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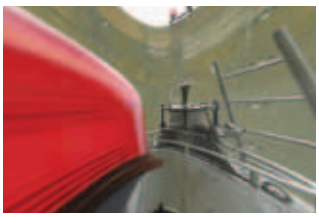


CATALOGUE OF WORKS

acoustic.space.lab VR 2001
single screen video, 4:3 DV (15 min)
Manu Luksch, Sara Kolster, Mukul Patel
with: Paul Khera (graphic design), Voldemars Johansons (dijeridu)
experimental Quicktime VR documentary about ex-Soviet radiotelescope
shows: Irbene and e-Lab, Riga (2001)
commissioned by: *acoustic.space.lab*
www.ambientTV.NET/2001/asl

Aju J.'s New Year Feast – In the Year of the Fire Dog 2006
single screen video installation; food cans (10 min)
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: Aju Jupoh (chef/presenter)
preparation of a traditional Akha New Year's feast of sautéed dog
shows: Temporary Art Museum Soi Sabai, Thailand (2006); 5th Bangkok Experimental Film Festival (2008); ambient.space (2008); International Short Film Festival Oberhausen (2009)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=firedog

ambient.lounge 2006
installation of curated works; participatory space
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: Rachel Baker, Ilze Black, Tina Hage, Juha Huuskonen, Lektrolab (Emma Davidson & Paul B. Davis) (commissioned/curated by ambientTV.NET)
space to browse works; to discuss, reflect, relax and dream
shows: *Satellite of Love* at Witte de With for the 35th International Film Festival Rotterdam, (2006); *Connecting Worlds* at NTT ICC, Tokyo (2006)
commissioned by: Witte de With/TENT
supported by: NTT ICC (InterCommunication Center)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=ambientlounge

ambient.vista 2008
international artist-in-residence programme
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: Wolfgang Staehle, Fahim Amir, Tuomas Toivonen, Shiho Fukuhara (commissioned artists)
artists address ambient.space's unique, spectacular aspect over London
shows: E:vent gallery, V22 Wharf Road, Austrian Cultural Forum London (2008)
supported by: Mr. Simon Bishop, Arts Council England, Austrian Cultural Forum London, Embassy of Finland, The Japan Foundation, E:vent gallery
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=ambientvista

ambient.wireless 2001 onwards
network infrastructure; lab/workshops
Ilze Black, Manu Luksch, Mukul Patel
with: free2air, consume.net, Alexei Blinov, Ten Yen, Darron Broad
developing wireless broadband infrastructure for independent media and community initiatives
supported by: LSE, National AIDS Trust, Reuters (equipment donors)
published in: Armin Medosch, *Freie Netze* (Heise 2003)
www.ambientTV.NET/wireless

AV Dinners: Epic Eros 2003

networked live performance; multiple online streams; documentation video, 4:3 DV (15 min)

Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel

with: Anthony Auerbach (chef), Mariko Montpetit (chef), Gavin Starks (stream), Shane Solanki (poetry), Kelli Dipple (presenter)

ritualised feast for the Internet age: cooking documented by miniature cameras and microphones in kitchen appliances and streamed live; winners of an online quiz fed the gourmet dishes at ambient.space; remote participants mix streams of manipulated cooking sounds, a poet mulling the menu, and TV cookery show-style commentary

shows: *SEX FOOD POLITICS*, Moon Radio online (2003); *Contemporary Video Art* at Yo! Below Video Art Gallery, Edinburgh (2003); MYYMÄÄLÄ, Helsinki (2003)

commissioned by: Moon Radio Web TV

www.ambientTV.NET/3/avdinners

Bow Space 2004

single screen video, 4:3 DV (10 min)

Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel

with: Doris (local history narrator and senior citizen)

reminiscences of older residents of Bow, East London, recorded to create an audio-visual memory map of the fast-changing neighbourhood

shows: Bow Festival, London (2004); *Connecting Worlds* at NTT ICC, Tokyo (2006)

commissioned by: Bow Festival 2004

www.ambientTV.NET/4/bow

Broadbandit Highway 2001

video from found webcam streams (length 5 years)

Manu Luksch & Ilze Black

with: Sneha Solenki, Kate Rich (soundtrack)

self-generating road movie for ambient television; uses JavaScript to hijack video streams from traffic surveillance webcams around the world and montage them into a real-time 24/7 road movie

shows: *Please Disturb Me* at the Great Eastern Hotel, London (2001); 24th International Moscow Film Festival 2002 (award); Watershed, Bristol (2003); *Satellite of Love*, Witte de With, Rotterdam (2006); *Connecting Worlds*, NTT ICC, Tokyo (2006)

commissioned by: *Please Disturb Me*

www.ambientTV.NET/2001/broadbandit/broadbandit

Channel 26 2001

curated video art channel

Ilze Black & Manu Luksch

with: Franko B, Shu Lea Cheang, F5, Bureau of Inverse Technology, Andree Korpys & Markus Löffler, Chapman Brothers, Derek Ogbourne, Motoko Ohinata, Richard Wright (curated artists)

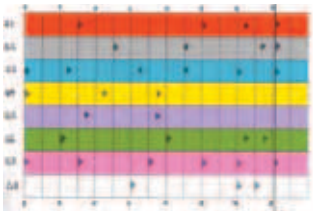
invited to place work in the hotel, ambientTV.NET took over an internal TV channel

shows: London's Great Eastern Hotel's TV channel number 26 for the *Please Disturb Me* show (2001)

commissioned by: *Please Disturb Me*

supported by: The Felix Trust for Art

www.ambientTV.NET/2001/broadbandit/disturb



Diaspora.In.Synchro.City 2003
travelling sound work for eight ghettoblasters, with choreography for public space (15 min)
Mukul Patel
performed by: Ssshhhhh... Ghettoblaster Ensemble
nomadic city soundscape based on field recordings made across India
shows: *Streets of Asia*, Århus Festuge (2003)
commissioned by: Århus Festuge
www.ambientTV.NET/3/disc

Digital Analogue Soundclash 2004
live sound performance
Tuomas Toivonen & Mukul Patel
shows: Fylkingen, Stockholm and Kiasma Theatre, Helsinki for *pixelACHE 2004*

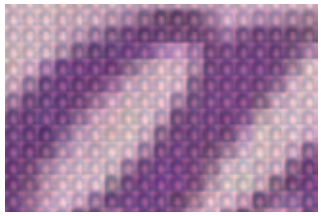
England Expects... (Nelson- not -Nelson) 2004
travelling sound work for seven ghettoblasters and megaphone, with choreography for public space (10 min)
Mukul Patel
performed by: Ssshhhhh... Ghettoblaster Ensemble
with: Michael Uwemedimo
unofficial sonic history of Trafalgar Square, in anticipation of Nelson's Bicentennial in 2005
shows: *Square Perspectives*, Trafalgar Square, London (2004)
commissioned by: Greenwich & Docklands Festival
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=ee

The Eye (1 & 2) 2005
mass choreography workshops for surveilled space; video, 4:3 DV (8 min)
Manu Luksch
with: George Piper Dances (The Ballet Boyz); Alluminae Dance Company
site-specific open choreographic workshops for shopping mall and housing estate; dance to be viewed from above by surveillance cameras
supported by: Austrian Cultural Forum London, Arts Council England, Watermans Arts Centre
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=theeye

Faceless 2007
science fiction film, 4:3 DigiBeta/DVD with 5.1 surround sound (50 min)
Manu Luksch
with: Mukul Patel (cowriter, soundtrack), Tilda Swinton (voice), Rupert Huber (piano); Amour Fou Filmproduktion (coproducer)
produced under the Manifesto for CCTV Filmmakers*; uses only CCTV recordings obtained under the UK Data Protection Act*
shows (selected): 2007 – *DIAGONALE* (Graz), *ENTER_Unknown Territories* (Cambridge), *pixelACHE* at Kiasma (Helsinki), Galerie im Taxipalais (Innsbruck), *JONCTION* festival (Brussels), La Ligue des droits de l'Homme (Brussels); 2008 – *fonction/fiction* at Dazibao (Montréal), Galerie Motte & Rouart (Paris), *Hors Pistes* at Centre Pompidou, Xenix-Kino (Zurich), *Teleport Färgfabriken* (Östersund), *EXIT* festival (Creteil), *RECODED* at the Peacock Gallery (Aberdeen), *LIFT* (London), *Atlas of the Future* at Strozzina CCC (Firenze), 28th Cambridge Film Festival, *dokument ART* (Neubrandenburg, Szczecin), *Recontres Internationales Sciences et Cinémas* (Marseille), *Don't You #$&ing Look At Me! Surveillance in the 21st Century* at 911 Seattle Media Arts Center, *Filmavantgarde und*

aktuelle Videos aus Österreich at HMKV (Dortmund), ARGEkultur Salzburg, *Surveillance and Discipline in Public Space* at the Art Gallery of Kosovo (Prishtina); 2009 – ARoS Århus Kunstmuseum, *STAND UP Art about Human Rights* (Poznan), *Are the kids alright?* at Westwerk (Leipzig)
supported by: Arts Council England, Innovative Film Austria, Isis Arts
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=facelessthemovie

Faceless: The Spectral Children 2006
4-screen video installation; surround sound (15 min)
Manu Luksch
with: Mukul Patel (cowriter, sound), Amour Fou Filmproduktion (coproducer)
produced under the Manifesto for CCTV Filmmakers*; CCTV recordings obtained under the UK Data Protection Act as 'legal readymades'*
shows: 2006 – Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney; 2007 – *Festival of Free Thinking* (Liverpool), DEAF 2007 (Rotterdam), *Digitally Yours* at Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museum (Turku); 2008 – Galerie Motte & Rouart (Paris), CAMP (Bombay)
www.ambientTV.NETcontent/?q=spectralchildren



Fair & Lovely 2005
inkjet print, 955 x 250 cm; site-specific installation
Mukul Patel
billboard for India's leading skin-lightening cream, featuring a young prince of pop
shows: *Bombay, Badarpur Border* at Apeejay Media Gallery, New Delhi/Haryana border (2005) – first new media art show in India, together with Shaina Anand and Ashok Sukumaran
www.ambientTV.NET/5/bbb

flipflop 2002
research & development of telematic performance (mixed media)
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: Ajay Naidu, Michael Uwemedimo (performers); Anthony Auerbach, Andrea Zimmerman
technological and artistic feasibility study for a critical networked media performance
supported by: Austrian Cultural Forum London, BKA .kunst, London Arts Board, Future Physical
www.ambientTV.NET/3/flipflop

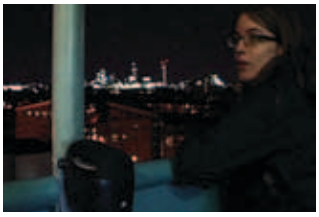
FLY STORIES: Migration, Movement, Mobility 2005
curated film programme for 'road cinema' (scooter, projector) with live interpreter
Manu Luksch
with: Navin Rawantchaikul (initiator of *Fly With Me To Another World* project); exyzt, Virgil Widrich, Bady Minck, Axel Stockburger, George Piper Dances, Kaw Lah Film collective, Santiphap Inkong-ngam, Alain Bourrillion, and VJ Nokami, plus Akha karaoke videos (curated films)
programme of films on migration; once commonplace in Thailand, 'road cinema' is drive-in in reverse, a mobile cinema that drives to the audience
shows: villages in Northern Thailand (2005)
commissioned for: *Fly With Me To Another World*
supported by: Goethe Institute Chiang Mai
www.ambientTV.NET/5/flystories

FRAMED: THE MINISTRY, FRAMED: THE TRANSPORT, FRAMED: THE MONEY 2003
three inkjet prints, each 300 x 91 cm (unique edition)
Manu Luksch
image series from the Faceless *project*
shows: Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney (2006)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=framed

Hinges On 2005
mixed media participatory installation (multi-channel sound, multiple video projectors, computers, custom hardware and software)
Thomas Abraham, Umang Razdan Bhattacharya, Priyanka Dilip, Ishan Ghosh, Ramyah Gowrishankar, Pratima Kalmadi, Nishita Kavadia, Siddharth Muthyala, Salam Hidish Singh, K. T. Thomas, Divya Viswanathan (students at Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology, Bangalore)
led by: Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel (tactical media lab)
responsive media environment on 'grey zones' of Bangalore's IT industry
shows: Srishti, Bangalore; Ars Electronica, Linz (2005)
commissioned by: Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology
www.ambientTV.NET/5/srishti

Housed 2002
multi-room site-specific sound installation
Mukul Patel
for Athina Vahla's site-specific promenade dance installation at the Shipwright's Palace, Deptford, based on Conrad's Heart of Darkness
shows: *The House*, Deptford (2002)
commissioned by: Athina Vahla/Prised Open
http://onesquareyard.com/localExamples/houseOfKurtz

I wish to apply, under the Data Protection Act, for any and all CCTV images of my person held within your system. I was present at [place] from approximately [time] onwards on [date]. 2006
three inkjet prints in light boxes, each 150 x 37 cm
Manu Luksch
excerpts from letters exchanged during the Faceless *project*
shows: *Goodbye Privacy*, Ars Electronica and *Talking the fish*, Medienkunstlabor KunstHaus Graz (2007)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=iwishtoapply



il barone rampante 2008
10-channel site-specific sound installation
Mukul Patel
dusk chorus for steel roosts, counterpointing lights on London's skyline
shows: *recursively yours*, at ambient.space (2008)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=recursively

Indian Standard Time 2006
public clocks (sound, light and video installations based on custom software; intervention in SNCF public announcement system)
Mukul Patel
suite of idiosyncratic site-specific public clocks based on ancient and modern Indian ideas and experiences of temporality
shows: *Bombaysers de Lille* (2006)
commissioned by: Lille3000
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=IST

Karaoke Busking 2002

live sound performance, released on CD (77 min)
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: Paul Brett (harmonica)
laptop jam session with busker; accompanies photographs by Victoria Buivid and Olga Chernysheva (of metro stations in Moscow)
shows: *Anti-Fashion* at White Space Gallery, London
commissioned by: White Space Gallery
www.ambientTV.NET/2002/kbusking

Love, Piracy, and the Office of Religious Weblog Expansion 2009

installation/performance, book- and net art
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: Ali Alizadeh (interviewee), Elke Michlmayr (website coding)
procedural, unique censorship of a text in each copy of this volume, carried out out at book launches; may be circumvented by a collaborative reading online
www.ambientTV.NET/love

Make it snow! make it snow! make it snow! 2008

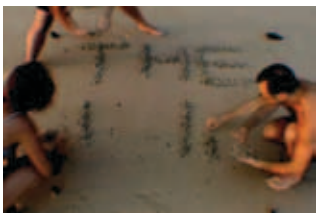
single screen video, 4:3 DVCAM (1 min)
Manu Luksch
with: Mukul Patel
short meditation on the ecological impact of the winter sports industry
shows (selected): 2008 – International Youth Arts Festival (Beijing); China Central Television Channel 1; *Stop.Watch* at Spacex (Exeter), CCA (Glasgow), ZKM (Karlsruhe), *Urban Screens 08* (Melbourne), Museo de Arte del Banco de la República, (Bogota), Khoj Centre (New Delhi)
commissioned by: Animate Projects and RSA Arts & Ecology in association with Arts Council England and Channel 4
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=makeitsnow

Manifesto for CCTV Filmmakers 2004

text; prints (dimensions variable)
Manu Luksch
with: Mukul Patel
set of rules and effective procedures for filmmakers working in surveilled zones, where access to CCTV recordings is legally mandated
published in: *NODE.London Reader* (2006), *Vertigo* magazine Vol. 4 #1 (2008)
shows (selected): 2007 – *Talking the fish*, Medienkunstlabor KunstHaus Graz; 2008 – *RECODED* at the Peacock Gallery (Aberdeen), *Don't You #$&ing Look At Me!* at 911 Seattle Media Arts Center; 2009 – *STAND UP Art about Human Rights* (Poznan), *Are the kids alright?* at Westwerk (Leipzig)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=dpamanifesto

Mapping CCTV in Whitehall 2008

intervention in public space; documentation video, 4:3 DV (3 min)
Manu Luksch
with: Mukul Patel
mapping of CCTV surveillance in the SOCPA zone; alerting passers-by as they enter surveilled areas
shows: *Kodawari Life Europe* on NHK BS-1 and BS-Hi (Japan), LIFT (London International Festival of Theatre), *Almost Cinema* at the 35th Flanders International Film Festival (Ghent) (2008)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=mappingcctv



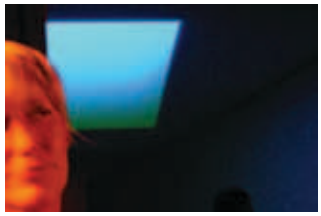
Movie Stars 2004
silent video, 4:3 DV (30 sec)
Manu Luksch
with: Anthony Auerbach, Chris Helgren
record of extraordinary mass behaviour of starfish found on a remote beach in Thailand
shows: *Out Video* festival, Ekaterinaburg (2004); *TRANSMEDIA:29:59*, Toronto (2005)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=moviestars

Myriorama 2004
telematic media performance (45 min) in surround-audiovisual environment
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel and kondition pluriel (Martin Kusch & Marie-Claude Poulin)
with: Martin Bélanger, Shane Solanki (performers); Diana Baldwin, Equal-I, Pete Gomes, Niki Gomez, John Hopkins, Christian Nold, T. J. Rehmi (roamers); Anthony Auerbach, Alexandre Burton, Mo-Ling Chui, Camalo Gaskin, David Muth, Gavin Starks
dance piece interrogating the data environment; based on Calvino's 'A King Listens'; combines locative media and local motion-tracking
shows: Kiasma Theatre, Helsinki for ISEA 2004; Project Market, Quaker Street, London (2004)
supported by: Arts Council England, Austrian Cultural Forum London, Austrian Embassy Helsinki, BKA .kunst, Conseil des arts et des lettres Québec, Québec Government Office London
www.ambientTV.NET/4/myriorama

A New and Exciting Experience 2008
mixed media (surround-sound installation, text banners 400 cm x 90 cm), dimensions variable
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: the SPACE Age Sirens choir led by Laka D.
the story of a woman who does everything by the booklet: works based on texts of user manuals
shows: SPACE Studios, London (2008); ambient.space (2008); NIMK (Nederlandse Instituut voor Mediakunst), Amsterdam (2008-09)
commissioned by: THE NOT QUITE YET, a collaboration between Queen Mary, University of London and SPACE Media
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=excitingexperience

Orchestra of Anxiety 2005
participatory installation in mixed media (stainless steel, razor wire, chain-mail gauntlets, computers, projectors, multiple speakers, custom hardware and software)
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: John Ashworth
audio-visual instrument (harp) made using materials and technologies of the security industry
shows: Watermans, London (2005); Design Factory, Bratislava (2006); 12th International Computer Art Festival at Kibla, Maribor (2006); *databodies* at Paradiso, Amsterdam (2006); *Soho in Ottakring*, Vienna (2007)
commissioned by: Watermans Arts Centre
supported by: Austrian Cultural Forum London, British Council Slovakia, *Soho in Ottakring*
www.ambientTV.NET/5/ooa

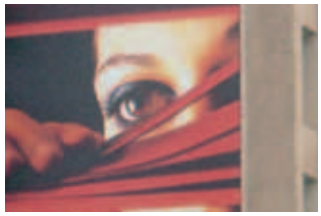
phoneme 2005
sound and light installation (dimensions and equipment variable)
Mukul Patel
with: Vena Ramphal, Ryuichi Sakamoto, Mohith Keshava Shastri, Norika Sora (voice recording)
very slow exploration of phonemes of pairs of languages in sound and light; current iteration uses sound particles of Sanskrit and Japanese
shows: 149 Ludlow St., NYC (2005); *recursively yours*, ambient.space (2008)
supported by: THE THING artist residency (NYC)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=phoneme



record with the sound of its own making 2008
12" vinyl record, edition of 10 + 2 artist's copies
Mukul Patel
with: Frank Merritt at The Carvery (cutting)
based on site-specific sound work for Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Company; after Robert Morris's Box With the Sound of Its Own Making *(1961)*
shows: *recursively yours*, ambient.space (2008)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=recordsound

renumber 2001
sound work (7 min, stereo)
Mukul Patel
with: Makrolab (audio capture), Derek Holzer (sweetening)
process music comprised of manipulations of ship-shore satellite phone conversation intercepted by Makrolab using RT-32 radio telescope
shows: Irbene and e-Lab, Riga (2001)
supported by: *acoustic.space.lab*
www.ambientTV.NET/2001/asl

Standing up to close scrutiny 2002
photographic prints, each 120 x 84 cm
Manu Luksch
shows: *Urban Jealousy* – 1st International Roaming Biennial of Tehran in Berlin, Istanbul and Belgrade (2008–09)
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=scrutiny



Stealth Waltz 2002
net art
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
depicts privatization of the public domain; provides steganographic tool to subvert it
shows: ISEA 2002 (Nagoya); Ars Electronica 2002 (Linz); DEAF 2003 (Rotterdam); FACT, Liverpool (2003); Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco (2004)
commissioned by: *Kingdom of Piracy*
www.ambientTV.NET/2002/2

Suvara 2002
music workshop; audio CD/double vinyl LP (78 min)
Mukul Patel and Radio FRO 105.0 MHz Linz
with: Rafi Hanif & Party (musicians)
reinterpretations of traditional Afghani song, following music workshop
published by: Radio FRO 105.0 MHz Linz
www.ambientTV.NET/3/suvara

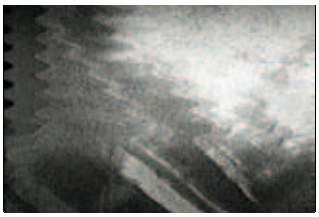
Tannoy 2005
10-channel site-specific sound installation
Mukul Patel
with: Akshaya Pandit (voice)
disruptive audio guide to the group show
shows: *Bombay, Badarpur Border* at Apeejay Media Gallery, New Delhi/Haryana border (2005) – first new media art show in India, together with Shaina Anand and Ashok Sukumaran
www.ambientTV.NET/5/bbb

TELEJAM_01/DELAY_28 2001
networked performance: distributed audio-visual improvisation; documentation video, 4:3 DV (13 min)
ambientTV.NET (Manu Luksch, Mukul Patel & Kertal) and rigasound.org
with: the Milky Bar Kid, DJ heincha, d-9, gonzalez, heleena, NEI, Linards Kulless, MKII, pk
sound and video jam between London and Riga; media streams relayed and mixed in 'delayed synchrony'
shows: Public Life (London) and Casablanca (Riga)
www.ambientTV.NET/telejam

TELEJAM_02/FRO_03 2001
networked audio-visual performance
ambientTV.NET (Manu Luksch, Mukul Patel & Ilze Black), rigasound.org and Radio FRO 105.0 MHz Linz
with: Mario Ventrelli, vortex, Fadi Dorninger, Dietmar Bruckmayr, Kulless, Ratnix, dill9jah, mums speelees Ivarx & @TOMS *et al*
audio-visual jam extended across three remote locations to celebrate the 3rd anniversary of independent Austrian FM station Radio FRO 105.0
shows: ambientTV.NET studio, Dizzi club (Riga) and Posthof (Linz)
www.ambientTV.NET/telejam

The Mistake 2008
chalk writings in public space
Manu Luksch
adaptation of Joseph Beuys' 1985 Manifesto
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=themistake

The Order 2009
100 video monitors & DVD players; 100 photographic prints on aluminium (dimensions variable)
Manu Luksch
video & photographic portraits of 100 riot police officers who surrounded the artist in Trafalgar Square, May Day 2000
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=theorder



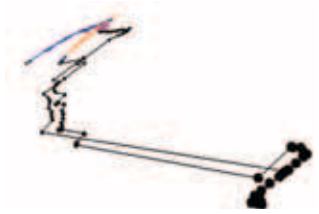
The Spy School Exercise #1 2002
public intervention (mixed media)
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: Michael Uwemedimo, Gavin Starks, Jaromil
performers with wireless spy cameras confront festival visitors with their own data shadows
shows: *VideoZone*, Center for Digital Art (Tel Aviv)
supported by: Israeli Center for Digital Art
www.ambientTV.NET/3/spyschool/1

The Spy School Exercise #2 2002
site-specific projection in public space (15 min)
Manu Luksch
with: Mukul Patel (sound), Michael Uwemedimo (capoeirista), Lizzie Tuckey (capoeirista)
capoeiristas wearable wireless cameras play outside the house of abolitionist William Wilberforce; video projected on the nearby Rank Hovis building
shows: wall of Rank Hovis Building and on the Timebase Channel, Kingston Interactive cable TV, Hull
commissioned by: Hull Time-Based Arts
www.ambientTV.NET/3/spyschool/2

The Spy School Exercise #3 2002
video shorts for billboards in public space
Marek Kivi, Mari-Liis Raudjärv, Marge Robam, Piibe Piirma, Aino Ingrid Sepp, Kristel Sibul, Jane Suviste (MA students at EKA E-Media Centre, Tallinn)
led by: Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel (tactical media lab)
video works using miniature cameras made during an intensive lab on surveillance and public space
shows: public electronic billboard, EKA building
supported by: E-media Centre, EKA (Eesti Kunstiakadeemia), Tallinn
www.ambientTV.NET/3/spyschool/3

The Spy School Exercise #4: The* Faceless *Project 2002-08
Manu Luksch *et al*
series of works that intervenes in the processes around video surveillance in the UK by invoking aspects of UK and EU law; it includes the Manifesto for CCTV Filmmakers, The Spectral Children, The Eye, Faceless, I wish to apply..., *and* FRAMED; *an online DIY 'toolkit' for obtaining recordings; and an archive of original tapes and discs received from data controllers, letters exchanged, and research documentation*
www.ambientTV.NET/content/?q=faceless

The Spy School Exercise #5: Who is Watching the Watchers? 2004
logotype and limited edition t-shirt
Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel
with: Giacomo (screenprinting)
modified version of the US Defense Advanced Research Project Agency's 'Total Information Awareness' program logo, printed on t-shirts; slogan changed from 'scienta est potentia' to 'quis custodiet ipsos custodes'
www.ambientTV.NET/3/spyschool/5



TRyPTiCHON 1.0 2003
research and development for locative media performance; mixed media (mobile phones, GPS receivers, computers, custom software)
Manu Luksch, Mukul Patel, David Muth
with: Camalo Gaskin, Minna Långström, Gavin Starks, Michael Uwemedimo
location-tagged subjective data from roaming performers rendered graphically at display stations in venue (work-in-progress)
shows: *DMZ Media Arts Festival*, London (2003)
supported by: DMZ Festival, Arts Council England
www.ambientTV.NET/telejam/3/indexdmz.html

TRyPTiCHON 2.0 2004

dance/locative media performance (40 min) in surround audiovisual environment; mixed media (mobile phones and GPS receivers, computers, custom software, multiple projectors, 4-channel sound); documentation video, 4:3 DV (3 min)

Manu Luksch, Mukul Patel, David Muth

with: Hanna Ylitepsa (choreography and dance), Gavin Starks (roaming performer), Camalo Gaskin (costume/tent design); John Hopkins, Nick Grindell, Hermanni Ylitepsa, Voytec Mejor, Mariko Montpetit, Mikko Karjalainen *et al* (roamers)

location-tagged text from a roaming performer is sonified and visualized as architectonic projections in the performance space, to which a dancer responds

shows: *pixelACHE 2004* at Kiasma Theatre (Helsinki)

supported by: *pixelACHE* and NIFCA (Nordic Institute For Contemporary Art) Media Air residency

www.ambientTV.NET/telejam/3/indexpixel.html

Virtual Borders 1999–2003

hybrid media project: temporary media channel; website; documentary film, 4:3 DigiBeta/DVD (91 min)

Manu Luksch

with: Abaw Buseu, Asseu Somsri Dzuebaw Jupoh, Apho Ratanawichaikul; Tarik Thami (streaming); Dr. Leo Alting von Geusau (research adviser); Aju Jupoh, T.J. Rehmi, Mukul Patel (music and sound); Dara Khera, Paul Bucknor (executive producers)

Internet-radio-film convergence project for, with, and about the Akha people of the Mekong Quadrangle

shows (selected): 2004 – Saen Charoen Akha Village, Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre (Bangkok), Switch Media at Chiang Mai Art Museum, Ars Electronica/Radio FRO (Linz), *DIAGONALE* (Graz), School of Oriental and African Studies (London), Goethe Institut (Bangkok); 2005 – Zanzibar International Film Festival, Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'; 2008 – desire machine (Guwahati)

supported by: BKA .kunst, silverserver

www.ambientTV.NET/akha/vb

VBI (Voluptuously Blinking Eye) 2006

teletext broadcast studio; participatory space; curated works; talks programme

Manu Luksch & Mukul Patel

with: Rachel Baker, Ilze Black, Tina Hage, Juha Huuskonen, Lektrolab (Emma Davidson & Paul B. Davis) (commissioned/curated by ambientTV.NET)

*open-access teletext broadcasting studio (*Microtel*) and event space (*ambient.lounge*)*

shows: *Satellite of Love* at Witte de With for the 35th International Film Festival Rotterdam (2006)

commissioned by: Witte de With/TENT

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