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Lighthouse | in Search for a Monument for Elemental Beings

Marc Schmitz | the 4th Biennial LAM (land art mongolia)
catching the axis | Daringanga, Suukhbaatar, Mongolia

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the artist in Murun, Khentii Aimag Mongolia

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BORDERLESS *
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Marc Schmitz - a selection of conceptual and spatial works form the 90th to 2018.

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Artists are either indians or cowboys

Bruce Nauman

Marc Schmitz is a multidisciplinary artist based in Berlin and Ulaanbaatar. He is researching the unintermediateness of encounter in spatial relations of space. He explores the foundations of the different media, by challenging their limits. His works convey sensuality and thought, inviting the viewer to enter into a mutually constructive dialogue, while addressing the limitless space with all of the viewer's basic senses.

His works have been exhibited internationally, are represented in private and public collections and have been remarked with several international awards.

Concept and spatial realization, past and present become intertwined, human and nature & techniques become intertwined. The absence-aesthetics ,calms' the scenarios and retrieves ideas, common experiences, situations a viewer can easily imagine. In BOR-DER-LESS conception and realizations are staged in a different approach.

The works are results of a very basic research, an almost general anthropogenic question arises about values, masses, rights or even predicaments as time and space. If he is in use of materials most look rusty and decayed set in the present they invoke a subjective observer who shares a personal

viewpoint by adding visionary poetic notes. But within a collaborative production process, that marks the series Spaces, an almost perfect shape matching what was called *Berlin Sprit* in the early 21 Century.

Marc Schmitz is used to work in series. One might think for the artist a conception needs a larger field of realization for it's own gravity. Each of the series provides personal encounters, one-on-one juxtapositions – the viewer “meeting” a monument, object, a nickel basin with salt, referring to the presence of a possible advertisement of a sacred ethnological Spa which ,just left' and “ruins” in the steppe like sculptures.

The add of a neon work sets visions of a superior order and questions how it is explored and represented. The artist claims no less then the legal patent rights on a Mandarin Character Ren 人 that is within a circle and art work called T.R.U.S.T.. Who is the owner of the language, who owns the legal rights on humans he seems to ask. Essentially a quality of all these works is to encompass time, the time of looking, the time of thinking, the time the viewer spends in front of the image/ installation or even thinks about the conceptual work.

Borderless alludes to past adventures, when people went far to discover unknown places, we can try to recall the time, but are stuck with the imagination of others, the words of others, the experiences of others. The absent narrator or reader who might be an adventurer, did something brave and dangerous. Do we miss this experience, is our own cosmos of experiences way to protected? Protected by technology, by knowledge, by fellow travelers?

North of the North Pole

greengrassi gallery & Corvi Mora

London 2018



copper | felt | iodine 53 | mongolian snow shoes | ink drawing

Is there another point of reference that we would need to perceive?

Used to work at remote areas in Mongolia, I came to research about the arctic region. Geographical landmarks have been with great importance throughout history. While we were researching for the Tavan Tolgoi exhibition at greengrassi, we found only a few images of Amundsen's expedition to the north pole, one shows the tent. Some of the drawings vary this image, other are addressing the audition. We were collecting items like snow shoes, books and objects that relate to gold like computer processors, experimenting with iodine and felt. We called this assemblage North of the North Pole, to lead to the IDEA of a location rather a geographic position. In times of GPS we question for the point out of our universe, to be a reference point for what is happening right here. Value might be estimated in many ways. The artist appropriate to materials, that are useful and valuable in terms of use but also as material itself (gold, copper, felt). If there would be something north of the north pole, it could tell us the story of mankind and humans would be the laboratory mouse from another, wider perspective. Since we are acting with intuition, we preserve a space, that would illustrate that approach.

24 carat plated copper | iodine 53
bronze | felt | mongolian snow shoes
drawings | painting | ojects





painting acrylic on canvas 50 × 60cm



cappa | pin



detail



nomadic vitrine detail:

book (north pole expedition)
 altan hun (copper/24k gold | page 70-71)
 intel processor | gold
 incense | broken I-phone | pin

North of the North Pole

opening reception, London 2018
 greengrassi gallery & Corvi Mora



SKYFALL

Ding Shun Arts Museum

solo exhibition

Pingnan, Fujian, China 2018



HARM

demolished hands
bronze Mongolia 17th - 19th century

silent witness

The exhibition skyfall invites to a tour through the Museum, in which arrangements of objects create specific narratives in each of 10 rooms. The stories that are told through these installations reveal themselves by the materials that are used with a specific gleam of time and lead to their dissolution in figureless abstract paintings on the second floor.

The exhibition combines a variety of media, materials and original artworks. The visitor passes through rooms, in which installations reflect specific issues of time in the ground floor. The visitor will discover found objects like boxing gloves that are resembled with a new label brand, or usual products out of another time arranged in playful settings.

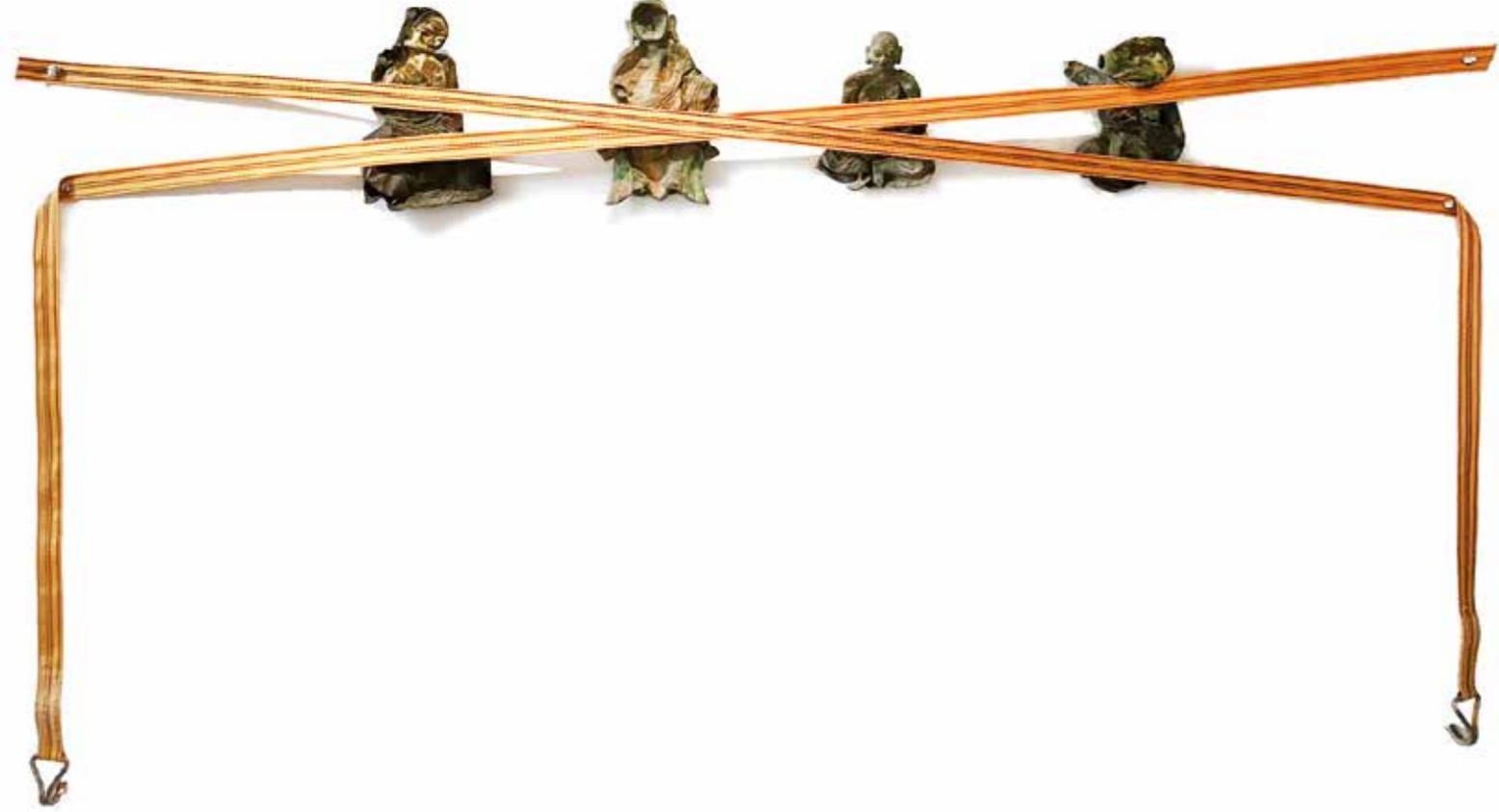
This collection consists of historical Mongolian bronze, of different centuries that have been destroyed in the early 20th century by the Russian army, while taking over the government in outer Mongolia. Courtesy Ma Hui Dong, Tianjin.

The objects present the harm of aggressive demolition. Some items are just deformed by strokes, some other seem to be sieved by bullet howls. The artist was questioning how he could present this violence in a respectful but as well authentic manner.

Ding Shun Arts Museum

private collection of Mongolian Bronze, damaged, about
50 objects 17th - 19th century | span belts





Fight for LOVE

Installation at Ding Shun Arts Museum

Fujian, China 2018



boxing gloves | T-shirts
various textiles | rabbit skin





collectors room

Ding Shun Arts Museum, China

Monotype | I-pad displays the current gold prize
at Börse Frankfurt

Shelter (from the stars)

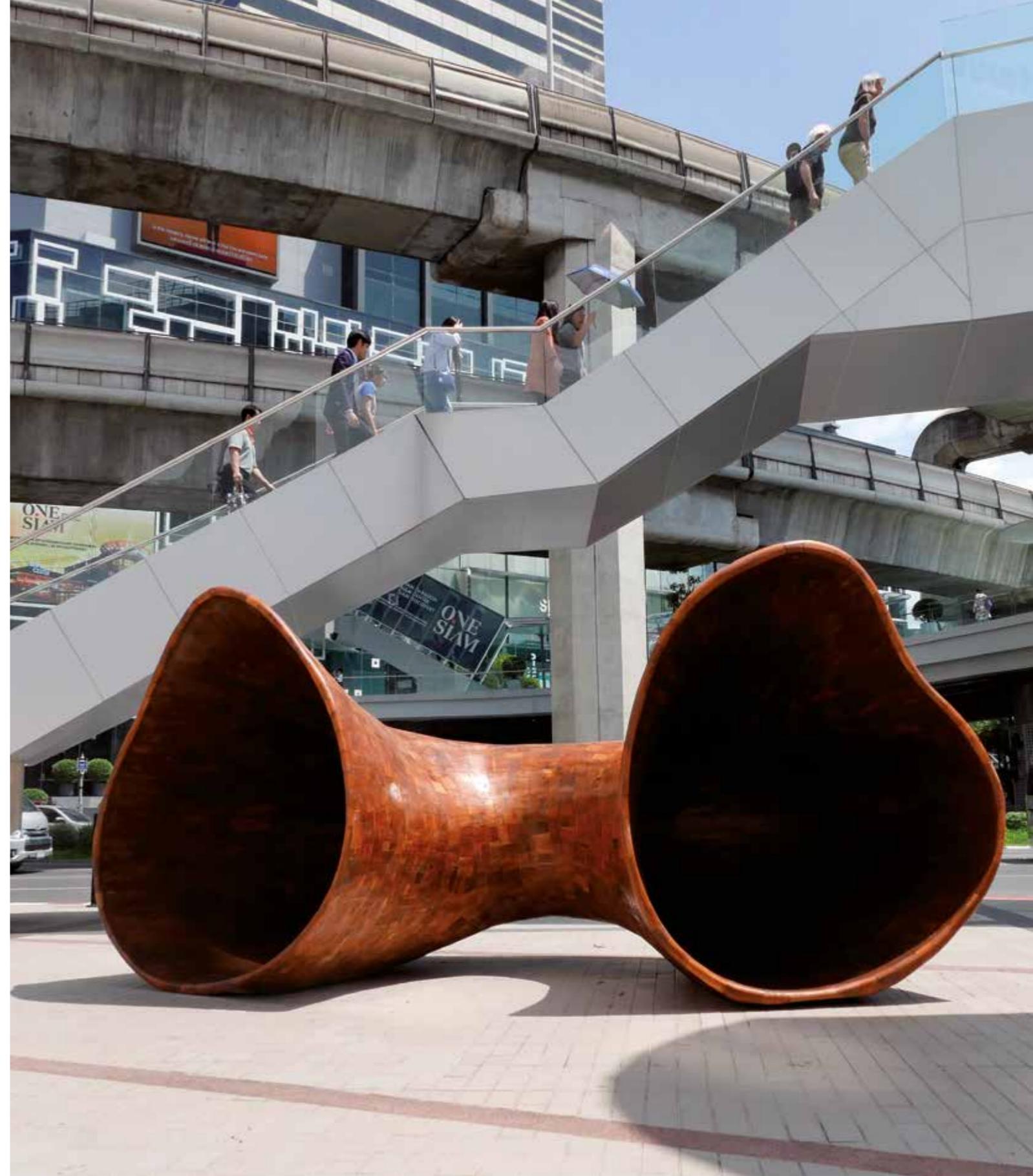
BACC plaza Bangkok

Bangkok Art Biennale 2018

When social comes to real life, it starts with a double sided open interchange; a confabulation or sourceless rhizome of the stories that are passing us and that have attached the quiet internal voices to swing. This ongoing open process, that has build us since our origin involves all our stories, it builds the tensions and gateways of our personal being. In these days of global traffic we might rather prefer to rest in private then public. However privacy has become precarious and while we turn public addressing our questions, the forgotten queries return therein. Territory has become contested since migration has brought its value on the table again. Shelter offers a nomadic point of encounter within a lively environment. Within the urbanized context, the artwork looks for an acceptance by the use of people but also allows the idea of inner refuge space. Either generating sound or resonating, exploring the interior or hide and rest, it mainly questions the membrane/ boarder line between inner and outer space.

Shelter

500 x 240 cm | teak wood | steel
Bangkok Int. Art Biennale 2018/19
BACC Plaza, Bangkok



Century Buds

Installation

BACC Bangkok Art Biennale 2018



poles: 48cm | 220 cm | 250 cm x 10 cm
chromed steel | copper | verdigris | felt

Objects of solid copper, or polished chrome which seem to bud on both ends soft felt, are reminiscent of cosmetic tools, just rather oversized. Extraterrestrial objects or objects for extraterrestrials, or at least for elephants (?) the Anthropocene calls for a different point of perspective to recognize itself.

The buds hovering around the visitor mimic their cleansing of the spatially mental, and could act as a haptic link between the artists conceptual work the plein air sculptures.



LIMBO

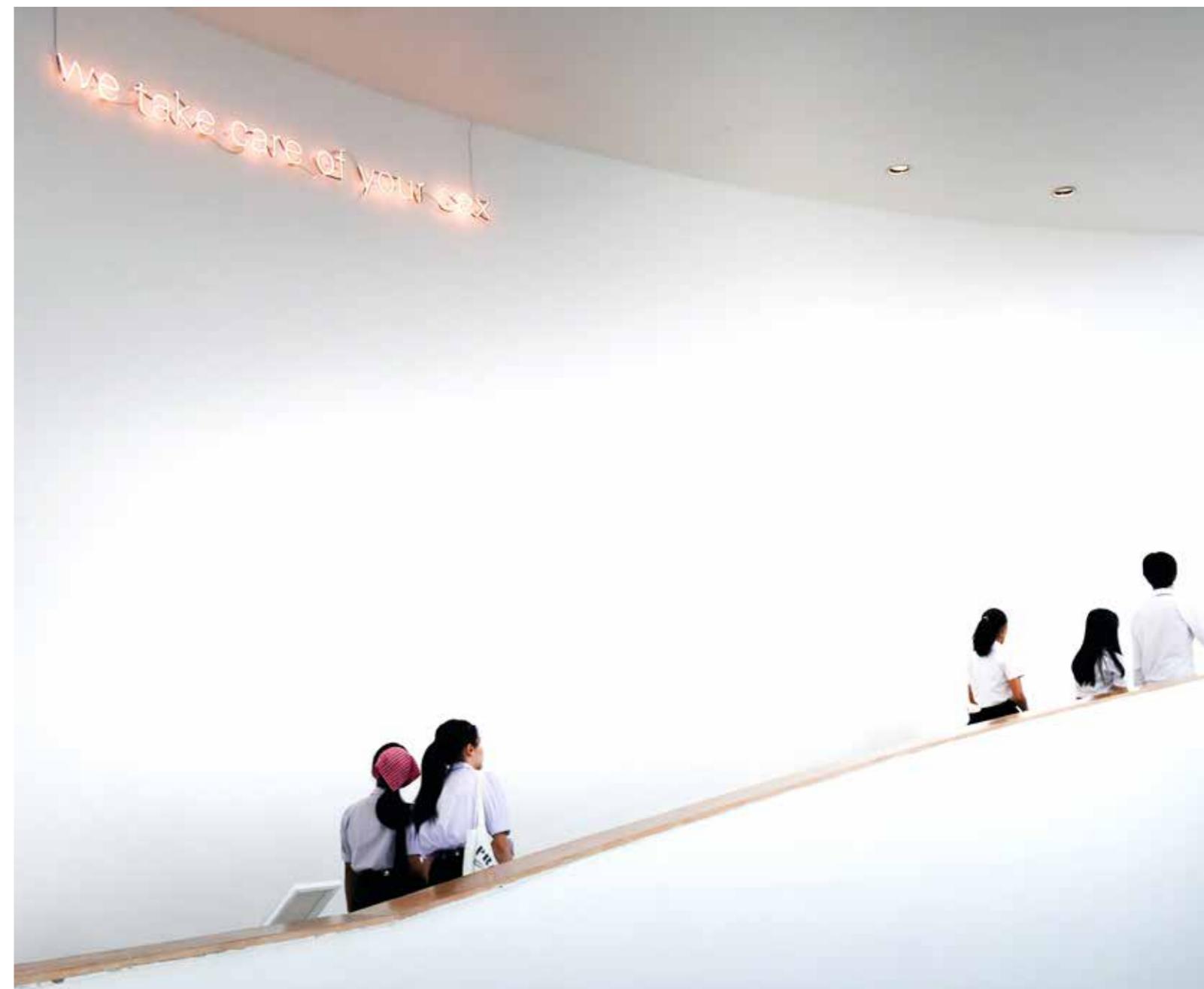
Installation

BACC Bangkok Art Biennale 2018



Neon 300 x 30 cm

Bangkok Art & Culture Center BACC Bangkok 2018



we take care of your sex

neon 350 x 30 x 5 cm
EDEN Solo Exhibition
Galerie Kai Hilgemann | Berlin 2011

Spirits in the forest

Installation

Jeju Biennale, Jeju Museum of Art

South-Korea 2017

the only paradise is paradise lost

Marcel Proust

The work 'Spirits in the Forest' is an assemblage of hats from different individuals and regions, selfie stick, arrangement of credit cards, and unfinished panama hat (Port au Prince, Haiti), label embroideries made in Mongolia.

Tourists buy souvenirs during their holidays and most souvenirs are used as presents or objects to remember the place of visit. Hats were once objects that showed social class and identity, but now it has become an object that people buy before travelling or at holiday places.

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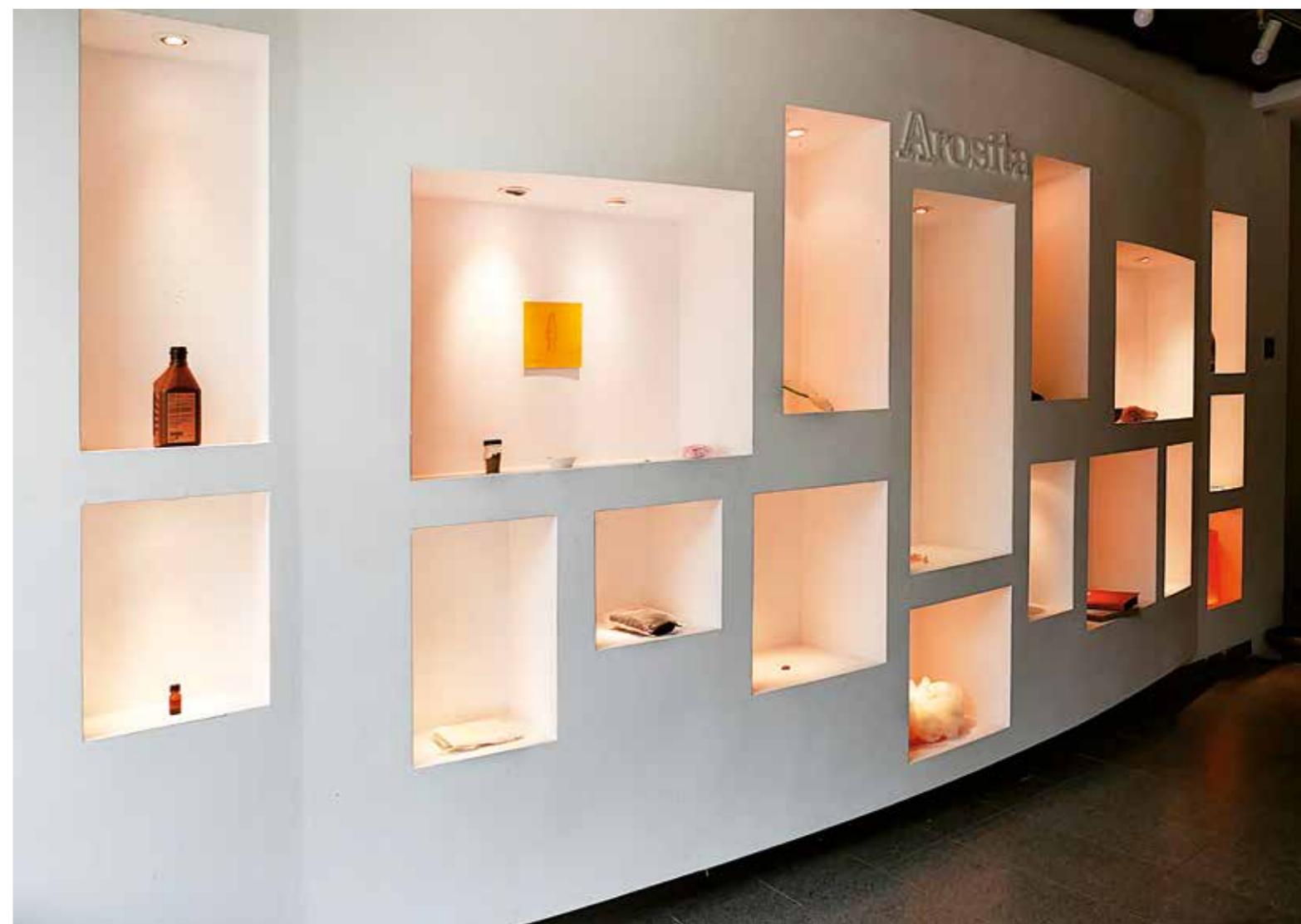


How to free the leaves from the wind and the sky from the air

Watertower festival 2018

Arosita Gallery, Sofia (solo)

Iodine | copper | felt | objet trouvé



How to free the leaves from the wind
and the sky from the air

performance

Responding N°1 | 2018
Nihonbashi Institute of Contemporary Arts,
Tokyo | Iwaki Onsen | Japan

Iodine | wood | felt | gold | incense | questionnaire



SIREN

Folkestone Triennial

England 2018

Siren was intrigued both by the beauty and the redundancy of the technology of the 'listening ears' (early warning acoustic mirrors) at nearby Denge (Dungeness). Siren is intended to evoke an unfamiliar technology, as if it has 'landed from space'. It amplifies sound coming from far away, but adds the possibility of 'speaking back' by becoming a megaphone. Sited overlooking Folkestone Harbour, it gathers the noise of the waves (like a sea shell) and is a reminder of the fog horn that until recently sounded from the lighthouse on the Harbour Arm.

440 x 300 cm | steel GFK
Folkestone Triennial 2017
Folkestone, Kent England



Eclipse

TEDA
contemporary art museum Tianjin

China 2015

Solo exhibition

*Die Kunst ist das Feld einer Freiheit nicht
im Sozialen sondern vom Sozialen **

Christoph Menke



art is the field of freedom not within the social, but from
the social *

A Fabric of Time

Text by R.A. Suri

The title, Eclipse, infers a metaphysical lapse. The lapse is synchronously one experienced at a visual level and that of concrete movement. The lapse is simultaneously experienced at a visual and concrete motional level. The sense of ocular dislocation is inseparable with that of the gravitational force and the laws of physics. The artist yet evokes a parallel experience: the dislocation of allegorical time and historical parameters.

The attempt to render an original visual contextualization to phenomenon a phenomenon which is indelibly wedded to a cultural-historical metaphor, space/time chronologies and obscure metaphysical poetics appears nonsensical. With visual evidence comprised comprising of random photographic documents inspired by abandoned or discarded “relics” of advertising, futuristic spaces of our own consumerist advent and similar “physical” references, the artist yet further implies a subtler mechanism.

The nonsensical is actually an act of experiential distortion, the subtle, and kinetic movements being less visible. A spatial effluvium is described within the works, and a poly-chronic breadth is unveiled as being constituent of neither the “real” real nor the impermeable.

The experience of a kinetic flux, or that of a non-linear time appears as being possible, if

not, actual. An allusion to the tragic tragedy of the mundane and demarcation of poetical traditions “lost” within a contemporary execution in performance denote the destructive cycle of an “eclipse”. Yet, destruction is the precursor of creation, without death, there is no life. The aesthetic effluvium of the artist’s visual discourse animates questions which are beyond the experiential/spatial, dualisms and other similar polemical narrative structures. What is read remains akin to Bachelard’s “Poetics of Space”, or further, metaphysical poesis ascribed to the ancients’. Interpretation is foregone for meditation upon the visual fragments of his individual nomadic territory.

The constituent corpus of Marc Schmitz’ creations within “Eclipse” evoke ruminations on the mediatic, socio-emblematic and symbolic presences by which we are as much absorbed by as we ourselves view

in the mundane experience as incidences of time. The artist annotates these incidences with a modality which intuitively atmospheres rather than physical strata: time is painted as an abstract ephemeral rather than scientific real. The query refracts amidst different medium/media, and we may resort to Sartre’s famous epithet of the existentialist philosopher, Albert Camus: “His pessimism is solar if we recall how much darkness there is within the sun...” in measure of the ruin Marc Schmitz depicts in this spatial eulogy.

In linear time, the occasion of an eclipse holds the promise of a new phase, the instance of obscurity the being that of origin. The sense of dramatic, historical and subsequent episodic renewal of illusion occurs, yet the axiom of the work is atmospheric alone, without the premise of generative cycles. We are led to return to questioning the fabric of time as a lyrical morphology which surpasses our limitations and vanity of traditional perception.

R.A. Suri, Tianjin January 2015

Nomadic Theorie

Text by Jaiyant Cavale

Marc Schmitz, the conceptual artist, seeks to showcase the effervescent quality of time though we all are bound by time, space, our own thoughts and feelings. His latest conceptual art exhibition Eclipse explores the status of art in an increasingly objective and rational world, dominated by binaries. In fact, the theme of the exhibition could simply be “time frame” or how time eclipses binaries in our societies and how the artist could persist in an increasingly compartmentalized world.

At Eclipse, the visitor is as much a part of the art installation as is the artist. The exhibition consists of two flanks that represent the two hemispheres our brain, one symbolizing the rational and the other, the effervescent and gaseous. It is probably this effervescent and gaseous nature of humanity that Marc seeks to explore. Cherry stones and the last words of Confucius are installed in the main hall, which measures

600m2. The last words of Confucius „The Taishan will collapse, Coincide Temples, Rot Philosophers” may symbolize the question of time and the impermanence of ideas that people hold so sacred. On the opposite wall, visitors find a yellow painting titled „King Wen is hiding the dragon“, a reference to the yellow dragons which were only displayed for the kings. For Schmitz, King Wen, associated with the famous I Ching (or Book of Changes), was the first to attempt structuring the unknown.

Whether it’s the quest to understand destiny or attempting to reveal the secrets of time, the yellow dragons seem to remind Marc Schmitz and his visitors of the effort that the ancient kings put in to understand the unknown. Coincidentally, the yellow dragons were reserved only for the kings, a sign that knowledge was the preserve of the privileged even back then. The last words of Confucius and the yellow painting symbolize the gradual erosion of older binaries, only to be replaced with newer ones.

The other part of the installation consists of cabinets with lightboxes and a series of empty billboards. While another room displays monotypes.

The two flanks in the exhibition may also represent the deliberate compartmentalization that takes place in our lives. The way we try to make sense of an increasingly complex world has gradually stripped us away from the artist in us. The availability and predictability of information and data make it ever more difficult for art to persist. If we could make sense of everything around us,

ECLIPSE

The Taishan will collapse
Coincide Temples
Rot Philosophers

luminescent paint
cherry stones, about 100 kg





if we could compartmentalize everything that we feel, if we could rationalize every behavior and if we could offer an explanation for every moment that passes, the possibility of art, of wonder and the essence of art may disappear. Eclipse probably explores this insecurity of the artist; that art may cease to exist in a world which is increasingly devoid of wonder and marvel.

The context couldn't have been better. With its rational and capitalist approach, China has achieved what its neighbors couldn't possibly have: economic prosperity. In this prosperity, is China losing its ancient heritage? Or has it managed to challenge the binary of "modernity-antiquity" and induce a state of effervescence and gaseousness that oppose such binaries?

Marc neither poses this question nor seeks to answer a question like that. Instead, Eclipse invokes his previous works involving blank billboards, obvious references to materialism, consumption and the associated emptiness; reminding us that while a capitalist society may achieve material prosperity, it still needs the inspiration of the effervescent and the gaseous in order to innovate. Probably these binaries overlap each other, just like the artist and the visitor overlap each other in this particular exhibition. The exhibition probably seeks to emphasize the importance of the sustenance of the artist even when older binaries are challenged by newer ones; while the amorphous, the ambiguous and the gaseous pervade rigidly established binaries.

To cite an example, gender binaries, especially those related to sexuality, are contiguous with

the binaries of the rational and the subjective. Rational sexual behavior, as espoused by the heteronormative majority is very different from what actually exists in reality.

Human sexuality is much too fluid and gaseous than the artificial heterosexual binaries imposed by societies. If one invokes Confucius' statement again, binaries which were once held sacred are gradually being questioned and philosophers who held heteronormative male-female binaries are witnessing the decay of their own theories. Curiously, gender binaries are increasingly being questioned even in conservative societies. In that context, the cherry stones on the floor may symbolize the insecurity of the artist or represent the insecurities of those who do not conform to heteronormativity.

Are older binaries being replaced by newer ones, only to further push away the artist and the subaltern from the mainstream?

Have capitalist endeavors stripped ancient countries off their essence, replacing them with the emptiness that the billboards represent? While gender binaries are gradually eroding, are societies replacing them with class and culture related binaries? Will the artist be able to survive in an increasingly predictable world? The answers to these questions may lie in the gaseous and effervescent nature of humanity. By challenging the rigidity and predictability of our societies and by accepting the fluidity of creativity and art, one may find answers to these and many other questions.

107 | left
99-105 King Wen | right

both 130 × 170 cm | oil on canvas 2012
Collection moproo, Shanghai

TEDA contemporary art museum Tianjin

Jaiyant Cavale



transform capitalism

Lightboxes | LED | wood frames
TEDA contemporary art museum Tianjin

MONOTYPES
each 100 × 70 cm

Steinbacher | pantone on bristol carton
TEDA contemporary art museum Tianjin



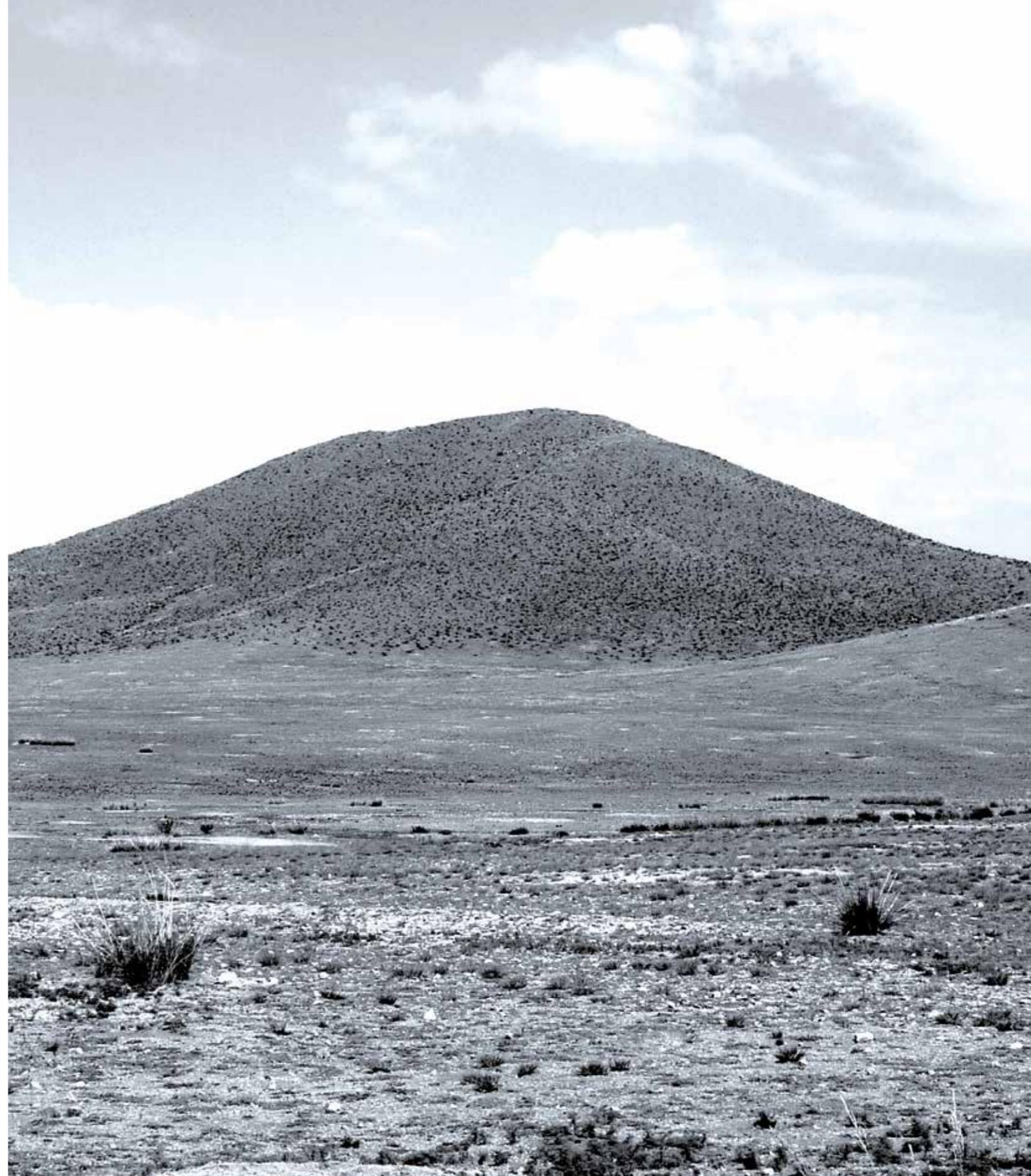
CONCEPTUALS

&

Land Art

Мөрөн | the mountain

It's about time that art crucial expands by turns in the service of nature





above

Palazzo Zorzi di UNESCO
56 Venice Biennale 2015

120 x 120 cm Inkprint on Hahnemühle
original frame | Spain 15th century

right:

edition | stock
masses variable

location of mountain:

47° 22' 32.4" N | 110° 18' 25.1" E

undeveloped | no agricultural
cultivation

Мөрөн (Sum) | Engl. Murun

The artwork Мөрөн | The Mountain

consists of a stock including all documents that describe the process of the dedication of the Mountain to Land Art Mongolia. The stock of documents, verifications, photos and agreements etc. build the block that contains the artwork.

Khentii Aimag Eastern Highway about 20 km west from Өндөрхаан (Chinggis City /birth place of Genghis Khan)

Mountains have inspired throughout times. Apart from any commercial or agricultural utilization the mountain is a symbol for the superiority of nature, calm, stability and wisdom.

The project Мөрөн | The Mountain claims the mentoring of s specific mountain in Moron Sum, Mongolia. The mountain will be preseved as such and not modified in any way. The mountain is termed as a work of art. The property provides open access for the general public.

The use of the mountain by local nomads in farming of animals will furthermore be provided. We are interested in a discussion about the relation of men and nature, claiming and ownership and the perspective of value and growth.

The ownership of the property presents a conceptual work of Art. The ownership of the mountain represents the artwork, indicated by legal documents.

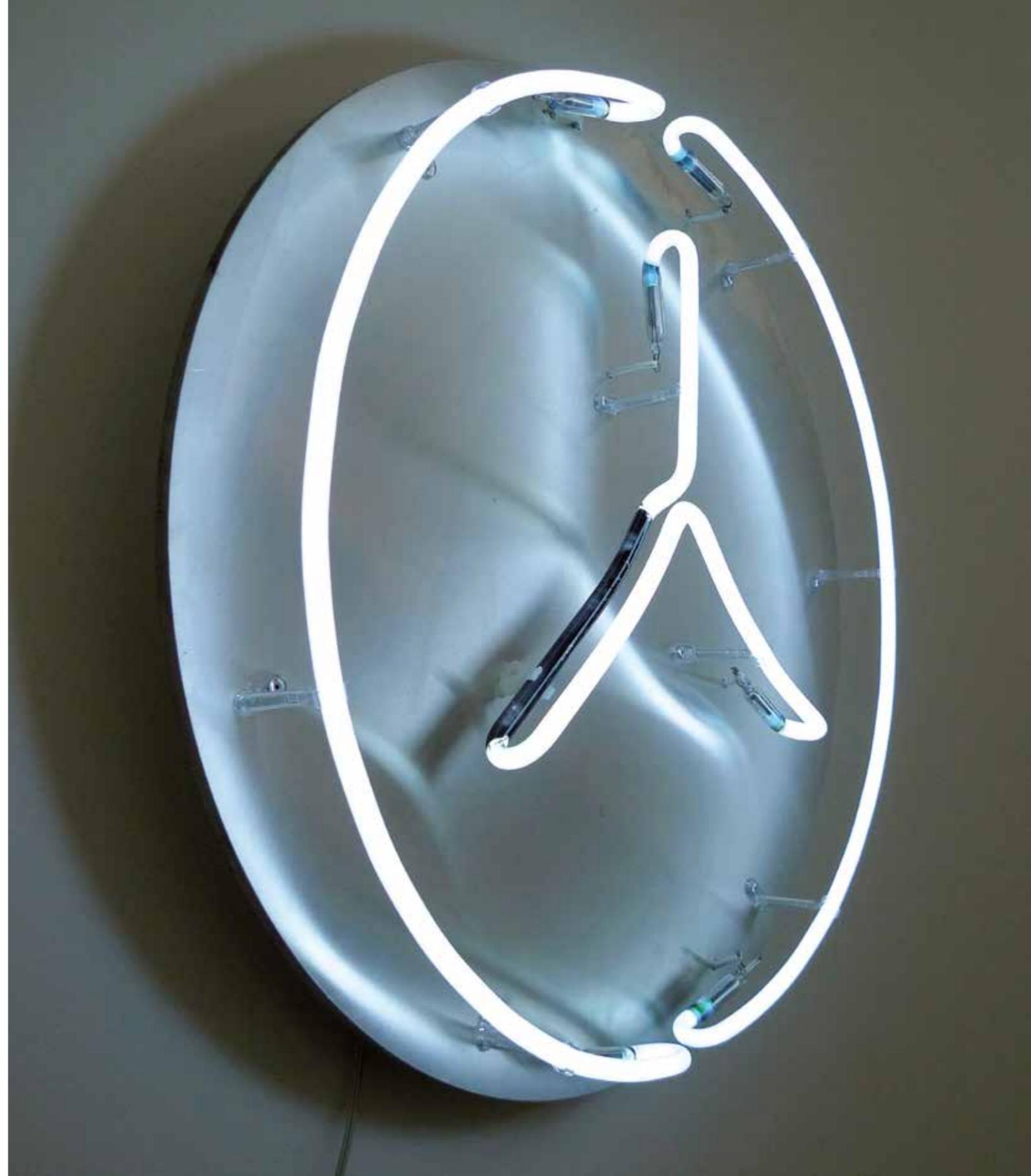


T.R.U.S.T.

moproo gallery (M50)

Shanghai 2013

40 x 40 x 10 cm
Neon | aluminium



T.R.U.S.T.

Value

stock | Shanghai / Hong Kong
(masses variabl)



Entitles a collaborative, conceptual artwork, that explores matters of value, manpower, legal rights of ownership, branding and the market trend of art.

The project's aim is to achieve the patent (internationally/ nationally for China) for design of the character ren 人 (Chin. men) encompassed by a circle.

The T.R.U.S.T. - the people behind:

Entitles the network of individuals collaborating on the production, communication and elaboration of the artwork. The suck of T.R.U.S.T. entitles the collection of all documents, that mark the progress of the work (contracts, production bills, agreements, budget estimations and so on)

The individuals of T.R.U.S.T. persist of professionals as: artist, lawyer, notary, gallery owner, neon workshop, assistants beside others.

All documents that witness the progress of the work are collected as part of the stock.

The value of the artwork will be estimated within a discussion of T.R.U.S.T. in respect of expenses, payments, rights, and fees.

The rise of the value of the work will be documented in the stock collection and payout on distribution coefficient.

The value is related to all aspects of social and economic parts of society life in Asia and abroad.

The Value is mesured by social response and economic feedbac on the issues of nature protection in the means of beauty sustainlility and open space.

ART & POLITICS

AIR Residence project

Museo Leopold Rother
Bogotá | Medellín, Colombia 2012

Case Study and research at
Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá



On the occasion of the A.I.R. Red de Residencias Artísticas Local program by Universidad Nacional de Colombia in Bogotá and Medellín at Casa Tres Patios the artist developed a questionnaire of 11 issues, that was circulated around 25 contemporary artists of Colombia. The questions concern the personal relationship of art and politics. The answers of 9 participating artists were showcased at the museum Leopold Rother in Bogotá.

artists:

Alberto Baraya
uis Camnitzer
Rauk Cristancho
Clemencia Echeverri
Yury Hernando Forero
Dora Mejía
Juan Mejía
Nadín Ospina
Victor Viviescas

questions | samples:

1) Please describe the political aspect in your artistic practice (if there is one)?

2) Have you ever been in personal conflict with the govt. authorities, and (if yes) did this influence your artistic work (if yes in what way)?

{.....}

11) Your personal Utopia?



Stories of Light

Sculpture by the Sea
Aarhus Denmark



Stories of Light

Sculpture by the Sea

Aarhus Denmark 2013

„It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye“.

Antoine de Saint Exupéry

Natural elements dominate the major experience while visiting the beach. The light on the beach is very bright. The multiple reflection of light from the north sea, the sand and the sky makes the sea light a spectacular drama that we want to give a stage.

This project works with the disappearance of images. Billboards are giant projection screens for all kinds of goals. The environment of the city is filled with massive pollution of advertising. In this situation we like to set empty screens to relax the dynamic of lacking. We present what is already there: the beauty of light.

Steel | glass 300 x 250 cm



SHELTER CAFÉ

Ulziit Nuur

on-site installation

(membranes, wood, black salt Ulziit Nuur)

Followed by days of increasing insanity - like a possessed person Nietzsche writes to friends and acquaintances including to Cosima Wagner whom he calls Ariadne, in form of short and longer letters as well as thought fragments so called ‚Wahnsinnszettel‘ (notes of insanity) which he signs with ‚Dionysus‘, or ‚The Crucified‘ or ‚Caesar Nietzsche‘. On January 5th, 1889 he writes an extended letter to Prof. Burckhardt in Basel which starts with the famous words:

„Dear Professor, when it comes right down to it I'd much rather have been a Basel Professor than God; but I didn't dare be selfish enough to forgo the creation of the world. You see, one must make sacrifices, no matter how and where one lives.“

Nietzsche tears up bank notes, as well as letters, screams, dances naked and does other things.

right page:
object | salt | Gallery UMA Ulaanbaatar

following pages:

on site installation Orchon Valley
3rd Land Art Mongolia Biennial 2014





АЛТАН ХҮН (gold men)

The Discovery of Heaven

*In recognition of Jügderdemidiin Gүrragchaa
the first and only Mongolian cosmonaut*

Gold occurrence In Mongolia (MN): 3.000 tons
Population in MN 2012: 2.700000
Gold occurrence per person in MN: 1.1111111Kg

Gold originates while stars explode at the end of their life in a supernova. All gold discovered on our planet has an extraterrestrial origin. Meteorite impacts created the terrestrial gold stock. Unaffected by corrosion gold was used as a symbolic bridge of sky and earth on temples.

Discovery of Heaven explores the relationship of earth and sky. Though the evidence of the sky is one of the most obvious facts, only in utmost distance to the crowded cities – entering the desert – one comes to truly acknowledge the endless space. The sky is without boundaries to stage an experimental field in public space. It is an appropriation of the almost lost human experience of the non-teleological walk of the flâneur in the 19th century. It postulates the human diversity in the relation between earth and heaven and freedom, accessible to all people.

The work examines the ambivalence of mining projects in Mongolia in relation to the distribution of the proceeds to the Mongolian people.

copper 24 K gold plated | 56, x 4 cm | 1.1111 Kg
Bag Gazariin Chuluu, Gobi, Mongolia



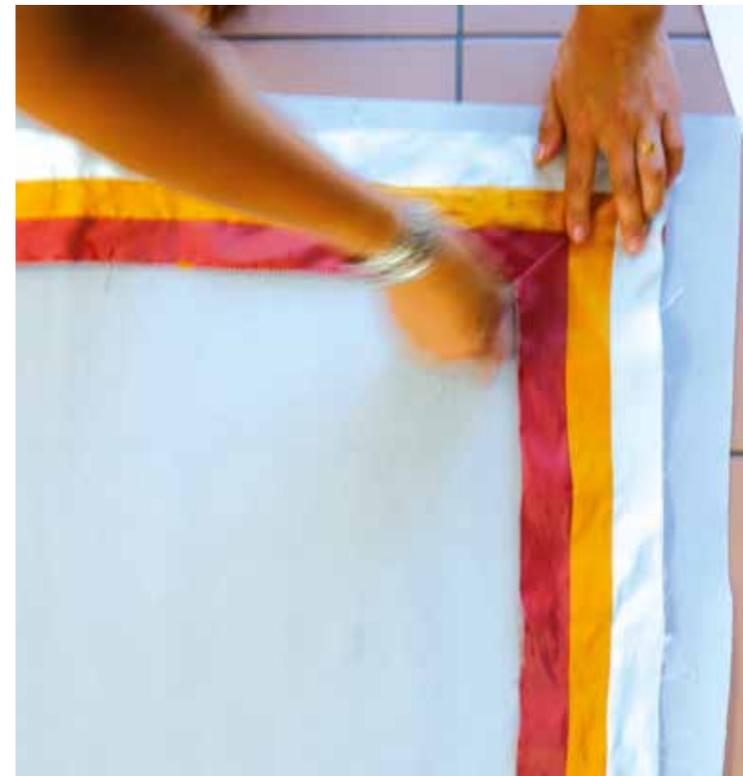
Moon Cuckoo

Scenery for a desert play in memory of Danzan Ravjaa

When Danzan Ravjaa wrote his opera in 1830 in the quiet isolation of Khar Uul (Black mountains) in the Gobi he was creating all disciplines such as scripts, librettos, scenery, costumes by himself. He was also training the actors as he brought the first theater play to Mongolia, which was later taken to the urban centers in inner Mongolia, where Ravjaa used it to raise funds for his monastery and theater projects.

This play was extremely complex with an ensemble of more than 200 persons and could last from 3 days to one month.

The installation Ssaran Chochoo resembles Ravjaa's main Opera and takes the image of his giant theater building in Kharmaryn Khiid (Gobi), which was constructed with 2 floors and one additional directors box. The installation in Baga Gazrin Chuluu provides an abstract stage scenery that plays with the light and natural elements.



Airtex | Bruxafol
Dimensions: 550 x 250 cm

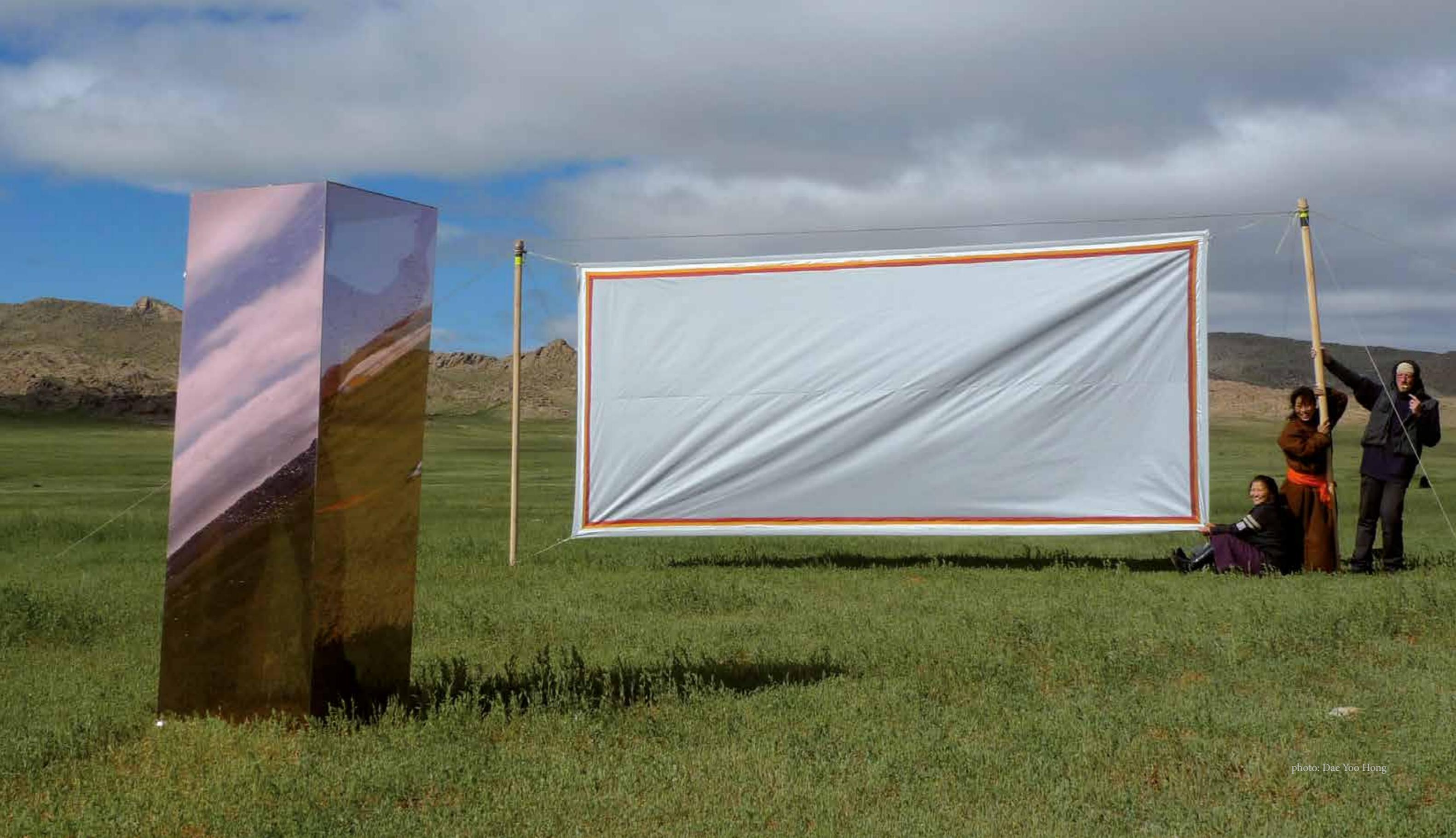


photo: Dae Yoo Hong

Spaces

Nakanajo Biennial

Nakanoko

Japan 2015

マーク・シュミッツ
'compleatness, please give me'

400 × 160 cm
Airtex aluminium



photo Corinna Krebber

Brief history of the project

Spaces

Spaces (for open minds)

Any typical space is constructed by typical social conditions. Every part of consciousness is included. Images of space are dreams of society.

On the occasion of the Biennale in Busan 2004 in South Korea, Berlin artist Marc Schmitz designed a walk-in sculpture that allows for a new and unusual experience of space within a lively environment. Having entered the sculpture, the visitor perceives only the light blue interior of the funnel and the sky.

The structure is 3 m high. It consists of a steel frame of hollow sections on which a light blue interior membrane and a red exterior membrane are stretched. The membranes are fixed with a lacing. The interior diameter of the sculpture varies between 0.8 and 4.6 m. The architect Werner Sobek and team supported this Project.

The sculptures Spaces are objects made for experience. The sculpture is designed for the visual field of a human being. The perspective of 360° is representing the possibility of openness and creativity and universality of the human mind. The sculpture acts as a transformer of self-navigation in public places. Man in the sculpture is the connection between sky and earth.

In the following decade the project so called Spaces toured around the globe. Mongolia, the Sculpture Quadrennial Riga, MoMA Shanghai, Land Art New Mexico, Albuquerque US, Baku, Gongju (Korea) Berlin and TRIO Bienal Rio de Janeiro and Najanojo Biennial Japan (both 2015) where stations hosting the project.

The artist carefully aimed to always „acclimatize“ the project in shape, production and used materials, colors etc. regarding the environmental „spirit“.

The project's idea origins in a painting that the artist did some years earlier and he imagined to realize it in a 3 dimensional shape. A quote by German Philosopher Peter Sloterdijk, that Buddhism reflects the philosophy of all laps, led him to the basic idea: totality brought to identity. The presence of the Sky seems to him under-represented. But the open quality of it may be seen as a useful cure of intellectual conflicts.

For the second decade the project is moving toward the middle east. Outbound from the experiences in Baku constructing a network that shares the knowledge of the arabesque, the project intends to produce 3 dimensional knotted objects to be realized in Morocco on the occasion of Marrakech Biennale 6 (2016) and Azerbaijan. (Shabaka Arab. network شبكة)

Shabaka

شبكة

The 6th Marrakech Biennale 2016

Medersa Ben Youssef
Medina Marrakech



420 x 250 cm
cotton | steel | embroidery



The work is realized within a framework of research, communication and discussion. The result is a 3dimensional textile that presents contemporary art within a cross-cultural context. The object is installed at a public space at the Museum Medersa Ben Youssef.

Nomadic cultures bare since ancient times a specific understand of the sky. The sky symbolizes the quality of uniqueness and will be there, wherever we go.

Aware of the rich history in Moroccan fabric design it was appreciated to collaborate with a production workshop of ART C to realize this expression of embroidery art. Berber patterns are transformed in a contemporary manner, intermitted by short messages or global brand logos.

in collaboration with fashion design studio ART/C
Marrakesh

420 × 250 cm
cotton | steel | embroidery

Spaces N° 1

(Spaces for open minds)

Busan Biennial

Haeundae beach, Busan
South Korea 2004

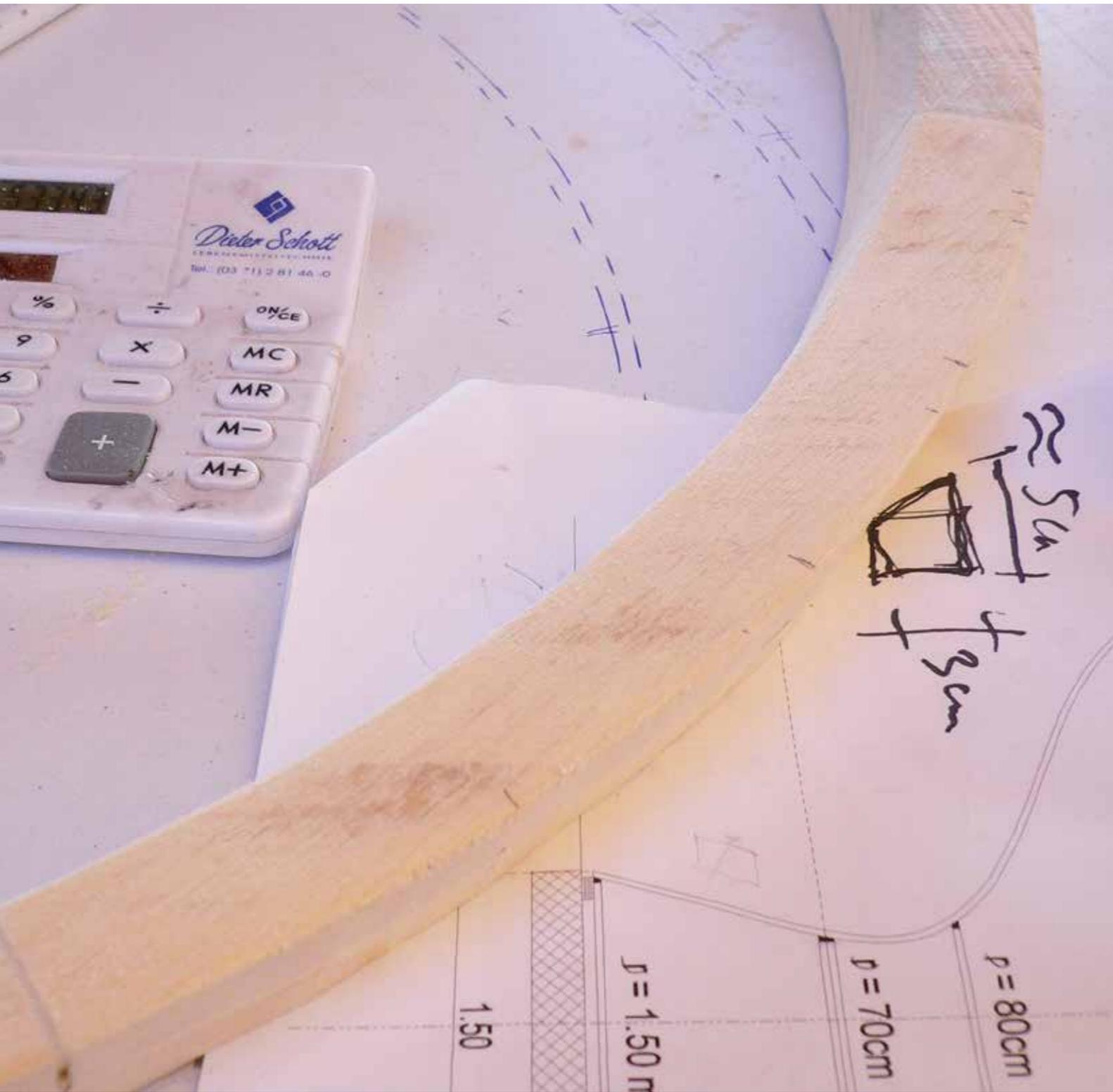


460 x 300 cm
Steel | membranes

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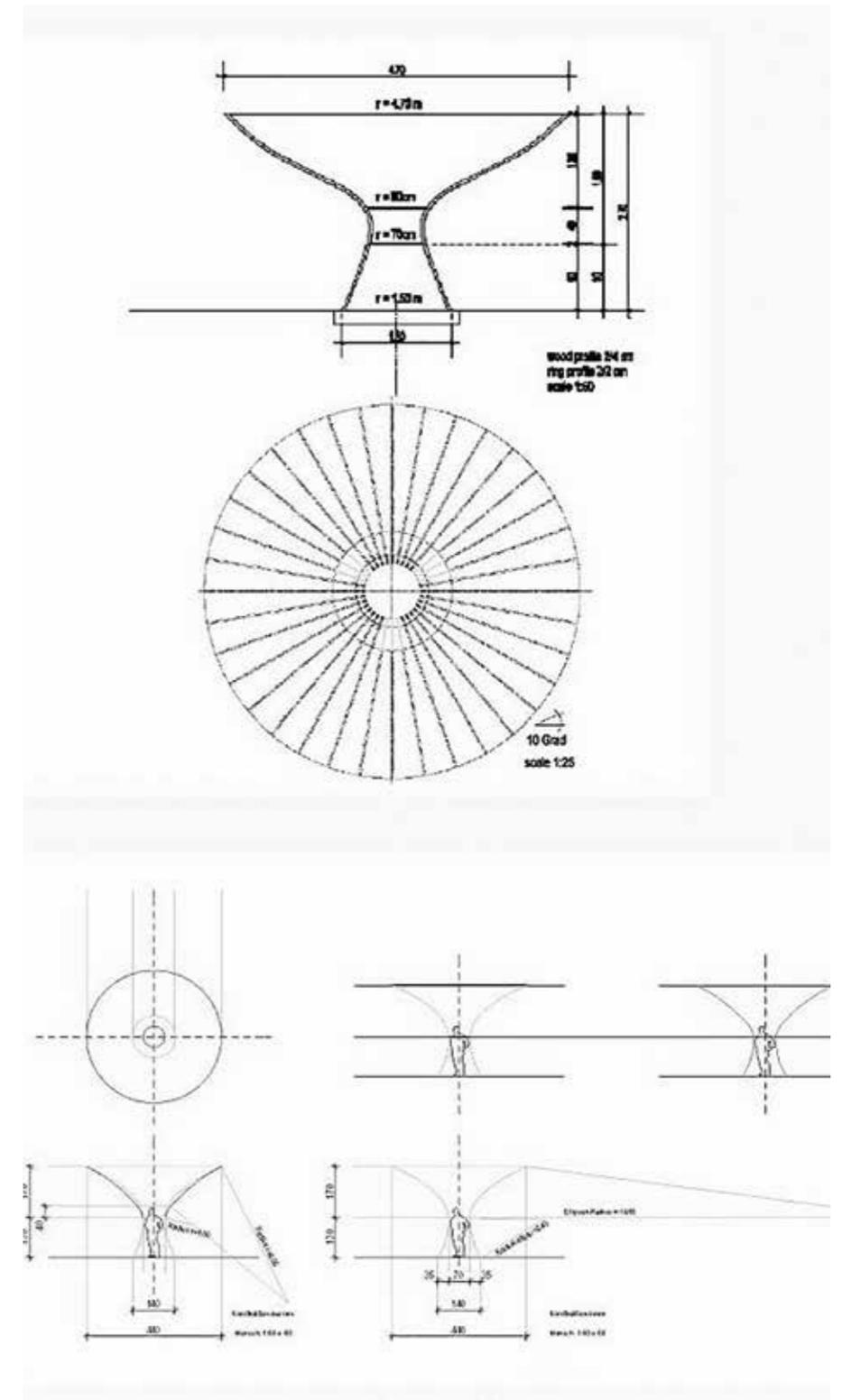


Special Award | Busan Biennial Organizing Committee



Ulaanbaatar Project

Spaces N° 2



workshop Gachuurt

Mongolia 2005



National Mongolian Modern Art Gallery

Suukhbaatar Square

wood | fabric
460 × 290 cm



Marc Schmitz | SPACES

Galerie Kai Hilgemann

Solo exhibition

Berlin 2008



Spaces N° 2

paintings from series:
la divina commedia
each 130 x 170 cm
oil on canvas

Mobile Spaces (left page)

Galerie Kai Hilgemann, Berlin 2010

250 × 120cm

Steel | membrane | gas compression springs



Flying Spaces (right page)

Sculpture Qadrennial, Riga 2009

400 × 150 cm | membrane | aluminium rings



Installation at Zendai MoMA

Shanghai 2008



400 x 150 cm | fabric | aluminium rings

Land Art New Mexico

Richard Levy Gallery 2009

Airtex | steel
400 x 170 cm

Tinguix Park Aluquerque USA



N° 5

EDEN - Solo exhibition

Galerie Kai Hilgemann

Berlin 2011

12 circulating nylons refer to an arabesque pattern.
2 yellow loops are aligned in a east west course.
The object was originally designed for Baku, as
this region formally mared the borderline between
the east and west.

in cooperation with Corocord, the German
embassy in Azerbaidjian and the Q Gallery Baku

venues:

Academy of Arts Baku | Azerbaijan 2009
Galerie Kai Hilgemann Berlin 2011

500 x 170 cm
steel | nylon | titan
Galerie Kai Hilgemann Berlin 2011



Bienenkönig

Museum Gongju

South Korea 2009

On the occasion of an AIR in a detached land house in Wongol by the artist collective YATOO, a queue out of 16 single nylon strings was plaited. The object was exhibited at the YATOO Museum in Gongju Korea together with 5 paintings, that have been created during 2 month residency in the summer of 2009.

Nylon | steel | colored silicon ballons 200 × 500 cm





마크 슈미츠

프로젝트 Bienenkönig - 만남을 위한 설치
미디어예술, 통신 / 회화 130 x 162cm 캔버스에 유채

Project Bienenkönig - Installation for encounter
media art, communication / paintings 130 x 162cm oil on canvas

installation view detail
paintings 170 x 130 cm

Museum Gongju, South Korea

TRIO Bienal

Rio de Janeiro 2015

Paco das Artes

Rio de Janeiro, Brasil



The TRIO Biennial is an international exhibition of contemporary art around the three-dimensional – sculpture, installations, objects – just as, in all its expanded fields – painting, photography, performance, video and other media as three-dimensional research. The Biennial aims to be one of the major projects in 2015, next to the Rio’s birthday celebrations.

With the theme “Who said that tomorrow doesn’t exist?”, extracted sentence of the verses from the pop music of a Brazilian rapper, Marcelo D2, the show aims to discuss the future’s intermediation processes, their design concepts, past tense and willingness, from the spheres of the country, of the art and in the three-dimensional and is divided into 3 modules, under the supervision of its main curator Marcus de Lontra Costa.



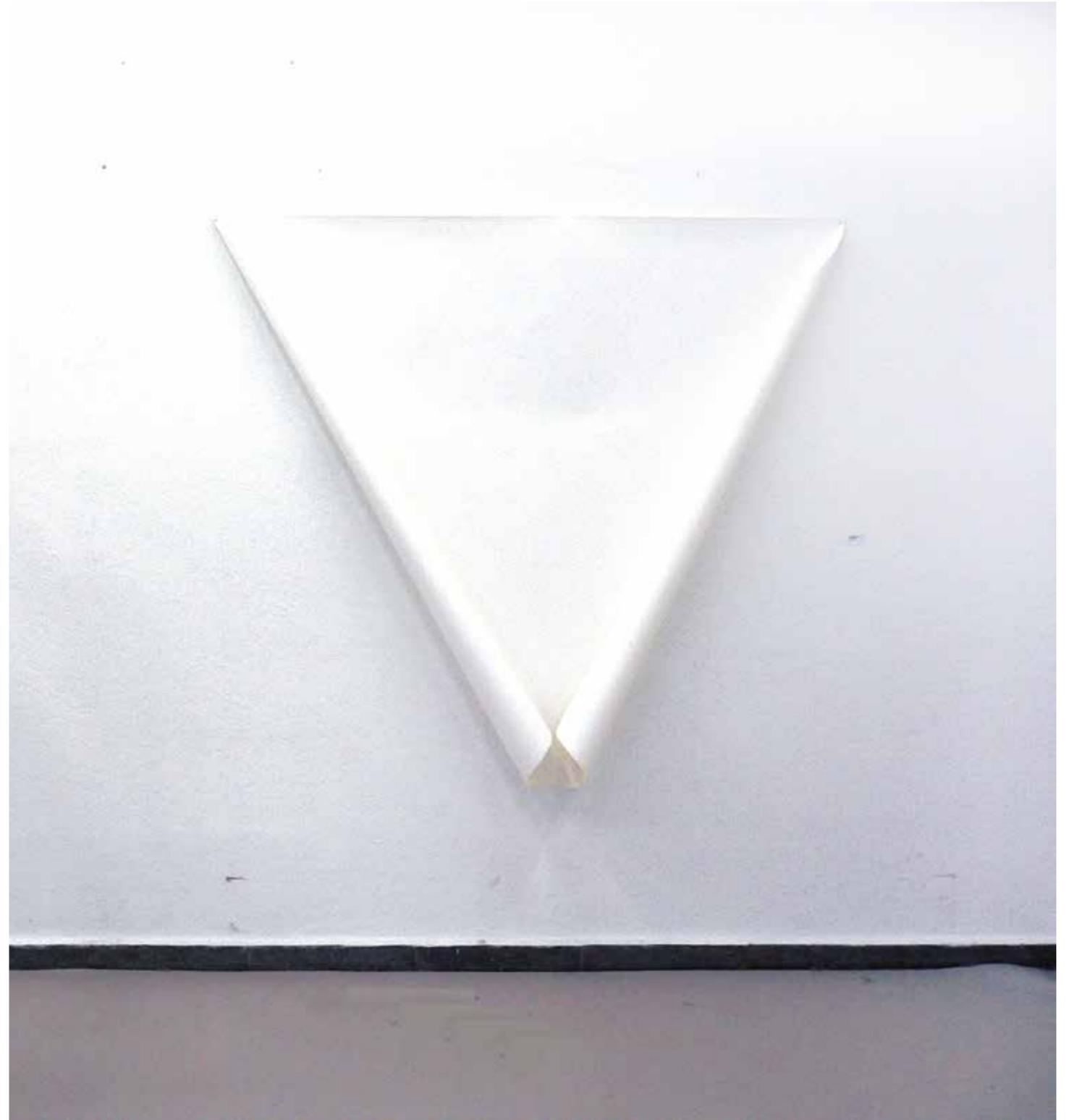
Airtex | steel
400 x 170 cm



paper modell
24 x 13 cm | paper steamers | glue

object N° 0

paper 130 x 120 cm
showroom Berlin 2005



INTERVENTIONS

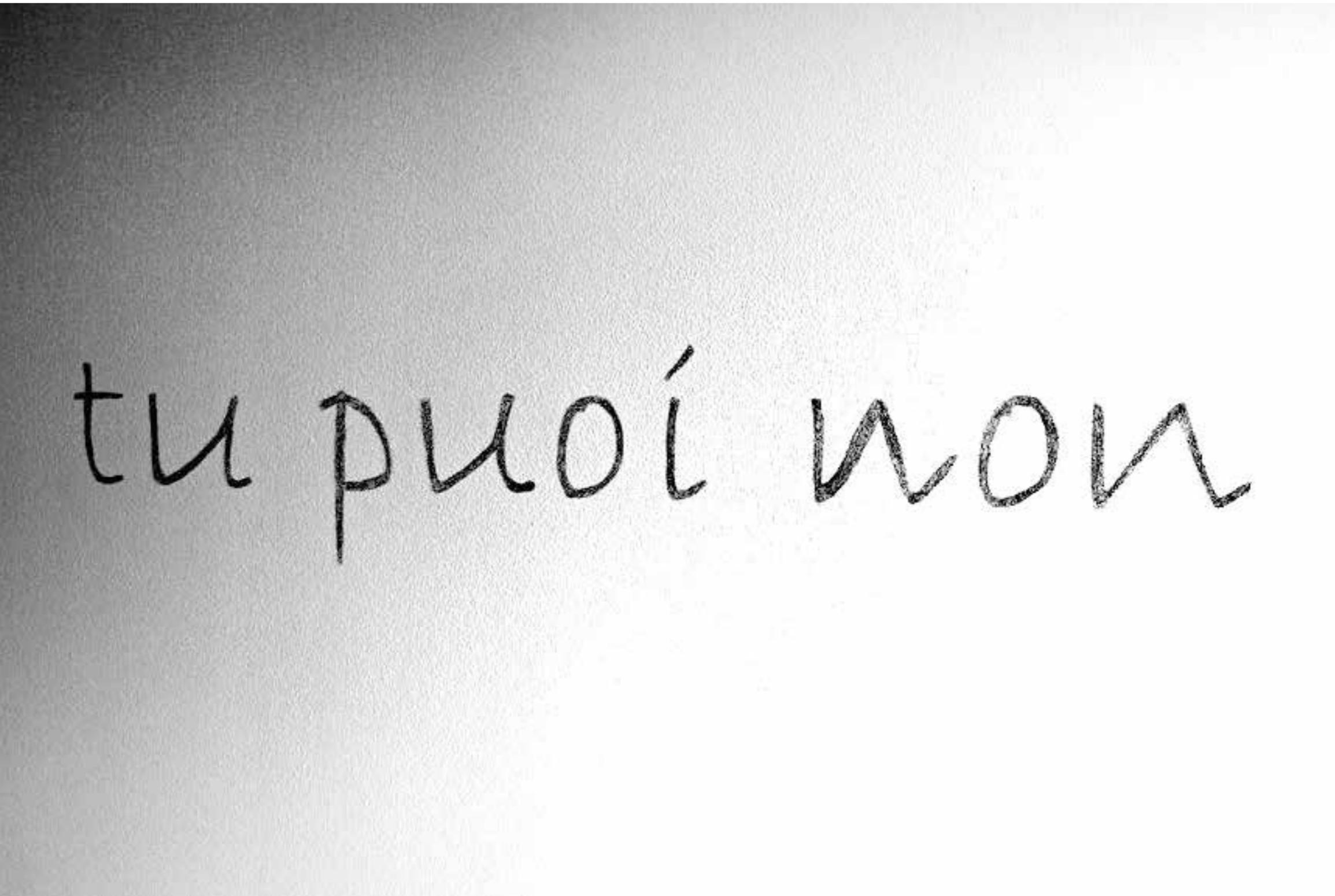


two braids

morproo gallery (M50)
Shanghai 2013



each 500 × 30 cm
camel hair | pearls
cutted bicycle inner tube | strass
analog clock, courtesy the bank of the artist



Tu Puoi Non

pencil on wall

Condensation - curated by Daniele Capra
Museo Borgo di Clauiano, Trivignano, Italy

blackbox KYRGYZSTAN

Art center Koldo

Bishkek

Kyrgyzstan 2010

Entering the blackbox, the visitor could illuminate the space by choosing either fire or LED of a typical lighter, that was placed near the entrance of the object. Inside a mirror was installed at a low high of about 70 cm. During the time of the exhibition a peoples revolution was taking over the politics in Kirgiztan.

wood | black paint | fabrics | mirror | lighter



L'art est arrivé à l'état gazeux



performance

VIDEO



Change your life (CYL)

Video 15.05 min | DV - PAL



The project consists in a series of conceptual installations on the representation of speech, and the strategy of conviction.

CYL - is researching the process of change within the social context. What are the elements that guaranties continuity within change, and in what order the singular systems related are to each other ?

concept | editing | cut - Marc Schmitz
actors - Julia Pepke | Dolgor Ser - Od
sound - Dirk Homann

The installation presents a video projection in a separate room (box) that has to be entered by a single person only (one to one).

public screenings:

Union of Mongolian Artists | Ulaanbaatar outdoor pixel-screen 2005

X Int. Cairo Biennial Museum of Modern Agyptian Art
(Award of Jury Prize) 2006

Galerie Alexandra Saheb | Berlin 2010





DER JUNGE PHOTOGRAPH

Loop (about 10 minutes)
Interactive Video Installation

screenings:

File 2004 Sao Paulo | MAF 05 Bangkok

A crossroad in the center of Berlin - near the Checkpoint Charly - is seen from above. There are people crossing the road. The visitor of the installation can point to a walking person on the screen. By touching a hidden layer „behind“ the person he will hear a voice speaking. There are female and male voices speaking the daily horoscope by random. It is intended, to give the impression of an intimate knowledge of what the person might think about...

EARLY WORKS

Livingthing

Interactive walk-through installation

Ehemaliges Postfuramnt

Berlin Mitte 1999



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installation view
childrens class roon furniture
various materials

Painting after Niepce

Galerie Dorow

Checkpoint Charlie Berlin 1998

Series of paintings about the first
Photography ever by Nicephore Niepce &
monument for one-armed golfer



painted wood | golf balls

paintings: All oil on canvas
#1 & #2 collection Nord/LB

we serve water upon request

Emploseum
Kunstmuseum Luzern 1993

“What in water did Bloom, waterlover, drawer of water, watercarrier, returning to the range, admire? Its universality: its democratic equality and constancy to its nature in seeking its own level: its vastness in the ocean of Mercator’s projection: its unplumbed profundity in the Sundam trench of the Pacific exceeding 8000 fathoms: the restlessness of its waves and surface particles visiting in turn all points of its seaboard: the independence of its units: the variability of states of sea: its hydrostatic quiescence in calm: its hydrokinetic turgidity in neap and spring tides: its subsidence after devastation: its sterility in the circumpolar icecaps, arctic and antarctic: its climatic and commercial significance: its preponderance of 3 to 1 over the dry land of the globe: its indisputable hegemony extending in square leagues over all the region below the subequatorial tropic of Capricorn: the multiseular stability of its primeval basin: its luteofulvous bed: its capacity to dissolve and hold in solution all soluble substances including millions of tons of the most precious metals: its slow erosions of peninsulas and islands, its persistent formation of homothetic islands, peninsulas and downwardtending promontories: its alluvial deposits: its weight and volume and density: its imperturbability in lagoons and highland tarns: its gradation of colours in the torrid and temperate and frigid zones: its vehicular ramifications in continental lakecontained streams and confluent oceanflowing rivers with their tributaries

and transoceanic currents, gulfstream, north and south equatorial courses: its violence in seaquakes, waterspouts, Artesian wells, eruptions, torrents, eddies, freshets, spates, groundswells, watersheds, waterpartings, geysers, cataracts, whirlpools, maelstroms, inundations, deluges, cloudbursts: its vast circumterrestrial ahorizontal curve: its secrecy in springs and latent humidity, revealed by rhabdomantic or hygrometric instruments and exemplified by the well by the hole in the wall at Ashtown gate, saturation of air, distillation of dew: the simplicity of its composition, two constituent parts of hydrogen with one constituent part of oxygen: its healing virtues: its buoyancy in the waters of the Dead Sea: its persevering penetrativeness in runnels, gullies, inadequate dams, leaks on shipboard: its properties for cleansing, quenching thirst and fire, nourishing vegetation: its infallibility as paradigm and paragon: its metamorphoses as vapour, mist, cloud, rain, sleet, snow, hail: its strength in rigid hydrants: its variety of forms in loughs and bays and gulfs and bights and guts and lagoons and atolls and archipelagos and sounds and fjords and minches and tidal estuaries and arms of sea: its solidity in glaciers, icebergs, icefloes: its docility in working hydraulic millwheels, turbines, dynamos, electric power stations, bleachworks, tanneries, scutchmills: its utility in canals, rivers, if navigable, floating and graving docks: its potentiality derivablefromharnessedtidesorwatercourses falling from level to level: its submarine fauna and flora (anacoustic, photophobe), numerically, if not literally, the inhabitants of the globe: its ubiquity as constituting 90 percent of the human body: the noxiousness of its effluvia in lacustrine marshes, pestilential fens, faded flowerwater, stagnant pools in the waning moon.”

James Joyce





performance and installation

Kunstmuseum Luzern, Swiss 1993

(previous pages)



Es existieren keine Gesetze
nur Verkörperungen

Installation

Gladhaus Cottbus, Germany 1990

print on mylar folie

bombs from 2nd world war

Basically the work of Marc seeks for an understanding of representation within time, space and knowledge. In his artistic practice, the artist is researching the unintermediateness of encounter in spatial relations of space.

Zeitmobil

roller skate, kitchen clock glass, stamp
vektor of general theory of relativity by Einstein
1988 Berlin



APENDIX

Exhibitions (selected)

(s.e.) solo exhibition

2018 Bangkok Art Biennale BACC Bangkok, Thailand
Tavan Tolgoi, Greengrassi Gallery & Corvi-Mora, London, UK
Responding 1, NICA, Nihonbashi Institute of Contemporary Arts, Tokyo, Japan
天幕坠落 - The genesis of an image, Ding Shun Arts Museum, Fujian, China (s.e.)
Arosita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria, (s.e.)

2017 Double Edge, Folkestone Triennial, UK
KINOSHO KIKAKU contemporary, Ginza, Tokyo, Japan (s.e.)
Jeju Biennale, Jeju Museum of Art, South Korea
Out of Khentii, Khentii Art Gallery, Chingges City, Mongolia
GNAP, Port Izmir Triennial

2016 Marrakech Biennale 6, Morocco
和谐 国际当代艺术展/天津 Tianjin Art Museum, China
4th Land Art Mongolia Biennial, Ulaanbaatar Dariganga, Mongolia
3rd International Biennial of Muralism and Public Art, Cali, Colombia

2015 TEDA Contemporary Art Museum, Tianjin, China (s.e.)
56th Venice Biennial, Palazzo Zorzi, Venice, Italy

Galerie Seitz & Partner, Berlin, Germany (s.e)
TRIO Bienal, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
Nakanojo Biennale, Japan
Ghetto Biennial, Port au Prince, Haiti

2014 Goethe Institute, Hong Kong, China (s.e)
Faces & Traces, Art Peace Hotel, Shanghai, China
3rd Land Art Mongolia Biennial, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Galerie Seitz & Partner, Berlin, Germany

2013 Moprou Gallery (M50), Shanghai (s.e.)
Galerie Seitz & Partner, Berlin, Germany
Sculpture by the Sea, Aarhus, Denmark
55th Venice Biennial, Il Palazzo Enciclopedico, Venice, Italy
UBE Biennale, Tokinawa Museum, Ube, Japan

2012 Creative Cities, Olympic Fine Arts, The Barbican Center, London, England
Turgut Pura Art Prize, Sculpture & Paintings Museum, Izmir, Turkey
Galerie am Damm, Dresden, Germany (s.e.)
2nd Land Art Mongolia, National Mongolian Modern Art Gallery, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Art & Politics, Museo de Arquitectura Leopold Rother, Bogotá, Columbia (s.e.)
Art Ignites Life - Hongqiao Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China
Zhuqizhan Art Museum, Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China

2011 Eden, Galerie Kai Hilgemann, Berlin, Germany (s.e.)
Condensation, Museo Borgo di Clauiano, Trivignano, Italy

2010 Concert Hall Perth, Berlin Dayz, Perth Western Australia (s.e.)
1st Land Art Mongolia Biennial, Mongolian

National Modern Art Gallery, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Art Center Koldo, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Neue Räume, Galerie Kai Hilgemann, Berlin, Germany
Indian Blend, Gallery Alexandra Saheb, Berlin, Germany

2009 Richard Levy Gallery, Land/Art New Mexico, USA
National Academy of Arts, Baku, Azerbaijan (s.e.)
The Mobile Spaces - Border, Concentart Berlin, Germany
Geumgang Biennale, Museum of Gongju, South Korea
Galerie Ulf Wetzka, Berlin, Germany

2008 Zendai MoMA, Shanghai, China
Sculpture Quadrennial, Riga 2008, Latvia

2007 10th International Cairo Biennale, Museum of Modern Art, Cairo, Egypt
Galerie Seitz & Partner, Berlin, Germany (s.e.)

2006 Galerie Kai Hilgemann Berlin, Germany (s.e.)
Transitory Operations, UMA Gallery, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

2005 2nd International Beijing Biennial, Beijing China
Ulaanbaatar Project, Mongolian National Modern Art Gallery, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

2004 Busan Biennial 2004, Busan, South Korea
File 2004 Galerie de Arte do Sesi, Sao

Paulo, Brasil
Kunstoffice Berlin, Germany (s.e.)

2003 FILE-2003 Paco das Artes/ British Council, Sao Paulo, Brasil

2002 Art on the Net, Michida City Museum Tokyo Japan
Notodo Film Festival, Madrid, Spain
Zebra Poetryfilm Award, literaturWERKstatt Berlin, Germany
Fluxus, Belo Horizonte Brasil

2000 Beijing-Berlin, Jintai Exhibition Hall, Chaoyang, Beijing, China
Art for Expo (first prize award), German House UN - Plaza New York, USA
Goethe Institute, Singapore, German Pavilion,
Expo 2000, Hannover, Germany
Gallery Vartai, Vilnius, Latvia

1999 Festival junger experimenteller Kunst, ehem. Postfuhramt Berlin, Germany
Marc Schmitz paintings, Creation Gallery, Beijing China (s.e.)

1998 Painting after Nicéphore Niépce, Gallery Dorow, Berlin, Germany (s.e.)

1997 Angel Orensanz Foundation, New York, USA

1996 Exploseum, Kunstmuseum Luzern, Switzerland
TWA 800 Kunsthalle Stuttgart, Germany
The forth generation Hackesche Höfe Berlin, Germany
Schmidl & Haas Gallery Frankfurt, Germany

X. Freiburger Film & Video Forum, Germany

1994 La Idea Galleria (Aktion) Wewerka Gallery Berlin, Germany (s.e.)
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Highquell Gallery, Zürich, Switzerland(s.e.)

Awards

Finalist Pulic Art Award IAPA Hong Kong 2015
Prize of Turgut Pura Foundation 2012
Prize of the Jury for realized work, 10th Cairo Int. Biennale, 2006
Special Selection - Busan Biennale Organizing Committee 2004
1. Prize ART FOR EXPO 2000 (international Goethe Institute Award)
VII China Art Exposition International (1998)

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