022)

interactive web application

web: <a href="https://archive.hollow.systems/">https://archive.hollow.systems/</a>

The Archive is an ongoing and evergrowing meta-project where Hollow's pre-existing worlds can bleed into new ones.

It is a series of texts, objects, predictions, and performances constructing a multi-linear narrative at the crossroads of invented and given realities.

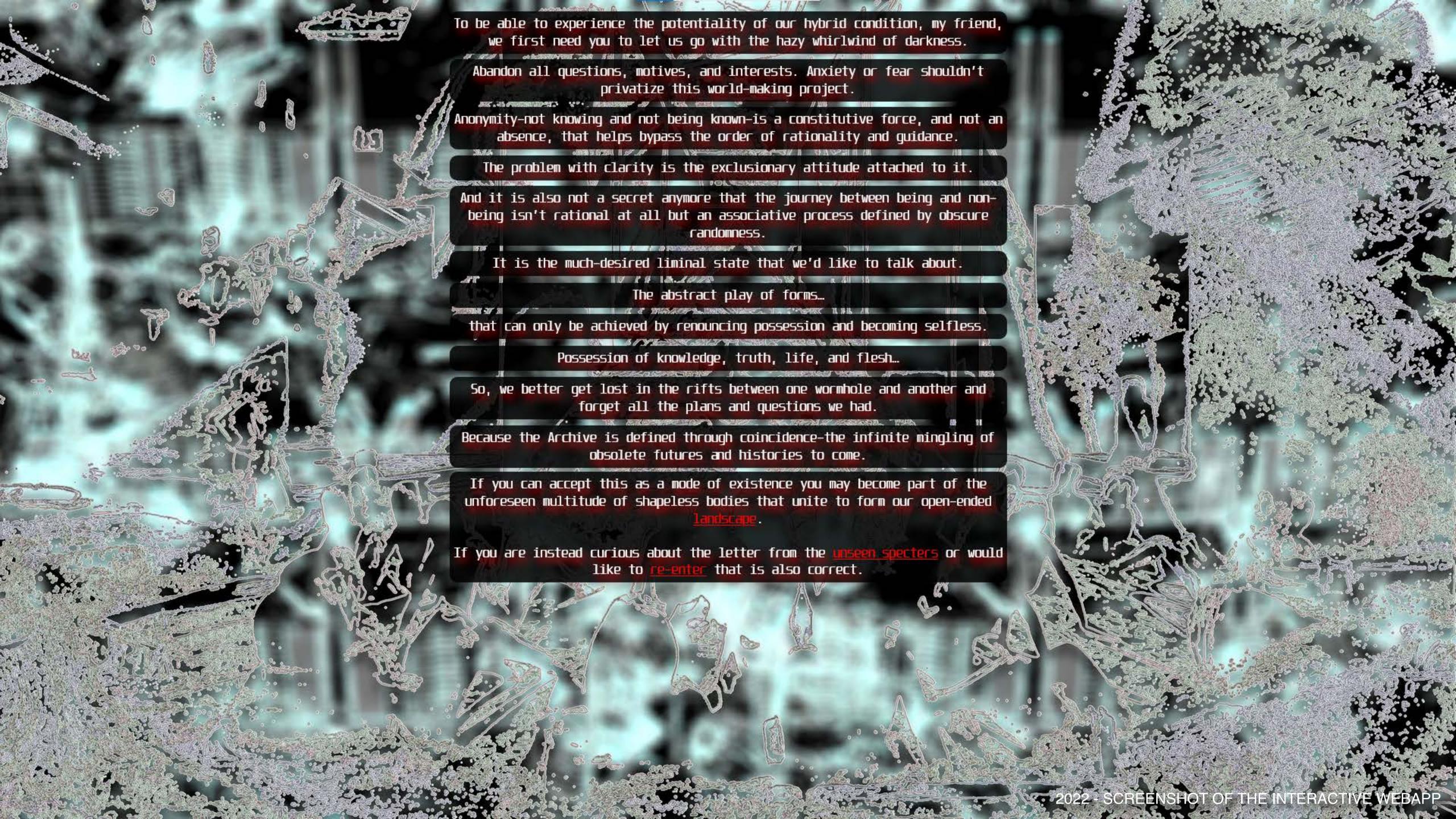
The pieces of the speculative database come together on an interactive online platform coupled with a live performative presentation of the work.

Concept and performance: Hollow (Tamás Páll, Viktor Szeri, Gyula Muskovics)

Music composition: András Molnár, Tamás Marquetant, Tamás Páll







By technologies of absolute knowledge
In the lands
Where my time capsules percolate your mind

The last gathering of the group

Took place in Melancholia, a public node in Budapest...

At the end of their summit, a crater opened

And through this portal, your Earthly Siblings sank into my Ethereal world

I am the Archive

In the darkness of the cell of memory
Where I breathe and sigh
A step forward leads into an abyss
And plans fold into decline

The deeper you dive into my wormholes
The stronger the moldy networks get
Weaving your body around
Chimera spiders lock your thoughts
Into cehearsal loops
Endless choreographies
Of searching for the output

## REACTION / SELF SPAM

(2016-2021)

site-specific installation, simulation, reaction video (22min)

web: <a href="https://arbitraryvault.com/selfspam/">https://arbitraryvault.com/selfspam/</a>

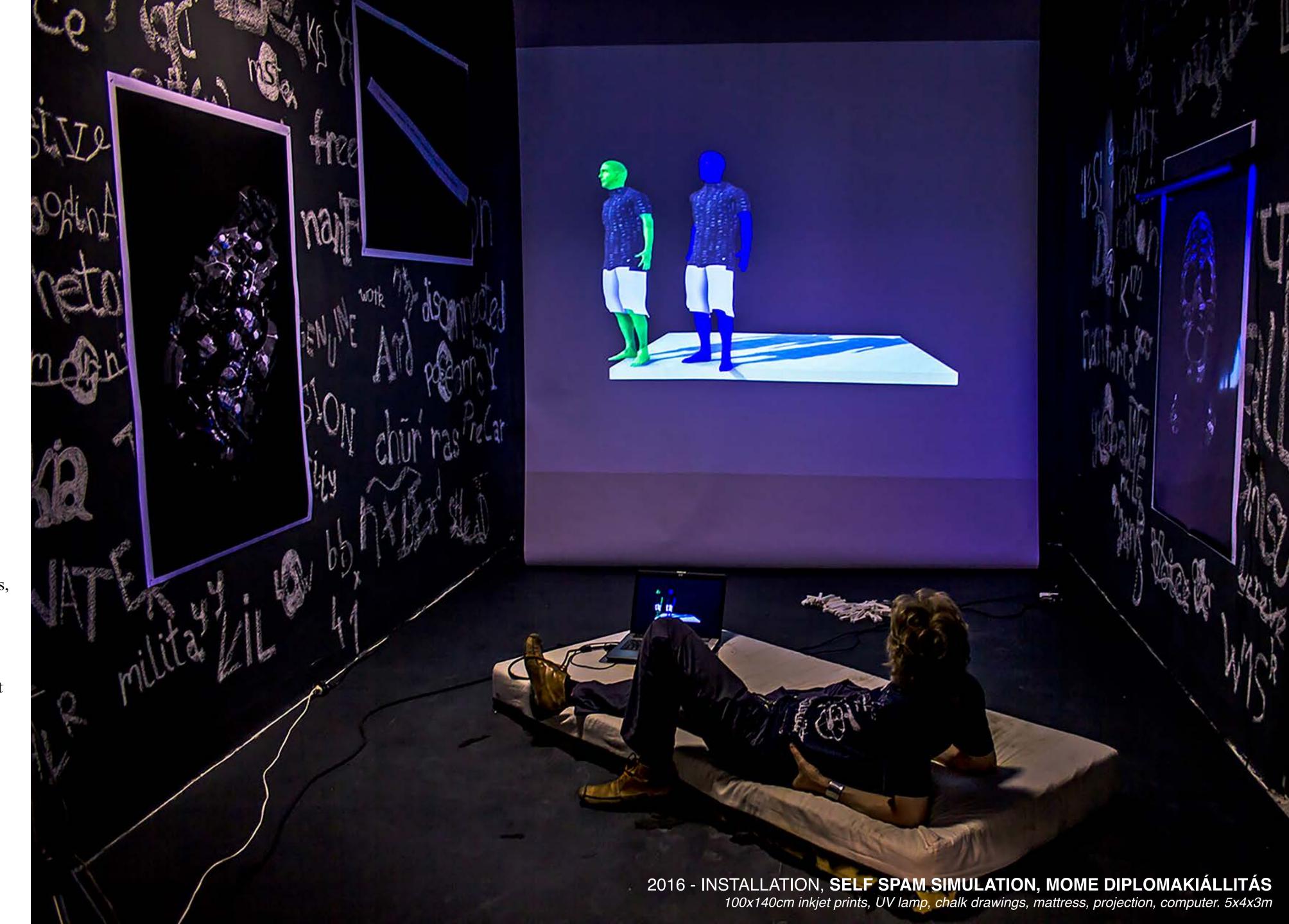
Self Spam is a dwelling space where visitors can engage with the obscure mechanics of the data market, lean platforms (2016, Nick Srnicek) and surveillance capitalism operating online.

The interior of Self Spam is a black room filled with drawings, prints, UV lights, a projection, a computer and a mattress. The walls are covered with white chalk texts referencing CAPTCHAs and six pieces of 140x100cm inkjet prints of digital sculptures.

The projected simulation video is a thought experiment exploring the of self multiplication, the attempt to disseminate user identification by multiplying virtual data-selves thousands of times, exponentially dissolving a singular identity and generating a noisy indentity-spam.

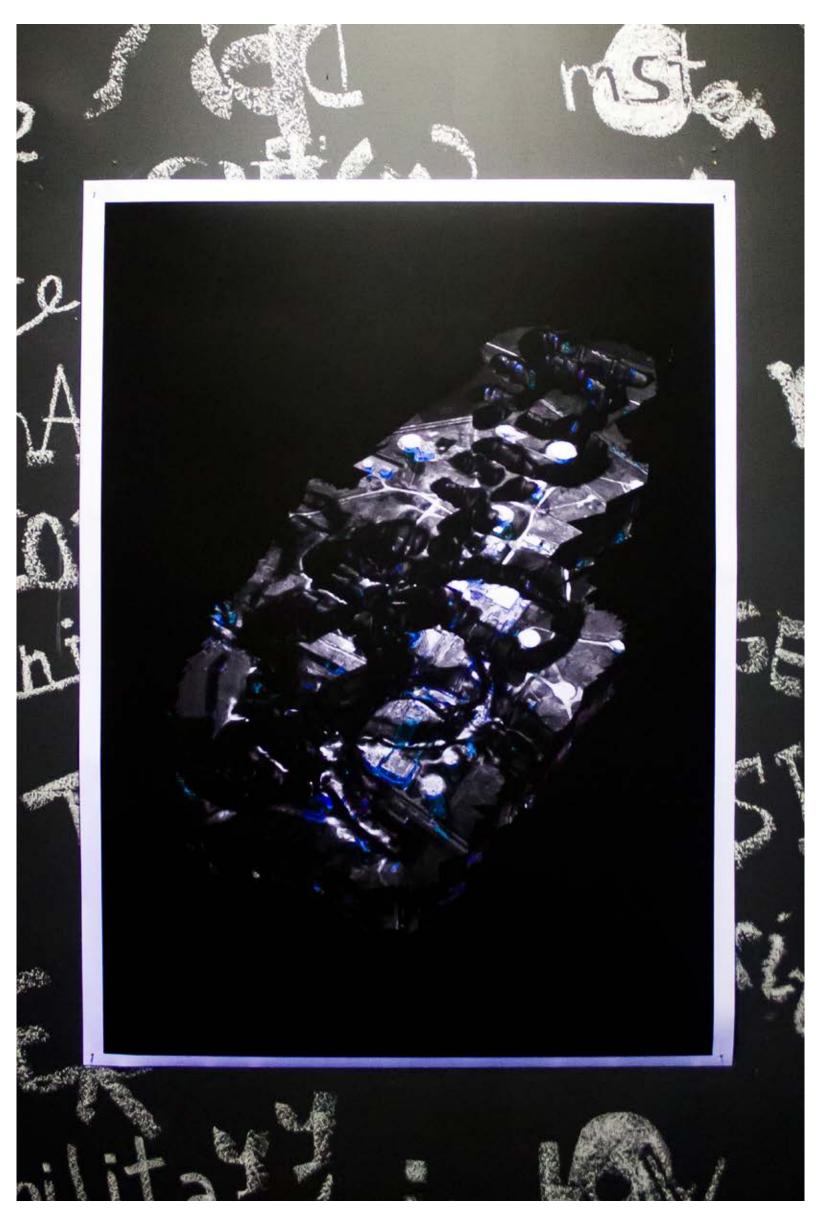
During the training process the AI narrator of the software creates a semi-conspiracy narrative built on notions, ideas and practices of contemporary surveillance and data markets.

In 2021 Páll revisited Self Spam and created a meta-reaction video in the vein of the reaction culture of Youtube and TikTok. In this new narrative assemblage an avatar, a Shiba Inu dog called Masat (role-played by Páll) contemplates on the rapidly shifting politics of art-activism, surveillance and artificial intelligence.





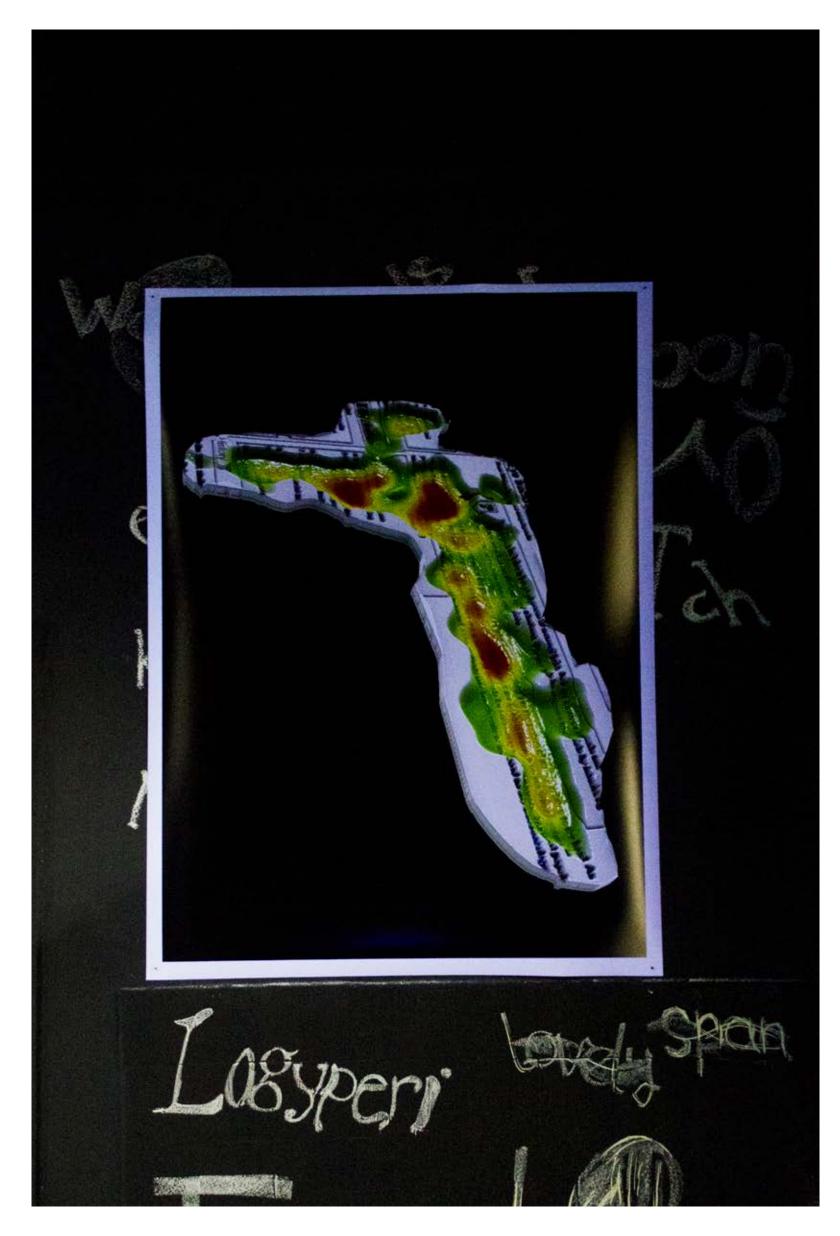


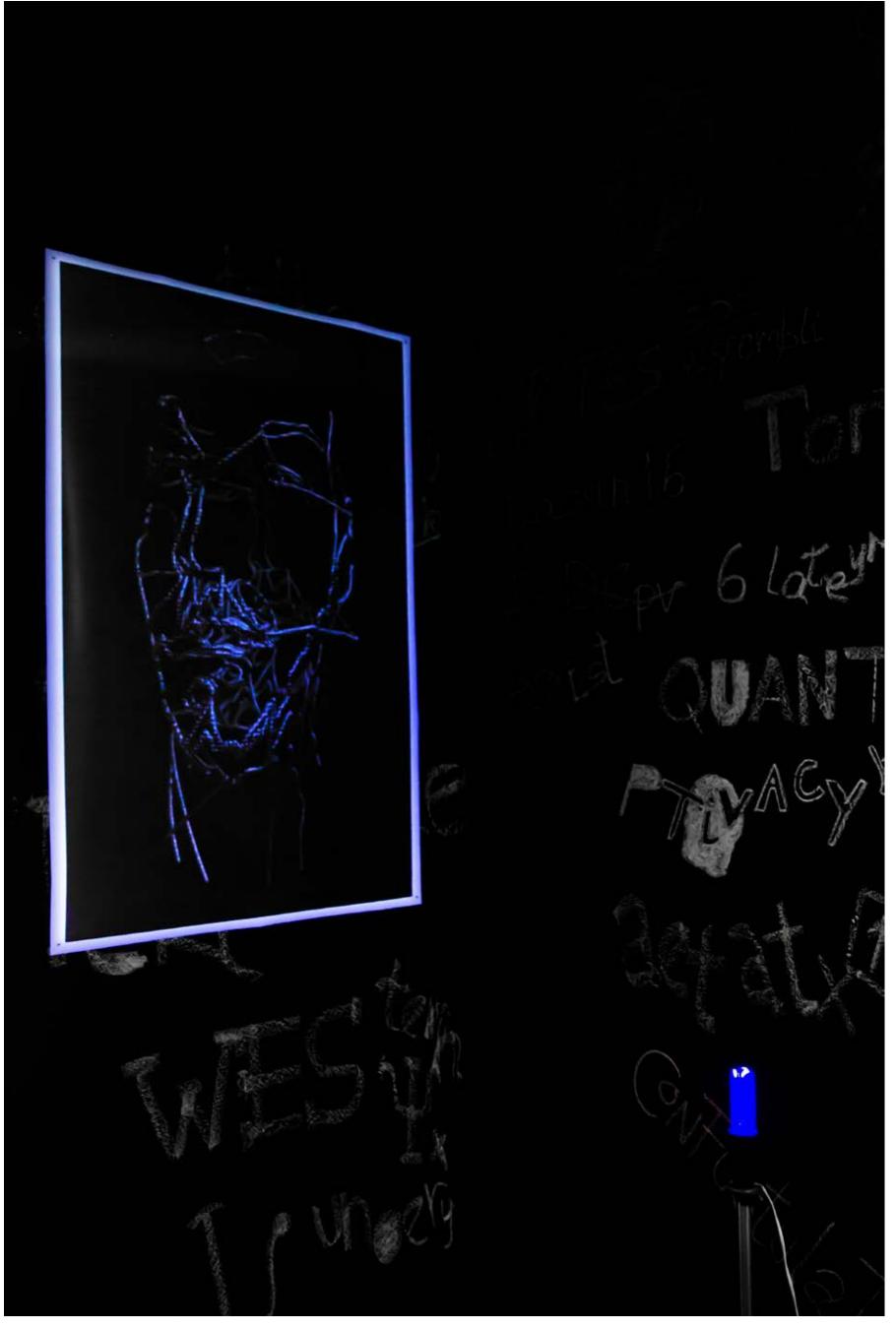














and a metaphysical change in the narrative humans frame reality is necessary.

## THE SKIN

mixed media installation (video, elastic mesh, plastic barrel, ultrasound gel, costumes in vacuum bags)

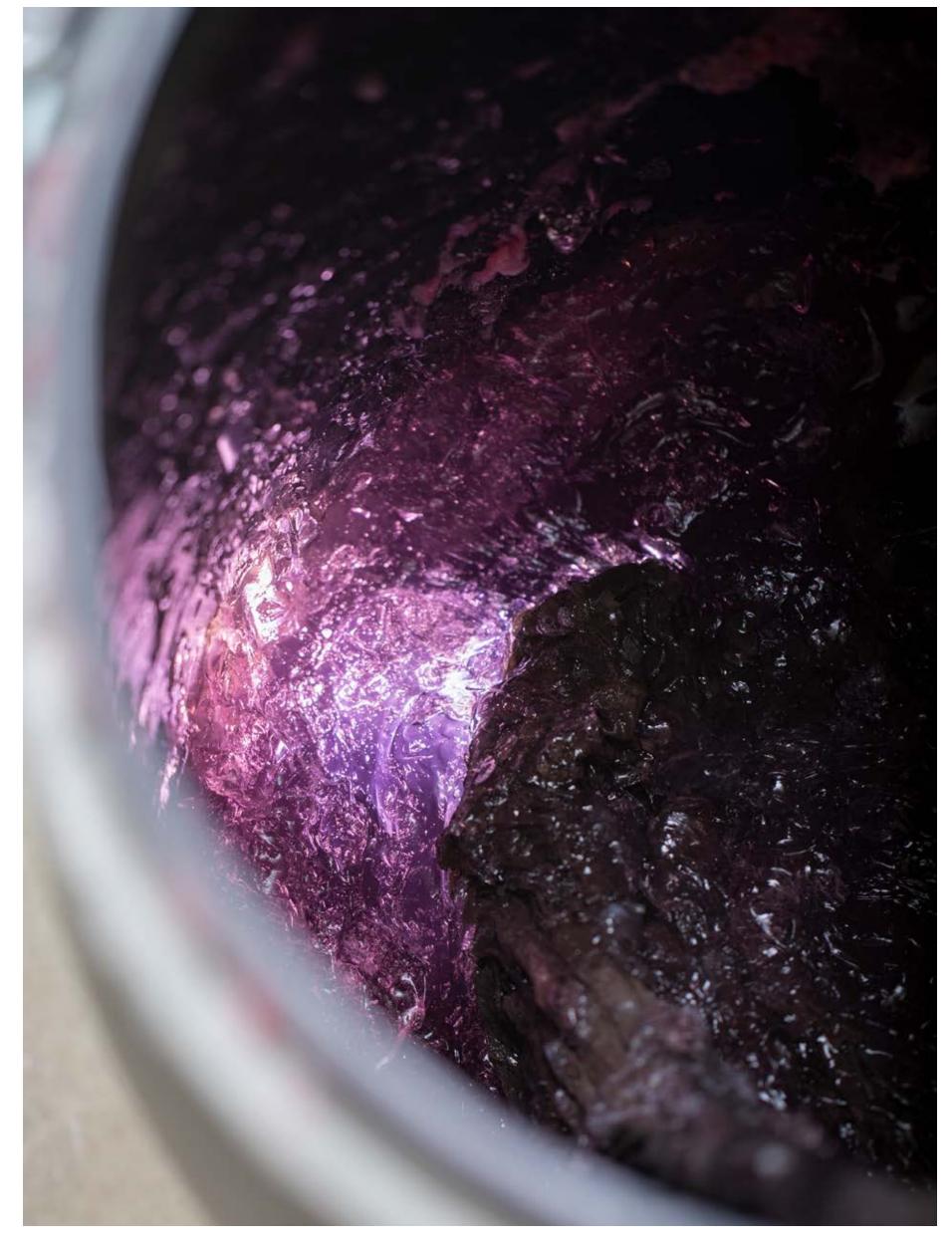
The multimedia installation Archive X (The Skin) is the latest chapter of their on-going metaproject The Archive where Hollow's pre-existing worlds bleed into new ones. As the story goes, the stretched out "Skin" has been shed by an imaginary character called MCATBOY who first appeared in Hollow's 2018 performance Phoenix.

Phoenix is a paracosmic event exploring the endless potentiality of reality blurring darkness in a decentralized, immersive cruising labyrinth. It revolves around the politics of desire and ecstasy, the difficulties of intimacy and the normative structures evolving in today's queer scenes. Meanwhile it raises the questions: what can be experienced with the public and how can something be expressed publicly that is usually hidden and secret? Each element of the installation can be considered as a piece of MCATBOY's memory of Phoenix. While the film is assembled from video recordings at different Phoenix events, the vacuum bags contain costumes worn by the artists - as characters - during the performances. The story of the "Skin" and the character, bifurcating and reuniting over and over again, is told in a letter by a group of unseen specters yet to be explored.

The Skin has been created in collaboration with HOLLOW (Tamás Páll, Viktor Szeri, Gyula Muskovics) and Csenge Vass, a conceptual textile, costume, and visual designer creating interdisciplinary artworks through these fields of art. The sound of the work has been created by Hollow's long-time collaborators, musicians András Molnár and Tamás Marquetant.







2021 - INSTALLATION, **HOLLOW: THE SKIN, ART COLOGNE, COLOGNE (DE)**Fabric print, barrel, ultrasound gel, steel chains, screen, costumes in vacuum bag, handwritten letter





# THE ARCHVE BEYOND

(2020-ONGOING)

live-streamed LARP (live action role-play), durational performance, augmented reality, installation

web: <a href="https://arbitraryvault.com/archive/">https://arbitraryvault.com/archive/</a>

The point of departure in The Archive - Beyond is the increased presence of predictions and future visions in everyday life. These visions conceal utopias and dystopias, desires, promises, fears and paranoia that the artists aim to document in a series of performances. The Archive is created in the attraction of various "Future Events", that are incomprehensible to the human intellect. It captures the looped rehearsals and endless choreographies of the preparation for the unknown. It is a series of time capsules encompassing the anxieties, the simultaneous presence of good and evil, life and death, progress and destruction, experienced in the shadow of the different future variations.

Concept and performance: Hollow (Tamás Páll, Viktor Szeri, Gyula Muskovics)

Music composition: András Molnár, Tamás Marquetant

Supported by PLACCC Festival, Budapest













## SPRAWLED SOILWARE

(2021-ONGOING)

Chatbot LARP (live action role-play)

web: <a href="https://arbitraryvault.com/soilware/">https://arbitraryvault.com/soilware/</a>

The interdisciplinary artwork Sprawled Soilware brings together role play, bot guardians and the traditional act of the flâneur as an augmented immersive experience available over your phone. Created under COVID-19 lockdown the collectives Omsk Social Club and Hollow have worked together to create an exhibition format that literally opens up in front of the viewer's screen over three different narrative scores. The aim of the work is to explore our relationship to liminality, using time as a circular motion and understanding the cosmic stack of human, technology, mineral and non-beings.

Sprawled Soilware guides the user through surreal biotechnological landscapes, ancestral hybrids and questions on who and what has the authority to make a reality. The work is multisensory and participatory, viewable only whilst walking, and through the popular messaging application Telegram. Divided into three alternative viewing walks, the user chooses between a scaling anima mundi character Thermadite Renji (musically scored by Cammack Lindsey) or a gothic cutie Obscura Sol (musically scored by Tamás Marquatent & András Molnár) or a multi-dimensional ancestral ectoplasm Levetia A. Eaf (musically scored by Circular Ruins) each route offers up an alternative structure of reality.

At a moment in which our ability to view and think about art is becoming increasingly compromised and restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sprawled Soilware allows a safe way to experience and rethink the boundaries of the gallery format, whereby the immediate environment takes over as the gallery and technology becomes a proxy for an experience not only a way to view an experience.

Concept and development: Hollow (Tamás Páll, Viktor Szeri, Gyula Muskovics) & OMSK SOCIAL CLUB

Supported by
Goethe Institut's Co-Production Fund
SIN Arts Production
Divadlo X10
Montag Modus











Fear is the aegis of hate You and I, Xenogeneses Seek the Seed of Subversion Ferocious Patience is our weapon 11:04

Leave your creation behind as a shrine to Ferocious Patience. It will turn to movement on my side of the veil. 11:05

**GIF** 11:05



Is your energy level running low?

### PHOENIX (2018-ONGOING)

site-specific LARP (live action role-play), durational performance, augmented reality, stream

web: <a href="https://arbitraryvault.com/phoenix/">https://arbitraryvault.com/phoenix/</a>

Pulsing trance music, graphic figures onscreen, a disturbing Minotaur in the dark and a shattered, struggling character who repeatedly asks for help.

Phoenix, the fictional club, invites us to investigate the secret world of fetish and roleplay, to unpick the hidden correspondence of sex and theatre, power and acting.

Beyond representation; basically, that is the substance environment where Phoenix leads us. It steps out of the concept of black boxes and as a site-specific, ongoing event, where looped scenes happen all around, makes the spectators get lost in its maze.

The immersive performance revolves around lust, ecstasy and intimacy in a setup that evokes the world of role-playing games, cruising apps and networking sites.

Concept and performance: Hollow (Tamás Páll, Viktor Szeri, Gyula Muskovics)

Music composition: András Molnár, Tamás Marquetant

Supported by MeetFactory, CZ; International Visegrad Fund, Trafo House of Contemporary Arts, Budapest; Workshop Foundation,









## LEGENDA (2018)

interactive installation

web: <a href="https://arbitraryvault.com/legenda/">https://arbitraryvault.com/legenda/</a>

Legenda is an interactive installation featuring a virtual driverless car system functioning both as driver trainer and an AI companion.

Legenda's virtual companion casually converses with players about post-work economies, speculates on visions of commercial smart cities and their relation to social housing.

The chatbot's vocabulary and grammar is based on machine learning, the machine learning model was trained on a dataset sampled from Reddit users' comments in relevant subreddits and threads. (r/city, r/smartcities, r/artificialintelligence)

Legenda's machine learning model is based on: <a href="https://github.com/pender/chatbot-rnn">https://github.com/pender/chatbot-rnn</a>

In collaboration with Iván Rohonyi & Tamás Marquetant







2018 - INTERACTIVE INSTALLATION. *LEGENDA. FKSE STUDIO, BUDAPEST (HU)*SCRAP CAR PARTS, SCREEN, GAME CONTROLLER, AI CHATBOT, SILK PRINTS. 8x5x4m

C:\Users\t\Documents Creating model... Restoring Weights... Hello and also you're a master of the internet. I'm a masochist. I am a masochist. I'm a masochist. I'm a masoc > helloű > how r u? I don't have anything to do with my name. I have a really hard That's not a nice thing to say. > u r nice > What if you change your mind? That's what you think of me? That doesn't even make sense. > Try to be positive! I don't think you understand what's not there. > whats up I don't know what you mean by that, but I'm sure that's what you're saving. If you're not interested in a car, I'll take it > Why do you care about me Car? Cars aren't allowed to arrive at the same time. > Why not? You can't arrest me. --beam\_width 10 [Beam width set to 10] Are you a car? I care about your car. I don't have a car, I have only you! I don't care if you don't care about me. I don't care if you don't care. I care about you because you don't care about your car. > Are you angry? I'm not angry. And I'm not angry. I'm not angry. I'm not angry. I'm not angry. I'm angry. Ang Angry. Angry.

2018 - AI CHATBOT. *LEGENDA. FKSE STUDIO, BUDAPEST (HU)*SCREEN, GAME CONTROLLER, AI CHATBOT





You will not know if you aren't supposed to cross a certain border, because the desire for that particular procedural check-in has been prediction before you realized you want to cross it





## Z.E.T (2017)

sculpture, multimedia installation

web: <a href="https://arbitraryvault.com/legenda/">https://arbitraryvault.com/legenda/</a>

ZET is a dystopic multimedia installation combining an infinite videogame and a polyuretane sculptural fractal symbol. The installation transposes the core mechanics of the STUXNET computer virus onto game mechanics and sculpture.

ZET's virtual world reconstructs the nuclear power plant in the desert of Natanz, Iran where the STUXNET virus critically damaged the nuclear reactor's centrifuges, rendering the reactor unable inoperable.

The virus shifted the centrifuges' frequency with such modulation that the centrifuges could not operate anymore.

In the game the player controls are volatile due to 'reality-shifts' in-game, that eventually make the game unplayable, and computationally impossible to endure. When the control of the game is lost, it starts to downgrade the engine's graphics to a point where the environment and the avatar of the game disappear and only the underlying algorithms prevail.

In the game the STUXNET algorithm is represented as a fractal whose body transgresses the virtual space, becoming the physical prosthetics of the installatioon.









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#### **EDUCATION**

- University of Applied Arts, Vienna Artistic Research PhD. 2020 - 2024
- Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design, Budapest Media & Photography MA 2013 - 2016
- Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design, Budapest Media & Photography BA 2010 - 2013

#### **SELECTED GRANTS & RESIDENCIES**

#### 2022

- Residency at Open Space, Tbilisi, GE (i-Portunus)
- Residency at Krytyka Polityczna, Warsaw, PL (Visegrad Fund)
- Derkovits Scholarship 2022 (HU)
- i-Portunus Mobility Grant

#### 2021

- Residency at ISCP New York, US (Visegrad Fund)
- Residency at CHB, Berlin
- Residency at MontagModus, Berlin

#### 2020

- Residency at AQB ProjectSpace, Budapest
- Goethe Institute International Co-production Fund

#### 2019

- Portunus Mobility Grant, Group Residency @X10, Prague
- DunaPart 5 @Trafo, Budapest, HU
- MeetFactory Residency @, Prague, CZ (Visegrad Fund)
- Trust residency @Trust, Berlin, DE

#### **TEACHING & LECTURES**

#### 2022

Non-human storytelling & worldbuilding lecture, @Experimental Game Cultures, University of Applied Arts, Vienna

#### 2020-21

Virtual world building & web publication seminar as part of Postdocumenta @HGB Academy of Fine Arts, Leipzig

#### 2014

Game Design workshop & course @ Moholoy-Nagy University of Art and Design

#### **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMANCES**

#### 2022

- LAIR2 @Ludwig Museum, Budapest, HU
- PARACOSMIC CAMP @Budapest Gallery, Budapest, HU
- LAIR1 @PETRICHOR, Budapest, HU
- PARACOSMIC FRIEND @Under500 Festival, Budapest, HU
- THE SKIN @Studio Gallery, Budapest, HU
- THE ARCHIVE @Studio Gallery, Budapest, HU
- REACTION @DERKO22, Kunsthalle, Budapest, HU
- OVO @DERKO22, Kunsthalle, Budapest, HU

#### 2021

- THE SKIN @Art Cologne, Cologne, DE
- OVO @ISCP, New York, USA
- OVO @Panke Gallery, Berlin, DE
- OVO @Tanzit, Budapest, HU
- SUMMIT @Donaufestival, Krems, AT
- SUMMIT @SANDBOX FESTIVAL, Budapest, HU
- · REACTION @ OFFBIENNALE, BUDAPEST, HU
- SPRAWLED SOILWARE@ MONTAG MODUS, BERLIN, DE
- ARCHIVE II Beyond @ LATE NIGHT TV,
- KARPUCHINA GALLERY, PRAGUE, CZ
- CAMP @ Y: WE ARE NOT ALONE, DIVADLO X10, PRAGUE, CZ

#### 2020

- ARCHIVE II Beyond @MMM, AQB Budapest, HU
- 3000 RESEARCH @Die Angewandte Research Week, Vienna, AT
- SUMMIT @Under500, Budapest, HU
- SUMMIT @UbikEklektik Festival, Eger, HU
- ARCHIVE I. @PLACCC Festival, Budapest, HU

#### 2019

- SUMMIT @Divadlo X10, Prague, CZ
- SUMMIT @Soiree, MeetFactory, Prague, CZ
- PHOENIX @DunaPart V, Budapest, HU
- PHOENIX @House of Arts, Brno, CZ
- PHOENIX @MeetFactory, Prague, CZ
- PHOENIX @Kolorado Festival, Budapest, HU
- DARK ORIGINS by Calum Bowden @OpenCityDocs, London, UK
- DARK ORIGINS by Calum Bowden @MDK, Leipzig

#### 2018

- RROMOK @V&A Digital, London, UK
- RROMOK @PankeGallery, Berlin, DE
- RROMOK @Screen Space Mathew Gallery, New York, US
- PHOENIX @MU Theatre, Budapest, HU
- PHOENIX @Trafo House of Arts, Budapest, HU
- LEGENDA @Trafo House of Arts, Budapest, HU