

ALMARE

Founded in turin in 2017 by Amos Cappuccio, Giulia Mengozzi, Luca Morino and Gabbi Cattani, ALMARE is a artists-curators collective focused on contemporary practices using sound as an expressive medium. ALMARE works in curating, writing, music and publishing, organises exhibitions, public talks and performance programs.

ALMARE collaborated with national and international institutions such as Fondazione Baruchello, Rome (IT); Ricerca X – Research and Dramaturgy; Barriera Contemporanea, Turin (IT); Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris (FR); Hangar, Barcelona (ES); Fango Radio; Radio Papesse, Florence (IT); MACAO, Milan (IT); MAMbo – Museum of Modern Art, Bologna (IT); NABA – Nuova Accademia Belle Arti, Milan (IT); PAV – Parco Arte Vivente, Turin (IT); Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Torino (IT); Spettro, Brescia (IT); Standards, Milan (IT).

ALMARE has involved artists, musicians, philosophers and researchers including Vinit Agarwal, Thomas Ankersmit, Antwood, Adam Asnan, Michele Bertolino, Lucrezia Calabrò Visconti, Federico Campagna, Angelo Careri, Federico Chiari, Cripta747, Francesco Fusaro, Luca Garino, Renato Grieco, Eleni Ikoniadou & Viki Steiri, La Niña Jacrandà, Mauro Lanza, Ilaria Lemmo, Cristian Lo Iacono, Enrico Malatesta, Porpora Marcasciano, Mastequoia Collective, Quartetto Maurice, Ambra Pittoni, Radio Papesse (Ilaria Gadenz & Carola Haupt), Marina Rosenfeld, Vincenzo Santarcangelo, Gabriele Silli, Justin Randolph Thompson, Andrea Valle, Francesco Venturi & Arianna Radaelli, VIBRISSE.

LIFE CHRONICLES OF DOROTHEA ĪESJ S.P.U.

Episodes 1, 2, 3

Video and video installation by ALMARE

3 channels, ca. 160'.00", color, sound (stereo & Dolby Surround)
2020 - 2024

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The first episode, titled *On The Morning Of The Fifth Anniversary* was produced in 2020 by the Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (Italy), for the collective exhibition *Waves Between Us* curated by Alison Karasyk, Camille Regli and Katie Simpson, available on the exhibition's website:

https://www.wavesbetweenus.com/?page_id=5166

Life Chronicles Of Dorothea Īesj S.P.U. is often paired with a prolegomenon text published by Not-NERO introducing some of the main themes of the work that joints the screenings as a reading performance:

<https://not.neroeditions.com/all-signs-point-to-rome-diane/>

Life Chronicles Of Dorothea Īesj S.P.U. (Italian: *Cronache di Vita di Dorothea Īesj S.P.U.*) is a 3 episodes sci-fi audio series written by ALMARE and screened as a black-background video with subtitles. The plot follows scholar Dorothea Īesj's journey to the city of Baku (Azerbaijan) and her quest to recover and deal in contraband sound-findings of sound-warfare and Soviet music propaganda, quantumly extracted from the matter.

Drawing on the controversial realm of *archaeoacoustics*, also known as sound archeology, *Life Chronicles* narrates an imaginary retro-future in which sounds can be extracted from objects and held in cities, underground, and in matter. Thanks to a quantum scanner named E.C.H.O. it is possible to analyse the micro soundwaves engraved throughout the centuries on whatever surface. E.C.H.O. plays back a rendition of those accidental sound-tracks allowing virtually any sound to be recovered.

The script is written in a dystopian language, mixing old and contemporary Italian. In addition, the text openly plagiarizes and deliberately alters excerpts from essays, literature, film and video game scripts such as Steve Goodman's *Sonic Warfare* (2011), Marie Thompson's *Beyond Unwanted Sounds* (2017), Pierre Klossowski's *Living Currency* (1970), Guido Morselli's *Dissipatio HG* (1977), Juliette Volcler's *Extremely Loud: Sound as a Weapon* (2011), *The Last Of Us* (Naughty Dog, 2013), and William S. Burroughs' *The Electronic Revolution* (1970).

Life Chronicles Of Dorothea Īesj S.P.U. finds its roots in ALMARE's curatorial activity over the past 4 years, and it is the outcome of an ongoing research and curatorial project titled *ALL SIGNS POINT TO ROME, DIANE*, dedicated to self-recording, self-representation and sound-occult.

The work is structured a sequence of self-recordings / audio-diary of the single narrator Dorothea Īesj, following the videogame trope of *audio-logs*. Audio logs are usually voice recordings left behind by former inhabitants of the area the player is exploring. They typically serve the purpose of filling in narrative elements without slowing down the action for the player, because they sometimes allow the character to keep moving through the game as the recordings play.

Life Chronicles can be equally considered a video and an audio work. In this regard, it has been recorded and edited following the structure of an audio-book with closed captioning (CC). The outcome is an hybrid genre in between video and sound, which has nonetheless a long tradition and has been used by artists, writers and film directors since the very early stages of cinematic investigations.

All the production stages of *Life Chronicles Of Dorothea Īesj S.P.U.*, from conception to distribution, are discussed by the collective as a four directors project.

An addens'd necromancy.



lo spazio pubblico ridotto a voliera.

the public space being reduced to an aviary.

E difatti, non appena l'industria bellica
comprese davvero la portata del suono,

Sure enough, as soon as *be* war industry truly
understood *be* very consequence of sound,

Escalation escatologica.

Eschatological escalation.

si concentrò soprattutto sul non-suono, ovvero
su quelle frequenze appena fuori dalla periferia

it focus'd especially on non-sound, *bat* is, on
frequencies just outside *be* periphery

E in questa modalità di concorrenza acustica,
competizione decibellare,

And in such acoustic competition, *bis*
decibel-led fight,

dell'udito – infrasuoni, ultrasuoni – e da lì tutta
una tecnologia di altoparlanti

of hearing – infrasounds, ultrasounds –
follow'd by a wide range of loudspeaker
technologies

la folla è chiaramente l'agente centripeto e
attrattivo.

be crowd is clearly *be* centripetal and
attractive drive.

ampiamente confluita nella sottocultura
musicale.

which circulated extensively into *be* musical
subculture.

Da una parte si è colpiti, annientati; e dall'altra
c'è il desiderio di essere travolti,

On one hand *be* striking, *be* wiping out; and
on *be* other *be* desire to be crush'd,

In entrambe il suono è usato per competere:

In *boP*, sound is us'd to compete:

di essere coinvolti, collusi colla violenza del
suono.

to be captivated, colluded w*itP* *be* violence of
sound.

baß rig contro *baß rig*, *sound bwoy* contro
sound bwoy, *dubplate* contro *dubplate*,

bass rig vs *bass rig*, *sound bwoy* vs *sound*
bwoy, *dubplate* vs *dubplate*,

Race and rave.

Race and Rave.

in un'effervescenza iperbolica agonistica che culmina
nella danza.

in a heinous agonistic climax culminating in
dance.

Manchi anche tu.

Miss you too.

SOUND QUESTS 2022

AUDIO-NARRATIVES AND WORLDBUILDING FESTIVAL

Curated by ALMARE

DAY 1

@ Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (IT)

The sound has fallen

Listening proposition with live performative element

by **Vinit Agarwal** (IN)

The Lamenters

Lecture Performance by **Eleni Ikoniadou** (GR/UK)

in collaboration with **Viki Steiri** (GR)

DAY 2

@ Music Hall Le Roi, Turin (IT)

Live Set by **Antwood** (CAN)

Dj Sets by **La Niña Jacarandà** (CHI/ES) and **VIBRISSE** (IT)

Sound Quests is part of *The Listeners* network, winner of program "Live performance activities in the suburbs" promoted by the City of Turin and the Italian Ministry of Culture's FUS – *Fondo Unico per lo Spettacolo* 2022, realized with the contribution of the City of Turin, Italian Ministry of Culture, Fondazione CRT and the support of Royal College of Arts, London.

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The second edition of *Sound Quests* gathers artists, researchers and musicians whose work addresses oral transmission, from its historical-mythological connotations through its contemporary drifts, inter alia, the unfettered content flow daily streamed and lost on the Web.

If by orality we understand methods and practices of processing a cultural knowledge based not on written but spoken, uttered, shouted information, is there any difference between an 8th century B.C. rhapsodist, a griot bard or a Clubhouse account? Can the technological gap between viva voce and taped voice constitute the very orality fine line? Or the threshold between authorship and anonymity? A way of transmitting that escapes the need to be transcribed, and thus remains open to an idea of the world always in the making? Oral transmission is not antithetical to writing and recording, but rather a vehicle for content that cannot be frozen; for secrets, if not traumas, that can only be heard about.

Hosted by Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, SQ first day dialogues with Lawrence Abu Hamdan's political investigation of listening practices at the core of his solo show *Air Pressure (A diary of the sky)*, and includes the performative listening session *The sound has fallen* developed by artist and researcher Vinit Agarwal (Banera, Rajasthan, India) in which, starting with the dramatic shoaling of the Po River, he guides us through different sounds of professional mourners in Rajasthan and Sicily.

Next, researcher and Reader in Digital Culture and Sonic Arts at Royal College of Art Eleni Ikoniadou (Athens, Greece/London, UK) presents the lecture performance *The Lamenters* in collaboration with cellist and composer Viki Steiri, focused on the lament and digital grieving songs from her latest forthcoming album.

The following day, in the frame of Le Roi, the iconic dancing club designed by Carlo Mollino sets the bodies to move in a collective enjoyment of Antwood's (Montréal, Canada) live performance, whose music – often winking at fanfiction tropes – explores artificial intelligence, online marketing, standards and clichés of dance music. Closing the night is DJ sets by artist, producer and DJ La Niña Jacarandà (Caracas, Venezuela / Barcelona, Spain) – who moves between ambient, reggaeton and deconstructed club – and by Turin-based duo VIBRISSE who play a hybrid genre between contemporary club music and high-speed hardcore.



The sound has fallen, Listening proposition with live performative element
by Vinit Agarwal, part of SOUND QUESTS 2022, curated by ALMARE.
Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (IT).
Photos by Luca Vianello and Silvia Mangosio



The sound has fallen (details) by Vinit Agarwal, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (IT).
Photos by Luca Vianello and Silvia Mangosio



The sound has fallen by Vinit Agarwal, Fondazione
Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (IT),
Photos by Luca Vianello and Silvia Mangosio



The sound has fallen (details) by Vinit Agarwal, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (IT).
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The Lamenters, lecture performance by Eleni Ikoniadou
in collaboration with Viki Steiri, part of SOUND QUESTS 2022 curated by ALMARE.
Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (IT).
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A dark room with a screen displaying the text "Un pensiero non umano." The room is dimly lit with a blueish-purple glow. In the center, a large, dark, rectangular screen is tilted slightly to the right. On the left side of the screen, there is a large, dark, rectangular object, possibly a speaker or a piece of equipment, with a handle-like shape on its front. Above this object, a smaller, black, rectangular speaker is mounted on a stand. To the right of the screen, a tripod stand is visible. In the background, a white wall is illuminated by the ambient light. On the far right, a desk or table is partially visible, with various cables and equipment on it. The floor is dark and reflective, showing some light patterns.

Un pensiero non umano.



SOUND QUESTS 2022, DAY 2 curated by ALMARE.
Music Hall Le Roy, Turin (IT), designed by Carlo Mollino.
Photos by Luca Vianello and Silvia Mangosio



Live set by Antwood part of SOUND QUESTS 2022, DAY 2 curated by ALMARE.
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Live set by Antwood (detail), Music Hall Le Roy, Turin (IT).
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DJ set by La Niña Jacarandá,
part of SOUND QUESTS 2022, DAY 2
curated by ALMARE, Music Hall Le Roy, Turin (IT).
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DJ set by VIBRISSE,
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SOUND QUESTS 2022, DAY 2, Music Hall Le Roy, Turin (IT).
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music hall

Le Roy



Original club sign of Le Roy, location of SOUND QUESTS 2022, DAY 2
Turin (IT), designed by Carlo Mollino.
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NON SIAMO DOVE CI CERCATE [We are not where you are looking for us]
SONIC HISTORIOGRAPHIES OF THE TRANSGENDER RIGHTS
MOVEMENT IN ITALY

Sound Installation, 3 channels, 60'.00", 2022

in the frame of activist and transfeminist sociologist Porpora Marcasciano's solo exhibition "*Non sono dove mi cercate*" curated by Michele Bertolino @ MAMbo – Museum of Modern Art., Bologna (IT)

Listening session and talk with Porpora Marcasciano, Michele Bertolino, Cristian Lo Iacono, curated by ALMARE @ Gruppo Abele, Turin (IT)

Porpora Marcasciano is an Italian activist, sociologist, actress, leading figure in the Italian queer movement, and, ultimately, an artist. Her many lives have spanned all over the Italian peninsula, until finally landing in Bologna where she is currently President of the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Strongly connected with the so-called *1977 movement*, the many late 70s gay collectives and the first trans rights protests, Marcasciano co-founded in 1979 the MIT - Movimento Identità Trans, the Transgender Identity Rights Movement.

The exhibition "Non sono dove mi cercate" curated by Michele Bertolino at MAMbo, Bologna (IT) shows a selection of unpublished drawings made by Porpora Marcasciano between 1973-1977 and again from 1981 till the middle of the decade.

With the aim of displaying the many references embedded in the drawings the curator commissioned ALMARE a sound installation that confronts the sonic social history of Italian revolutionary movements and the multifaceted ways in which they dared to take a collective *public* voice.

The talk and listening session curated by ALMARE is based on and organized in conjunction with Porpora Marcasciano solo exhibition "*Non sono dove mi cercate*" at MAMbo – Museum of Modern Art, Bologna.

The sound materials collected and recorded by ALMARE are composed by interviews, music videos and numerous archives, both public and private, including RAI, Radio Alice, Radio Radicale, Porpora Marcasciano's audio-video archive to which are added sound recordings of live concerts, raves, fashion shows all combined and edited as if they were coming from a TV left on and mumbling all night long.

The sonic "objects" were displayed in two listening spaces, simultaneous and coincidental, the private voice, and the public voice. In overlapping, these spaces reaffirm the factual inseparability of the personal and the political aspects of life. They are sounds often pervaded by a militant optimism, lest one believe "that one needs to be sad to be militant, no matter how abominable what one is fighting is."

LIST OF SOUND MATERIALS

RECORDINGS BY ALMARE

Collettivo Travestiti Radicali, *Manuale di autodifesa del travestito* (1974); read by Sandeh Veet, 2022.

Mario Mieli, *Elementi di critica omosessuale* (1977); read by Ale Cane, 2022.

Interview to Porpora Marcasciano and Nicole De Leo at MIT, Bologna, July 6th-7th, 2022.

Interview to Cristian Lo Iacono, Turin, October 23rd, 2022.

ARCHIVES

CENTRO DI DOCUMENTAZIONE "F. MADASCHI" CASSERO
LBGT CENTER (Bologna, IT)

Interview to Renzo Imbeni and Beppe Ramina
June 28th, Bologna, 1982.

MIT – MOVIMENTO IDENTITÀ TRANS (Bologna, IT)
from the Italian Transgender Identity Rights Movement Archive

Interview to Pina Bonanno, Marcella di Folco and Dolly De
Luca, *Aspettando Mezzogiorno*, RAI2, MIT Archive.

RADIO ALICE (Bologna, IT)
from Radio Alice digital archive. Thanks to radioalice.org.

Vissi d'arte, (ca. March 1975);

Radio Alice per servirla, (January 29th 1976);

11 Marzo pomeriggio - nastro 1 e 3, (March 11 1977);

Le ultime voci di Radio Alice (March 12th 1977);

Mamma Dammi la Benza!, Gaznevada in Sarabanda Radio
Alice (1977);

Sarabanda Radio Alice (1977).

RADIO RADICALE (Rome, IT)
from the Radio Radicale Archive. Creative Commons licensed
materials:

Italia House of Representatives Justice Committee approves
the bill proposed by the Radical Party on registry change for
transgender people (Rome, October 2nd 1980);

Recordings of the First Italian Transgender Rights Congress
(Milan, January 25th 1981);

Recordings of the Second Italian Transgender Rights Congress
(Milan, January 9th-10th 1982);

RAI – RADIOTELEVISIONE ITALIANA (Rome, IT)
Italian public broadcasting company, owned by the Ministry of
Economy and Finance. Materials from RAI Teche Archive

AZ un fatto, come e perché, RAI1 (June 9th 1972);

Proibito, la repressione in Italia, RAI2 (1977)

Thanks to RAI and Fondazione Sandro Penna/Fuoril;

Interview to Mario Mieli, *Come mai* (1977);

*Lo spunto. Spazio libero per incontri a più voci
in due tempi su un tema – Vogliamo tutto*, Radiouno (1977);

Oretredici, reportage by Piero Scaramucci on the famous
"Rivolta della Piscina", RAI2 (July 5th 1980);

Il Tempo e la Storia, RAI3 (2016).

PORPORA MARCASCIANO PRIVATE ARCHIVE
VHS and audio recordings from Porpora Marcasciano private
archive. Thanks to Simone Cangelosi and CESD

Video documentation *Il Sogno e l'Utopia*, theater performance
by Porpora Marcasciano (2016).

MUSIC

Lucciole vagabonde
Achille Togliani (1976), Cinevox.

White Rabbit / Somebody To Love,
Jefferson Airplane (1969), RCA Victor
from a phone recording by Porpora Marcasciano.

You Think You're a Man,
Divine and Geoff Deane, Bellaphon (1984).

Suspicious Minds, Fine Young Cannibals (1985)
from a videotape by Porpora Marcasciano recorded in ca.1992.



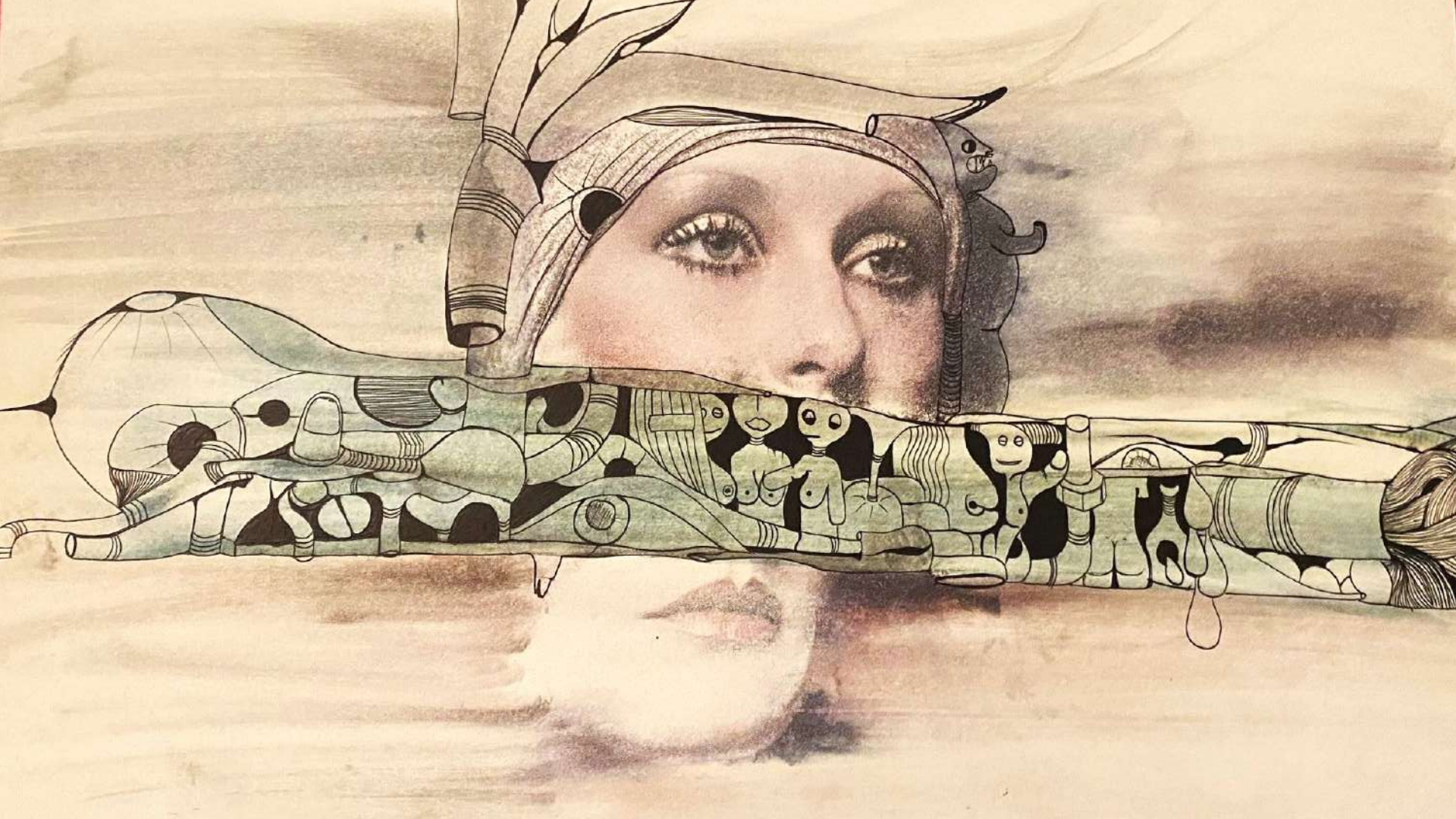
Porpora Marcasciano, *Non sono dove mi cercate*
installation view, MAMbo, Bologna. Foto: Ornella de Carlo
Courtesy Settore Musei Civici Bologna | MAMbo



Porpora Marcasciano, *Non sono dove mi cercate* and ALMARE sound intallation.
installation view, MAMbo, Bologna. Foto: Ornella de Carlo
Courtesy Settore Musei Civici Bologna | MAMbo

Porpora Marcasciano, drawing (detail)
mixed media on paper, ca. 1980







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01:03:12:24

Porpora Marcasciano, still from video-tape, ca. 1992

SOUND QUESTS 2021

AUDIO-NARRATIVES AND WORLDBUILDING FESTIVAL

Curated by ALMARE

@ Circolo del Design, Turin (IT)

DAY 1

The Pale,

radio show by **Angelo Careri** (FR/IT)

DAY 2

The Otherworld,

Listening Session by **Federico Campagna** (UK/IT)

& **Francesco Fusaro** (IT)

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ALMARE presents two performances dedicated to *world-building*. The listening session by Italian philosopher Federico Campagna together with dj, producer and musicologist Francesco Fusaro, explores the liquid labyrinth of the Mediterranean otherworld; French-Italian video game theorist Angelo Careri, sets a fan-fiction radio show from video games *Disco Elysium* (2019) and *Kentucky Route Zero* (2013).

(excerpt from the curatorial text)

The cosmogonic power of Magic comes from the Mediterranean, here understood more as a 'vast area of the spirit' (Federico Campagna, *Technic and Magic*, 2018) rather than a geographical site. The listening session, realised in collaboration with Francesco Fusaro in response to ALMARE's invitation, explores this place of imagination, a Mediterranean that, from Alexander the Great to today's tragedy of migrant shipwrecks in the Strait of Sicily, can only be proposed to the listeners as an *otherworld* in which different identities, languages, religions and metaphysical ideas merge into one another, to give life to futures that no longer belong to any particular place or time.

Helen Hindpere, one of the creators of *Disco Elysium*, talks about a specific feeling recurring in the game that she calls *elytical*: 'It's despair and hope walking hand in hand [...] It's not just characters that are emanating this feeling - it's the entire world.' And since mention is made of sounds of political revolutions, it is with no coincidence that this feeling reminds us of that specific condition of the 'collective soul' that Enzo Traverso, quoting Wendy Brown, has defined as *Leftist Melancholy*. It is not a question of 'nostalgia for real socialism', but: '[...] the lost object may be the struggle as a historical experience that arouses memories and emotions despite its fragile, precarious and ephemeral character. In this perspective,

melancholy means memory and awareness of the potential of the past: a loyalty to the emancipatory promises of revolution, not to its consequences'.

The performance/radio show *The Pale* by researcher and editor-in-chief of French gaming culture magazine *Immersion* Angelo Careri, stems out from a fan-fiction practice that mixes, musically and narratively, video games *Disco Elysium* and *Kentucky Route Zero* (2013) - the last being one of the main sources of inspiration of *Disco Elysium* itself. Central to both is the reference to the history of video games and in particular to early text and radio games from the 1970s.

Thus, both in *Disco Elysium* and *Kentucky Route Zero*, the player is often trapped in actual *games-within-the-game*, namely fictional video games that are sheer reenactments of historical games that really existed, or newly transfigured versions of them: *Fortress Accident* is a fully fictional role-play via telephone network that in *Disco Elysium* is designed by coder Soona Luukainen-Kilde; *Kentucky Route Zero*, on the other hand, refers to the legendary American computer scientist and speleologist couple William and Patricia Crowther in *Xanadu*, a rewritten version of their text game *Colossal Cave Adventure* (1976) which was based on the very couple's exploration of the Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, USA.

Starting from the episode of the ravers' tent in *Disco Elysium*, restaged as a sort of airing shed in the rooms of the Circolo del Design, Careri becomes himself a character of his own fan-game. He tells us, in the manner of a dystopian radiophonic aedo, the possible meeting between programmer Soona and speleologist Patricia and how together they have come to understand the nature of *The Pale*, the anti-material micellar fog that separates the many *isolas* of emerged land in the universe - world - of *Elysium*. In *The*

Pale's mysterious mist, the laws of reality seem to vanish and only through sound it is possible to investigate these uncanny alterations of time and space. Careri's performance is thus a para-reenactment, a continuation of that interminable network of references, genuine or unabashedly bastard, that compose the very identity of video games as media of invention and parody of the world we know.

From Martinaise to the Dardanelles campaign, from al-Khidr to the Uskoks piracy, Sound Quests aims to be a cosmogonic and cosmogenetic journey. We meet the host of figures of this 'liquid labyrinth', as Campagna defines the Mediterranean, just as RPG *Disco Elysium* characters: encounters that change us, as vehicles for our own experience of the world that determine the necessary strength to embrace the end of our time.

Two worlds – and I come from the other one
(Cristina Campo, *Diario bizantino*)

The Otherworld, Listening Session
by Federico Campagna and Francesco Fusaro
Track list:

Preludio

Intermezzo Primo, *Un buon inizio*

Intermezzo Secondo, *L'unico mondo che c'è*

Intermezzo Terzo, *Immedesimazione*

Intermezzo Quarto, *Iniziazione ancestrale*

Intermezzo Quinto, *Orfano di tutto*

Intermezzo Sesto, *La realtà si sgretola*

Intermezzo Settimo, *Sogno o allucinazione?*

Intermezzo Ottavo, *Ciò che c'è là fuori*

Intermezzo Nono, *Universo e linguaggio*

Intermezzo Decimo, *Scende la notte*

Intermezzo Undicesimo, *Piccole fantasie*

Intermezzo Dodicesimo, *Un costruito narrativo*

Intermezzo Tredicesimo, *Forza fluviale*

Intermezzo Quattordicesimo, *Sentirsi a casa*

Intermezzo Quindicesimo, *Lo sguardo silenzioso*

Intermezzo Sedicesimo, *Ritorno in patria*

Intermezzo Diciassettesimo, *Cantare e raccontare*

Postludio

The Pale, radio show
by Angelo Careri
Track list:

The Pale, *Butterfly*
from *Butterfly* (1992), A&M Records

Coil, *Disco Hospital*
from *Love's Secret Domain* (1991), Torso

Laibach, *F.I.A.T.*
from *Opus Dei* (1987), Mute

Dick Hyman, *The Minotaur*
from *Moog - The Electric Eclectics Of Dick Hyman* (1969),
Command

X1, *Meng's Theme*
Meng's Theme (1995), Phuture Wax

Picchio Dal Pozzo, *Seppia*
from *Picchio Dal Pozzo* (1976), Grog Records

Manuel Göttsching, *Echo Waves*
from *Inventions For Electric Guitar* (1975), Kosmische Musik

South Wales Striking Miners Choir & Test Dept., *Comrades*
from *Shoulder to Shoulder* (1985), Ministry of Power

Secret Starways, *What Lies Beyond The Door*
from *Enchantment of the Ring* (1997), self-published

Tribes of Neurot, *Suspended in Light*
from *Grace* (2015), Relapse Records

Medley with Алтайдын Алкыжы, *Горловое пение*

Lab Rat XL, *Lab Rat 3*
from *Mice or Cyborg* (2003), Clone

Underground Resistance, *Transition*
from *Inspiration / Transition* (2002), Underground Resistance



The Pale by Angelo Careri, installation view, part of SOUND QUESTS, Circolo del Design, Turin, 2021.
Photos by Luca Vianello, Silvia Mangosio and Buccia Studio







The Pale by Angelo Careri (details of the installation), Circolo del Design, Turin, 2021. Photos by Luca Vianello, Silvia Mangosio and Buccia Studio



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Edelweiss



TINY CHIEF
PJ4P5
5 MFD
50V NDC

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PJ4P5
5 MFD
50V NDC

25 50V
1250PF
CARBON FILM

ALL SIGNS POINT TO ROME, DIANE
PROPOSAL FOR A SELF-RECORDING MISCELLANEA

Curated by ALMARE

Soundtrack and sound installation
single channel, ca.16 hours
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Listening session part of *Home In Homelessness – Research Detours*, curated by Workspace Ricerca X,
@ Lavanderia a Vapore, Collegno (IT)

The Miscellanea is available on:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUq1omPncQc&ab_channel=ALMAREPROJECT

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ALMARE proposes the creation of self-recording miscellanea: not an archive – any quantitative intent – but rather a collection, hybrid and snugly inhomogeneous, composed by a gathering of sounds, paradoxically recorded by oneself for oneself.

Artists, musicians but also curators, journalists, writers, theorists, have been invited to contribute to this on-going project, by sending us vocal messages, recorded notes, audio-sketches, ideas for music pieces, unaccomplished songs.

The project is based on voluntary compliance, in a logic of donation and mutual exchange. Ethics and Aesthetics. The miscellanea is freely usable by all contributors, and any contingent compensation will be equally redistributed among all the participants. Gathered and edited together in a single program, the different tracks make up a flow lasting more than 16 hours. The diffusion of the miscellanea took place through the walls of a room built in the frame of the art fair Art Verona. As if, protected from the public sight, all contributions were being recorded live.

The miscellanea can only be eavesdropped, perceived in its perimeter. Our project attempts to give a glimpse of those polyvalent manifestations linked to self-observed, self-listened, self-stored sounds. How is self-recording able to drastically jeopardise our listening experience? How can it blur the boundaries between giver and getter, maker and receiver?

Self-recording rises as a medium and conceptual paradox. The need-to-track becomes self-determination, self-monitoring, self-editing and perhaps, one inevitably becomes other to oneself.

The project further developed into a performance lecture part of exhibition *Where is the Boys and Kifer? Part II* by Roberto Casti at Accademia di Brera, Milan; and a listening session in the frame of *Home In Homelessness – Research Detours*, curated by Workspace Ricerca X with Cristina Caprioli, Lavanderia a Vapore, Collegno.

“ALL SIGNS POINT TO ROME, DIANE...”

PROPOSAL FOR A SELF-RECORDING MISCELLANEA

SELF-LISTENING – SELF-EDITING – CONFESSION
– MEMORY OF THE PAST – AUTO-DEPICTION – Until the phonograph was invented, voices, and sounds in general, were confined within the horizon of instantaneity. Echo was the only phenomenon capable of "reproducing" sounds – DESIRE FOR AN EDITING OF THE SELF – A PAST SELF – The practice of selfregistration is inevitably linked to the possibility of listening to oneself, intimately, regardless of any upcoming diffusion. Literally a playback, where recorded voices are ejected and re-articulated. Many artists and poets make the most of self-recording's practice, among others: Langston Hughes, Sylvia Plath, William S. Burroughs, Kathy Acker, Audre Lorde, Pierre Guyotat – SELF-IMPROVEMENT – MISSION / EDITION – RESPONSIBILITY – Self-recording played a leading role in popular culture, just think of the bombshell aesthetic impact of home recording and bedroom pop on the record industry and all those consequent radio broadcasts based on listeners' interventions – RECORDED LONELINESS – We cannot fail to mention the sundry vocal notes we exchange every day through the host of instant messaging systems on our smartphones. The countless applications dedicated to monitoring our quotidian behaviours, our sportive / economic / social / sexual performances – SELFMONITORING – MEASUREMENT – playing back our own records is also a form of perpetuated self-control, a sort of never-ending self-test regime. You can dictate to yourself and your voice steadily turns in something else – LISTENING IS RE-LISTENING – PLAYBACKNESS – listening becomes an eavesdropping, stealthy stethoscope – MEDIA APPLICATIONS – DEVICE TRACKING – AESTHETIC STRATEGY – SELF-COMPETITION – GHOSTS – Why do we need to steal material from the flow of thoughts? Why not just write it down? There is an indissoluble bond between loneliness and technology – THERE IS NO LONELINESS WITHOUT TECHNOLOGY – It's the cat in the box with the poison: until I open it, it is both alive and dead. Without tracing, coding, transcribing a thought, there is no thought at all.

ALMARE PROPOSES THE CREATION OF SELF-RECORDINGS'MISCELLANEA: NOT AN ARCHIVE – ANY QUANTITATIVE INTENT – BUT A COLLECTION, HYBRID AND SNUGLY INHOMOGENEOUS, OF SOUNDS PARADOXICALLY RECORDED BY ONESELF FOR ONESELF.

ARTISTS, MUSICIANS BUT ALSO CURATORS, JOURNALISTS, WRITERS, THEORISTS, ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS ON-GOING PROJECT. SENDING US VOCAL MESSAGES, RECORDED NOTES, AUDIO-SKETCHES, IDEAS FOR MUSIC PIECES, UNACCOMPLISHED SONGS... OUR PROJECT ATTEMPTS TO GIVE A GLIMPSE OF THOSE POLYVALENT MANIFESTATIONS LINKED TO SELF-OBSERVED, SELF-LISTENED, SELF-STORED SOUNDS. HOW IS SELF-RECORDING ABLE TO DRASTICALLY JEOPARDIZE OUR LISTENING EXPERIENCE? HOW CAN IT BLUR THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN GIVER AND GETTER, MAKER AND RECEIVER ?

OUR PROJECT ASPIRES TO TRIGGER, COLLECT, AND DISSEMINATE A SEQUENCE OF SUGGESTIONS ABOUT SELF-RECORDING AS A VERY OBJECT, AND SUBJECT, OF CONTEMPORANEITY. FOR THIS REASON WE DO BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO THINK OF SELF-REGISTRATION IN RELATION TO A SITUATED CONTEXT IN WHICH IT ACTS AND FROM WHICH IT IS ACTED, HISTORICALLY AND THEREFORE SOCIALLY.

WE WANT THE CONTRIBUTORS TO FEEL FREE TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES IN THE WAY THEY PLEASE, BUT ALWAYS USING AUDIO RECORDINGS. FOR US, SOUND IS SIMULTANEOUSLY A MEDIUM OF EXPRESSION AND RESEARCH, SIGNIFIER AND SIGNIFIED. BECAUSE OF THIS OUR OPERATION IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HUMAN-MADE SOUNDS, A LANDSCAPE IN WHICH THE HUMAN VOICE OCCUPIES A SPECIFIC PLACE.

OUR APPROACH HAS THE AMBITION TO ACTIVATE A CREATIVE PROCESS WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY SHARED, AND AIMS TO CONSTRUCT A COLLECTIVE TYPE OF KNOWLEDGE. THROUGH THE INVOLVEMENT OF EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTORS, WE DO HOPE FOR AN OMNIVOROUS OPEN INVESTIGATION, A CHAIN REACTION, UNEXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS.

THE NOTION OF CONRICERCA (LITERALLY "SEARCHING TOGETHER"), AS FORMULATED IN THE LATE 1970'S BY THE ITALIAN SOCIOLOGIST AND ACTIVIST ROMANO ALQUATI, PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN OUR METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH. IN THE CONRICERCA, INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS, WHO IN AN ACADEMIC CONTEXT WOULD BE CONVENTIONALLY KEPT OUT OF SUBJECTIVE PARTICIPATION, ARE INSTEAD ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF RESEARCH, GENERATING A MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE, A COMMON SET OF GOALS, AND CONTENT. WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE SPECIFIC HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THIS CONCEPT DWELLS, BUT WE STILL BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE INSPIRED BY THIS « MUTUALLY FORMATIVE RELATIONSHIP AND EXCHANGE, [...] WHERE, NONETHELESS, WE "TOOK ROOT" ».

SELF-REGISTRATION RISES AS A MEDIUM AND CONCEPTUAL PARADOX. THE NEED-TO-TRACE BECOMES SELF-DETERMINATION, SELF-MONITORING, SELF-EDITING AND PERHAPS, ONE INEVITABLY BECOMES OTHER TO ONESELF.

INVITATION

You are part of a wide selection of researchers we are inviting to contribute to this open and collective project. We selected you because your research led us to believe you could find a place in this imaginative endeavour that takes the shape of a miscellanea of self-recordings.

CONTRIBUTION

We ask you to send us an audio record made by yourself. It may be your voice or other kinds of sound material, but it must be self-recorded. You can register yourself thumping your palms on the table or reading aloud the abstract of your doctoral thesis, or read it in full! You may propose recordings of any kind – for instance, a theorist does not have to send us a reading specifically indicative of their main practice. We will nonetheless respect your willingness to represent yourself and will not make any edits on the received material.

DURATION

The self-recording can be of any length.

QUALITY AND AUDIO FILE FORMAT

Regarding the quality of the file, we do not ask for studio records standards. As with all formal aspects, this is also at your discretion. We only ask you to send us your contribution in a digital audio format.

PRIVACY

The files will be reproduced anonymously, or rather, the contributors' list will be made public, but the names will not be associated with individual tracks. We therefore do ask you for permission to include your name in the list.

PROPERTY

This miscellanea has nothing to do with an exhibition: it is a sound collection of testimonies and contributions. We ask you to participate in a project based on voluntary compliance, in a logic of donation and mutual exchange. Ethics and Aesthetics. The miscellanea is freely usable by all contributors, and any contingent compensation from external proposals / exhibition / publication etc. will be equally redistributed among all the participants.

ANNEXES

In order to share our process of investigation, you will find in addition to this invitation, the materials of which the project is currently composed. This gathering of documents is definitely on-going. Feel free to suggest possible authors, texts, and references who might be pertinent to the project. We are open to any question or clarification, and we remain at your disposal for any expressive or technical help.



ALMARE, "All Signs Point To Rome, Diane..." Proposal For A Self-recording Miscellanea (2019), external view of booth. i10 Spazi Indipendenti, ArtVerona



ALMARE, "All Signs Point To Rome, Diane..." Proposal For A Self-recording Miscellanea (2019), internal view of booth from which the Miscellanea was played.
i10 Spazi Indipendenti, ArtVerona

“ALL SIGNS POINT TO ROME, DIANE...”

PROPOSAL FOR A SELF-RECORDING MISCELLANEA

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A close-up photograph showing a person's hand holding a black cord against a grey wall. The hand is positioned near a wooden frame and a mesh screen. The background is slightly blurred, showing a person's arm and a black object. The text "When All Signs Point To Rome, Diane..." is overlaid in yellow at the bottom.

"When All Signs Point To Rome, Diane..."

GET RID OF YOURSELF (ANCORA ANCORA ANCORA)

Exhibition curated by Lucrezia Calabrò Visconti
in collaboration with ALMARE
@ Fondazione Baruchello, Rome (IT), 2019

with Dafne Boggeri, Teresa Cos, Ambra Pittoni, Elena Radice,
Radna Rumping, Erika Van Loon

Exhibition produced by Fondazione Baruchello with the support of the Embassy
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The exhibition guide is available on:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5718ef4d2b8ddecfcfd96ac/1/5dfcfd9ea34172604ace0c69/1576861092595/GetRidofYourself-SummerShow-2019-FondazioneBaruchello.pdf>

On August 23rd 1978, Mina's face is recorded on camera for the last time while singing "Ancora Ancora Ancora" at the Bussola club in Viareggio. It's the year of the kidnapping of politician Aldo Moro and the beginning of the "riflusso", the retreat into private life that marked the end of the season of struggles led by the Italian 1977 Movement. For the next 23 years, the "Tigre di Cremona" (Tiger of Cremona) will refuse all offers to appear in public, thus becoming exclusively a voice to the rest of the world. The singer will never disclose the reasons for her choice.

Get Rid of Yourself (Ancora Ancora Ancora) is a collective sound exhibition that takes shape in the dark. The project investigates the production of imagery in the absence of sight, to reflect on the political possibilities of inhabiting invisibility. Disseminated along a sound path built in collaboration with the ALMARE collective, the artists' narratives act in the dark, transforming a privative condition into a place for the active sharing of practices.

The building seems empty, yet it is inhabited in every space, corner, and interspace. Turning back a strategy traditionally carried out by institutional critique, the Foundation hosts a multiplicity of voices, sounds and situations, which impose a presence sometimes intimately whispered, sometimes spooky and sharp, and finally claimed with magnificence. The rooms of the Foundation are filled with water to grow into the sea, become a majestic nave, and then the streets of a city in revolt; they transform themselves into an anatomy university classroom where a brain is dissected, and then metamorphose into the veins and cavernous bodies of that same brain, where thought and sensation interpenetrate each other until they become indistinguishable from the surrounding environment. The space becomes an incarnation of the personal stories and

great political narratives that inhabit it, activating processes of disidentification that reshuffle the notions of individual conscience and collective body in a progressive negotiation of the concepts of linear time, historical individuality, and human reason.

According to Giorgio Agamben, "the ones who can call themselves contemporary are only those who do not allow themselves to be blinded by the lights of the century and so manage to get a glimpse of the shadows in those lights, of their intimate obscurity". Get Rid of Yourself (Ancora Ancora Ancora) receives in full face the emission of darkness that comes from its time. The duration of the exhibition is the same that the eyes take to get used to the absence of light, in which the limit between awareness and unconsciousness is weakened. As Erica van Loon suggests in the audio work presented in the exhibition: "How long does it take for your brain to realise that you didn't blink but that I switched off the lights?".

Lucrezia Calabrò Visconti

METHODOLOGICAL ELEMENTS
by ALMARE

Since Lucrezia Calabrò Visconti's first inputs, Get Rid of Yourself (Ancora Ancora Ancora) looks at the exposition of sound without feeling guilty towards regimes of artistic research anchored to the notion of "objects"—the hi tech aesthetic of speakers and cables, the object that makes noise. The exhibition unfolds a path based on the relation between both sound and space, as well as sound and time, unleashing the whole performative potential of a recorded track. Here, sound is an event and embodies—intentional

paradox—a perspective of the artistic doing rooted in its context. In fact, in its contexts, namely the exhibition space, the historical positioning, the spectator's perception and the artist's biography. We go on endlessly. In some ways, coherently to its title, *Get Rid of Yourself* (Ancora Ancora Ancora) is an exhibition out of control.

Almost deprived of their sight, the visitor is called to listen—listening intended as practice. In his short essay *Listening* (1976) Roland Barthes thinks of it as such: “Long before writing was invented, even before parietal figuration was practiced, something was produced which may fundamentally distinguish man from animal: the intentional reproduction of a rhythm.”

We could also mention Francois J. Bonnet who writes in his *The order of sounds* that sound “has functions to perform, expectations to meet, things to say.” And it is precisely on the performative functions of sound that the works' formalisation and installation is based on, defined in dialogue with the artists and the curator.

From this point of view, there's no dichotomy nor hierarchy between technical choices and aesthetics: the algorithm produced for Teresa Cos' *Archive of Loops*, for instance, interprets the conceptual conditions of the work, inasmuch as the higher positioning of Dafne Boggeri's speakers is propaedeutic to the environmental dimension of the intervention.

Speaking of the speaker, we believe the performativity of the exhibition, explicitly emphasised by its duration, to be inspired by some syntaxes of acousmatic art, precisely on the trend developed around the new possibilities of the electroacoustic instruments, from the recording techniques to sound diffusion.

The acousmatic logic allows us to move around the space generated from the temporal gap between the output and its fruition. We wanted to play with the installation dispositive, within the language of visual art, by emphasising the hybrid role of the speaker, that thanks to darkness is removed from its aesthetic dimension.

The choice of media, as well as the diffusion and placement modalities are fundamental elements to the aesthetic means of the whole operation—thinking of Elena Radice's work, and the choice to use a different kind of speaker, since the tracks are embodying a plurality of vocal timbers, each with its own expressive character. To manage the speakers means to interpret, to assume an artistic, directorial role, for the sound is directed through an ever-changing choreography of the output.

Get Rid of Yourself (Ancora Ancora Ancora) means to suspend the conditions that lower the potentiality of our daily soundscape. We could open infinite parentheses in regards to the art system, to the difficulties in assimilating the sound medium, but also to the resistance in including electronic music in the popular imaginary of the concert, where traditionally the musician-executor never disappear.

To conclude, we wish for a perspective reversal, as we believe that performativity doesn't require presence all the time, but rather in order to get rid of oneself, one could rely on the performativity of absence, of invisibility, of moving in the dark.

AMBRA PITTONI
Recording and editing by ALMARE
Amorevole. Una finzione somatica
2019
9'45”

ELENA RADICE
Cantilena retorica per un futuro luminoso.
Canone libero per coro polifonico disfunzionale
2019
20’

RADNA RUMPING
Get Rid of Yourself, Again (Extended Version)
2017
39’

TERESA COS
The Archive of Loops
Randomised audiovisual reproduction of a music archive
2017-
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ERICA VAN LOON
Your Brain Has No Smell
2017 - 2019
35’

DAFNE BOGGERI
Starting the Rhythm
1’,47”, loop
2019

A dark room with a screen displaying the text "CO M MAS,". The screen is the only source of light in the scene, casting a soft glow on the surrounding walls and floor. The text is centered on the screen and is written in a simple, white, sans-serif font. The background of the screen is a dark, solid color.

CO M MAS,

Monday 1 May 2017



Erica Van Loon, *Your Brain Has No Smell* (2017 - 2019), 35'
Fondazione Baruchello, Rome. Ph. Alessia Calzecchi



Dafne Boggeri, *Starting the Rhythm* (2019), 1'47", loop.
Fondazione Baruchello, Rome. Ph. Alessia Calzecchi



SILENT SET

BY FEDERICO CHIARI

DJ SET AND PERFORMANCE CURATED BY ALMARE

@ MUSICA IN PROSSIMITÀ FESTIVAL, PINEROLO (IT), 2018

ALMARE presents Federico Chiari's *Silent Set*, a performance composed of a selection of songs dealing, in many ways, with silence: an *a cappella* version of a dance song, field recordings, avant-garde scores, folklore *lieder*. Silence thus becomes a wormhole connecting distant times and geographical areas. *Silent Set* proposes an oblique glimpse through more than a century of sound recordings.

On April 10th 2019, was released the first visual rendition of a black hole, one of those images that seem to impose itself as a pivotal turning point in the representation of our Universe – I mean, 'imposing' sounds very much like coming out from WJT Mitchell *What Do Pictures Want ?* assuming then that images do want something. And yes, of course they *do*. Prior to that date, anyone wishing to visualise a black hole could only rely on the vast repertoire of 'artistic representations'. From the most updated models up to illustrations that seem more suitable to science fiction book covers, like the Italian collection *Urania*, in which dinosaurs, or galaxies, together with a host of never-photographed objects and beings, are equally displayed in a mesmerizing variety of colors and shapes.

Black holes iconography was modeled by thousands of committed illustrators, that build from scratch what was not yet given to be seen. And, beyond the many implications of the term "artistic" in the scientific domain, what has always been represented is not properly a *black hole*, but the so-called *horizon*, the region in which any matter and radiation is sucked into the inevitable gravitational field of the hole.

Then let's talk about *wormholes*. Which are not exactly holes: they are hypothetical phenomena, more like a topological characteristic of spacetime that would allow you to travel from one universe to another, using gravitational tunnels. Physical models aside, wormholes have also been depicted in countless "artistic representations": from Isaac Asimov to The Big Bang Theory, passing through the *interplanetary transport network* in the film and franchise *Stargate* - such a great film, by the way, that anyone in their 30s-something remember with unconditional affection.

Perhaps this is why sound designer, musician and field recordist Federico Chiari has chosen to adopt the notion of *wormholes* to describe how silence works like a bridge, a passage, a gallery or a *stargate* capable of casting the listener into a galactic beyond. And actually, can silence be photographed? Or, like in the case of black holes until last March, or wormholes, or any prehistoric animals and plants, is it only representable through an indirect process? Even a sonic spectrogram is nothing but a rendered image. Doing a synaesthetic leap beyond the visual domain – which, one might object, is not the proper perspective from which to speak about silence –, John Cage, in his three movements of *4'33"*, also started from the assumption that silence cannot be represented.

Nevertheless, *Silent Set* is a representation of silence, which uses a DJ set – and its *gravitational* potentials –, as fuel to navigate a constellations of possible renditions of silences.

And the effect, is exactly the one of a wormhole, which would engulf any kind of material and would then throw it into space-time, re-contextualising each element in order to create its own personal

discourse that would reflect on the social practices of listening. Silence not as the mere absence of sound pressure, but as a condition of listening.

This may sound rather obvious in a context such as a contemporary music festival, characterised by specific behavioural practices, but it is not equally evident in reference to the many imaginative apparatuses from which Federico Chiari drew the materials that make up his DJ set. That is, parties in huge venues, or smoky underground clubs, ballrooms, residual industrial architectures that are temporarily turned into *autonomous* areas. But also places and non-places where music and *muzak* lend themselves as accessories of commercial activities.

Extrapolated from their original contextual universe, the music mixed by Federico Chiari is re-proposed as the very key to understand social practices we embody in our everyday life. Music seeks for attention, a dedicated listening, an ear inclined both to music and to more eminently sociological aspects, capable of consolidating organisation of sounds and organisation of social groups, from and for which they are produced and acted - and by which and whom they are in turn produced and acted, precisely in those networks of causal and systemic relations that we could define, by borrowing the lexicon of American sociologist Howard Becker, as "artistic worlds".



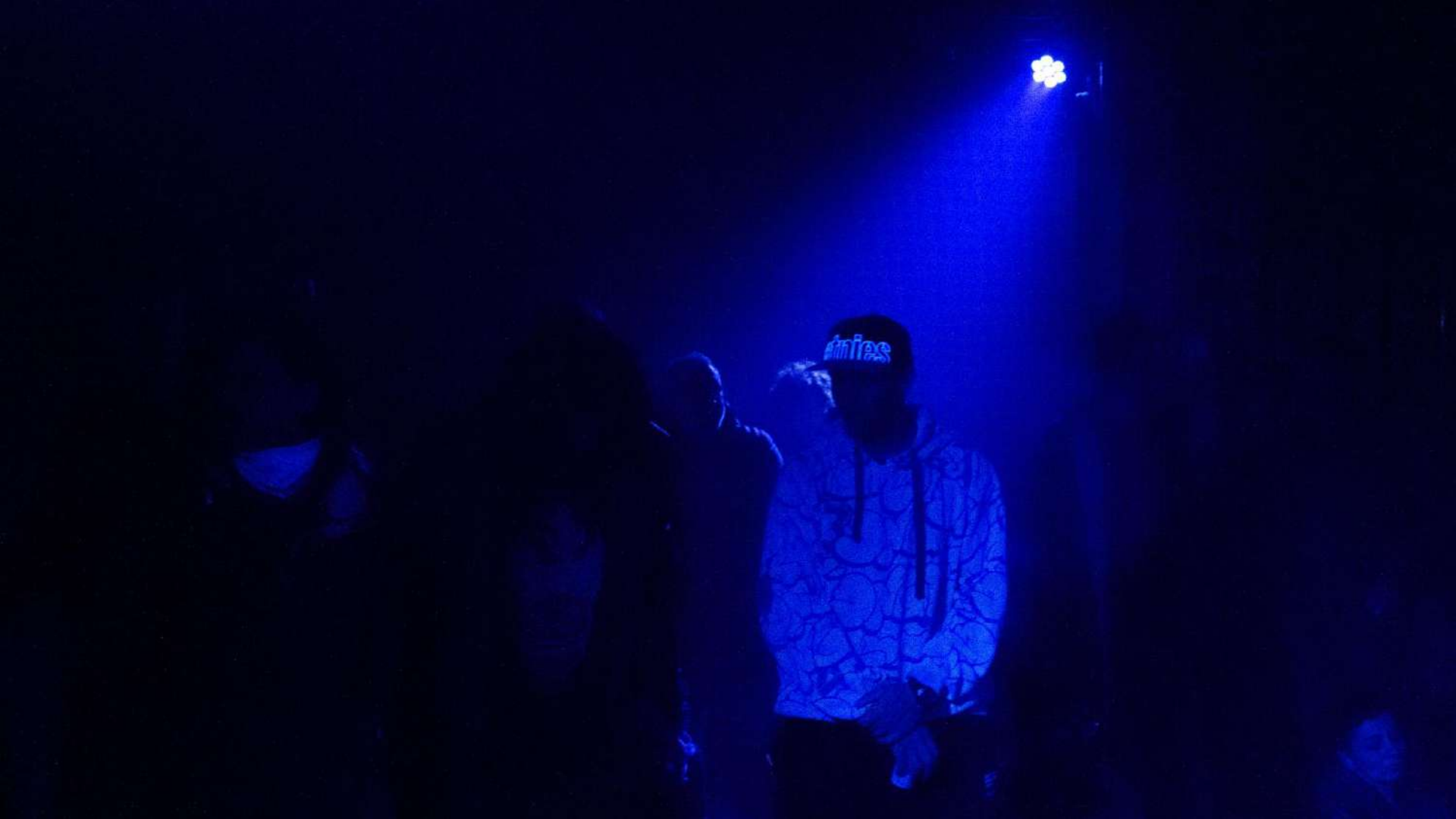
SILENT SET by Federico Chiari, Musica in prossimità Festival, Pinerolo
Ph. Silvia Mangosio and Luca Vianello





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SILENT SET by Federico Chiari, installation detail, Musica in prossimità Festival, Pinerolo
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RISPETTA
IL
SILENZIO

PRODUCTION

BY MARINA ROSENFELD

PERFORMANCE CURATED BY ALMARE
IN COLLABORATION WITH STANDARDS
PERFORMANCE @ STANDARDS, MILAN, 2018
TALK @ NABA – NUOVA ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI, MILAN, 2018

Marina Rosenfeld's work has been at the forefront of experimental practices in sound and performance since the 1990s, when she mounted her first all-female electric-guitar ensembles under the name Sheer Frost Orchestra. Her works, both in the format of concerts, and more frequently as hybrid constellations of sculpture, notation, video and music, have explored the implications of arranging bodies, loudspeakers and audience in resonant spaces – starting from the premise that every space is a resonant space. She has also performed as an experimental turntablist since the late 1990s, creating improvised music with a distinctive palette of hand-crafted dub plates, and collaborating with musicians, dancers and theatre artists.

Production stems from Deathstar, a recent project premised on an obsolete recording technique known as 'perceptual soundfield reconstruction', focused on the interplay of recording, composition, and improvisation. Originally exhibited as an installation at Portikus (Frankfurt, 2017) Rosenfeld harnessed the unruly acoustics of the German institution tower-like space, and its tendency to amplify events, to produce a recursive and distorting recording architecture, a kind of machinic site for continuous musical production and dispersal. The work was presented also as a series of ensuing 'orchestrations,' for piano and other instruments.

For her first performance in Milan, in collaboration with Standards and ALMARE, Rosenfeld produced a new suite of dub plates, or temporary records, starting from original site-specific recordings taken by Attila Faravelli. The suits re-imagine the tones and the acoustic singularities of the performance site. In keeping with her history of creating temporary and spontaneous 'orchestras' - improvising ensembles foregrounding the social relations of participants with each other and their surroundings, in Milan she included visual art students from NABA - Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti in her concert. They used the new dubplates as a sonic tool to investigate the potential of reproducing *by hand* an improvised account of the architecture and its surroundings.



Production by Marina Rosenfeld, Standards, Milan
Ph. Roberto Casti



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Production by Marina Rosenfeld, Standards, Milan
Ph. Roberto Casti



Production by Marina Rosenfeld, Standards, Milan
Ph. Roberto Casti

ACHEROPITISMO
A PROJECT & GAME BOOK

WITH A PUBLIC TALK BY ANDREA VALLE AND LIVE
PERFORMANCE BY RENATO GRIECO, CURATED BY ALMARE
TEATRUM BOTANICUM, @ PAV, TURIN, 2018

Acheropitism is a neologism. It comes from ancient Greek *acheiropoieta*, a term referring to a specific kind of traditional Christians icons which are said to have been made «without human hands». In those images, such as the Image of Edessa or *Mandyllion*, the *Virgen de Guadalupe* in Mexico City, the *Sacra Sindone* in Turin or the *Volto del Cristo* in San Giovanni in Lateran in Rome, the mysterious depiction it is not considered to be human-made. It's rather the work of a non-hand, of a transcendent *inhumanity*. At once, some XVIII century automatons inventors come to mind, quite elegant figures such as Jacques de Vaucanson and Henri Maillardet, or some sci-fi classics writers, Isaac Asimov at first, or the messianic saga of *Galaxy Express*, or the bodaciously alluring cyborg of media franchise *Ghost in the Shell*. The concept of *acheropitism* challenges authorship, and questions its very possibility.

A self-made artwork capable of mirroring the human handicraft, and at the same time it does not leave any handprint. Through the improvement of coding language and automation, human beings make great effort to escape from their clumsy mundane body (physicality), in order to achieve a sort of fade-out of the Self: a well trained strategy of take one's leave from a too crowded party. Tools like automatic writing, algorithms, machine learning, data mining, commonly used both in science and art, can be considered as contemporary forms of *acheropitism*, since they seek to intertwine human and processual creation. There is no proper maker, no manufacturer. We are outside mankind realm.

Invited by PAV - Parco Arte Vivente (Turin) to be part of Teatrum Botanicum 2018, ALMARE explored the relationship between the idea of *nature* and automated processes of creation.

ALMARE presented *Systema Naturæ* by composers Mauro Lanza and Andrea Valle whose practice has always been oriented to algorithmic composition, also called Computer Assisted Composition. Following the Linnaean taxonomy (*Regnum Animale*, *Regnum Vegetabile*, *Regnum Lapideum*, plus one music piece named *Fossilila*) *Systema Naturæ* is a four pieces music cycle for amplified ensemble and electromechanical unities. Each piece is a catalogue of shorter compositions: a host of beasts laid down on a preposterously mutant classification: *Cteromelis udivetusi*, *Grapheas lopogens*, *Adius geradii*, *Zampychis flalutengla...*

Each micro-piece represents a *being*, and as a whole they form a *Regnum* and all the *Regna* then form a meticulous pseudo-natural System, which is ultimately a parallel of the one we find in nature. A wunderkammer of an exuberant combinatory fantasy, which delights to overcome the prodromes of life, or its aftermaths.

Lanza and Valle have conceived the project together, sharing programming patches for years. They came to an actual expanded authorship, in which none of them emerges individually.

Starting from this perspective Naples based musician Renato Grieco presented a live-performance from his research on accumulation and catalog. Sounds, recordings and material found on the Internet make up a personal archive that becomes a generative receptacle for unexpected linkages. As books that find them side by side under an unknown order, Grieco's sound materials combine them by analogy, as in a hard-disk's disorder.

Acheropitism is paired by the first publishing project by ALMARE including a conversation with Mauro Lanza, a large concept diagram map designed together with Andrea Valle, and short stories-collages developed by Renato Grieco. Then, taking its cue from the popular '80s and '90s book-games, the entire publication follows the HTML / links

paradigm, in order to establish a ludicrous junction between various contributions. The reader will unexpectedly bump into many crossroads, references and continuous memos.

A form of anthological curatorship that is almost *spam*, which grips the flow of the text, parasitizing the scrolling of the text. A misfit reading, a panopticon-exhibition, where programmatically generates works as if they were life-forms – hapax legomena biologically modified – within the PAV garden that is almost a stalkerian area, a perimeter-oasis from a proliferating futuristic jurassic park.

Evanescent forms of life for a misleading winking at ventured possibilities.



Andrea Valle presents *Systema Naturae* by Mauro Lanza and Andrea Valle.
Teatrum Botanicum 2018, PAV, Turin







Systema Naturæ by Mauro Lanza and Andrea Valle (details of the presentation).
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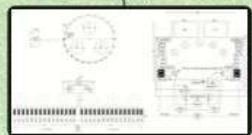
codice viene reimplementato e usato per costruire sequenze di eventi.



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RAPPORTO DI INFLUENZA TRA MACCHINA E PERFORMER, IL PERFORMER COME MACCHINA

Setup tecnici per i Regna: animale vegetabile e lapideum



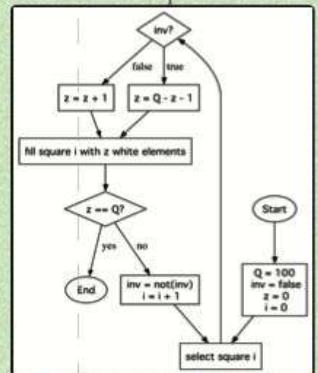
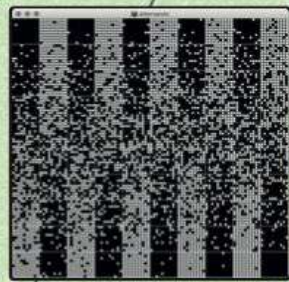
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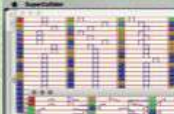
Un frammento dal codice in SuperCollider che implementa il meccanismo genetico tra popolazioni in Hincinichnia



Prima versione di Hincinichnia. Ogni rettangolo costituisce una popolazione. Ogni riga un individuo. In una riga, i quadrati e i colori rappresentano i geni. Se si legge nel senso usuale della lettura, da sinistra a destra e dall'alto in basso, si vede l'effetto di deriva uniformante.



Alighiero Boetti (o Alighiero e Boetti) non ha mai usato un calcolatore, almeno che ci risulti. Eppure ha fatto arte algoritmica in maniera geniale e radicale. Ad esempio, in Alternando da 1 a 100 e viceversa viene allestita una procedura per il riempimento di cento quadrati composti di cento quadrati disposti in quadrato. Un primo punto di interesse dell'algoritmo è che separa due soggetti. L'algoritmo dettaglia la quantità di bianchi e neri per ognuno dei cento quadrati, descrive cioè un primo soggetto, un Operatore. Ma



A SERIES OF COMPLEX HANDSHAKES

BY JUSTIN RANDOLPH THOMPSON

IN COLLABORATION WITH JANETTA HILL AND LANIA ROBERTS

PERFORMANCE CURATED BY ALMARE

SATURNALIA FESTIVAL @ MACAO, MILAN, 2018

Justin Randolph Thompson is a new media artist, organizer and educator born in Peekskill, NY in '79. Living between Italy and the US since 2001, Thompson is a Co-Founder and Director of Black History Month Florence. Justin's work and scholarship engages local communities as living yet fleeting monuments. His art has been exhibited internationally in venues such as the Whitney Museum of American Art, The Reina Sofia, the American Academy in Rome and more.

A Series of Complex Handshakes, is a sound based performance engaging negotiation and solidarity as misguided symbols of idealistic civility. The work draws upon miscommunication, malfunctioning radio transmission and faltering translations to outline a historic trajectory of stagnant conversation and the elusive capacity of celebratory cultural production to derail political consciousness. Employing the language of the business briefing, distraction and hyper-stimulation become disruptive strategies that sonically and visually fracture team building and the construction of collective sovereignty.



WHO WE ARE
WHEN WE ARE
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MAGO

Red neon light fixture



Man in blue shirt pointing at the monitors

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A Series of Complex Handshakes, MACAO, Milan

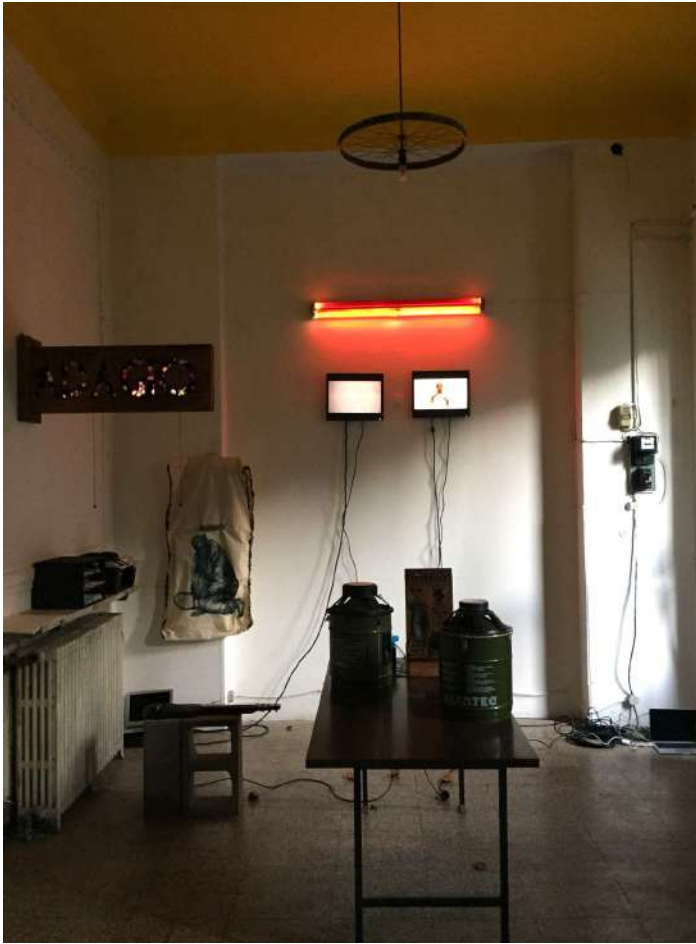
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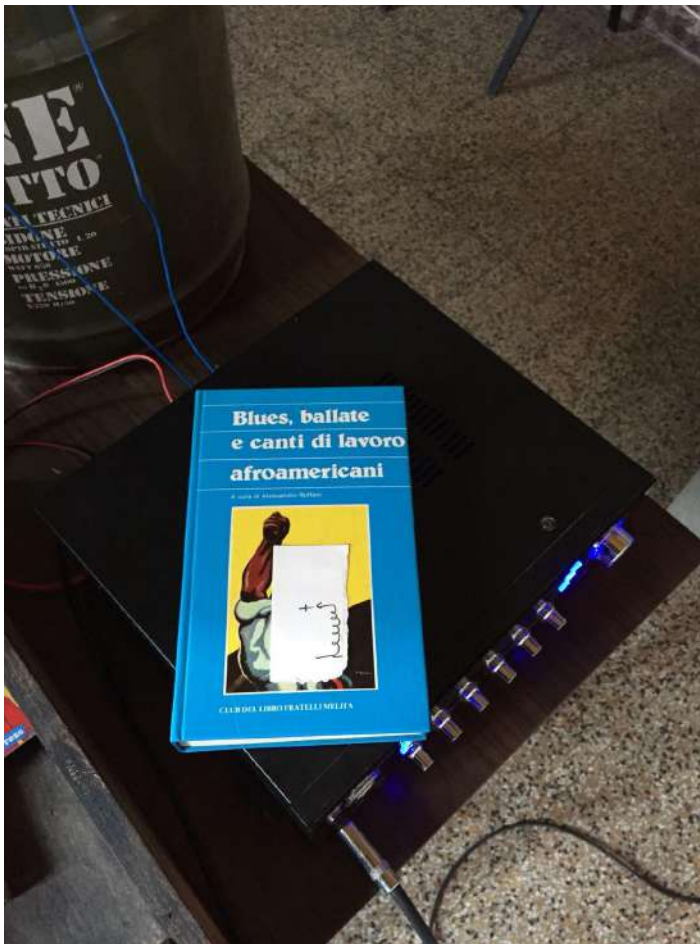


A Series of Complex Handshakes by Justin Randolph Thomson,
still from video

THERE IS AN IMAGINARY LINE
OUT THERE RIGHT AND WRONG
BETWEEN



A Series of Complex Handshakes, Installation view, MACAO, Milan



A Series of Complex Handshakes (details), MACAO, Milan

COMING TOGETHER – LISTENING SESSION

CURATED BY VINCENZO SANTARCANGELO
IN COLLABORATION WITH ALMARE
@ ASSOCIAZIONE BARRIERA, TURIN, 2018

MUSIC BY

Frederic Rzewski
Coming Together, 19' 12", Attica, Coming Together,
Les Moutons De Panurge
(1974)

Barry Truax
Riverrun, 20'
(1986)

Jonathan Harvey
Mortuos Plango, Vivos Voco, 9' 15"
(1980)

The Advisory Circle
From Out Here, 1' 8", From Out Here
(2014)

The Caretaker
The sublime is disappointingly elusive, 1' 44",
An empty bliss beyond the world
(2011)

The Focus Group
Stage Craft and Screens, 1' 08",
Stop Motion Happening
(2017)

Position Normal
Cricket, 2' 42", Positional Normal
(2009)

Boards of Canada
One Very Important though, 1' 25",
Music Has The Right to Children
(1998)

Coming Together is the first of a series of meetings hinged on sound perception. In the premises of the Barriera Association, the researcher Vincenzo Santarcangelo guides the audience on a listening path, analysing three different models of sound space, each one focused on a specific relationship between auditory perception and spatiality. Each model is associated with a sound track / composition and a particular listening mode, which affects the speaker layout and the choice of playback support. Three distinct environments answering the question: "Where is Sound?" This listening session begins with the answer "the sound is in the head", in a mental space, and continues by addressing the issue relating to the sound in the space as a medium (eg. air, water or other propagation materials), to whom acoustic physics speaks; The third part is devoted to those theories that analyse Sound in relation to the sources that have generated it. Then the acoustic itinerary ends with a step forward, outside, in a figurative, metaphorical space: the "space of memory".

Special attention is paid to performativity of acousmatic music, which plays a proper artistic role, as a vector, driving the listening attention and conducting the shifting choreography of the sound source. The medium choice, the diffusion mode and the speaker placement, are of a fundamental aesthetic purpose. Acousmatic music shows sounds unrelated to the performance, and brings the listener in a space raised from the temporal neck between the piece generation and its fruition. A recorded track, in deed, is never the same.

The speakers are first of all a tool, and can be used in different ways that would substantially change the nature of what is heard. The listener as well is never equal to himself, nor immanent or passive: on the contrary he first-hand contributes to the radical perception instability.

Coming Together highlights the act of listening as a practice, as a research for a sound never given once and for all; a session that inhabits the interstitial gap between organised sound and organised listening.

Not a lecture, but an invitation to cross Barriera's architecture putting yourself in a free listening perspective. Because, as stated in one of the presented tracks, sound always happens "somewhere in the future."



Coming Together, Associazione Barriera Contemporanea, Turin.
Ph. Clara Scarafia







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OP.09-13, ROTTERDAM, TOKYO, FÈS (2009-2013)

A FILM BY MASTEQUOIA
(GABRIELE SILLI, GIACOMO SPONZILLI
CARLO GABRIELE TRIBBIOLI)
64 min, VHS/HD

RECEPTIVITÀ MAGNETOFONI (2005-2018)

PERFORMANCE BY GABRIELE SILLI

SCREENING AND LIVE ELECTRONICS CURATED BY ALMARE
@ CITÉ INTERNATIONALE DES ARTS, PARIS, 2018

Edited from more than 54 hours of footage shot on VHS cassettes throughout the years 2009-2013, *Op.09-13* is a film-triptych evoking, in a visionary logic of appropriation, the History and identity of three cities: Rotterdam, Tokyo and Fès. The convergence of these three different geographies, architectures and historical backgrounds aims to diagram an inter-continental, synchronic and symbolic triangulation.

The soundtrack has been composed using the camera mic and holds a prominent/dominant role in the video. It haunts the viewer as an absconditus narrator, a ghostly *historicus*, whispering and oppressive.

Receptività Magnetofoni, is a real-time tape editing performance by Gabriele Silli. The work combines and distorts a huge amount of archive material recorded by the artist on audio cassettes in the last 10 years.



Receptività Magnetofoni, Gabriele Silli,
Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris. Ph. Sixtine de Thé





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*Op.09-13, Rotterdam, Tokyo, Fès (2009-2013), Mastequoia
still from video. Courtesy, the artists*



Op.09-13, Rotterdam, Tokyo, Fés (2009-2013), Mastequoia
screening at the Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris. Ph. Sixtine de Thé





Gabriele Silli in *Op.09-13, Rotterdam, Tokyo, Fès (2009-2013)*, Mastequoia
still from video. Courtesy, the artists

AMOS CAPPuccio

Amos Cappuccio (Sanremo, 1988) lives and works in Turin. He studied at CCC Research-Based Art Practices master at HEAD - Geneva. Previously he graduated in Electronic Music at the "G. Verdi" Conservatory of Turin and in Extra-European Musical Traditions at the "G. Ghedini" Conservatory of Cuneo. In 2019 he participated in the artistic residence CSAV - ARTISTS RESEARCH LABORATORY of the Ratti Foundation. His works have been exhibited and performed at BASE (Milan), MACRO (Rome), "Politics of Dissonance" - Official Collateral Events Manifesta12 (Palermo), ArtVerona 2017, Superbudda (Turin).

LUCA MORINO

Luca Morino (Turin, 1992) graduated in Electronic Music from the Conservatory of Turin. Co-founder and guitarist in Foxhound band, they released three albums ("Concordia", INRI 2012, "In Primavera", Self-production 2014, "Camera Obscura", Blood Disken / GAAR 2016). Since 2017 he has been working as sound engineer for the festival Musica in Prossimità (Pinerolo) and collaborating with the Maurice Quartet.

GIULIA MONGOZZI

Giulia Mengozzi (Bologna, 1987) is part of the curatorial board of PAV Parco Arte Vivente in Turin. Since 2014 she is assistant of the curator Marco Scotini and project coordinator for Teatrum Botanicum – Emerging Talents Festival. She graduated in Visual Arts and Curatorial Studies at Naba – Nuova Accademia delle Arti, Milan, with a master thesis about the collective vocality between music and fine arts, from the Luigi Nono's perspective. She has been contributor for contemporary art magazines and publishing houses such as Arte e Critica, Diorama and DARS Magazine, and has collaborated with exhibition space as Marsellèria Permanent Exhibition and Viafarini, Milan. In 2012 she was student assistant of the collective ...AND AND AND for the project Maybe Educational at documenta13.

GABBI CATTANI

Gabbi Cattani (Rome, 1990) is an artist living and working in Frankfurt am Main. He graduated in Music Composition from S.Cecilia Conservatory and in Music Theory and Fine Arts from EHESS/ENSAD in Paris. He is currently studying at Städelsschule in Frankfurt with Gerard Byrne. Cattani works in performance, installation, poetry and video. His works featured in institutions and museums such as Biennale Mediterranea, San Marino (RSM); Castello di Rivoli Museum of Contemporary Art (IT); Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris (FR); Fondazione Prada, Venice (IT); HeK-Haus der elektronischen Künste, Basel (CH); MACRO, Rome (IT); OUTPOST Gallery, Norwich (UK); Return gallery, Dublin (IR); Tirana Art Lab (AL).

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