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MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK +436641945293 muiki@mur.at muiki.mur.at Beheimgasse 67/11+12 A-1170 Vienna MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK was born in 1984 near the Hungarian border in Oberwart/Austria. After a fundamental education in trumpet and electronic engineering, he was seeking heavily for more education, culture and art. Therefore, he moved to Vienna to study "Digital Art" at the University of Applied Arts, where he graduated with high honour in 2014. He also studied "Audio Visual Media Culture" in Finland and lives and works in Vienna and Unterlimbach.

"I love playing and I play when I'm producing art. The approach is straightforward: I get the most satisfaction, when I work with topics, media and different materials I have absolutely no idea about. Just to explore until I get a feeling about the work. Then the river of curiosity sweeps me to the next thing. But also too often back to the beginning..."

There is no way to point Michael Johannes Muik's oeuvre within a single entity... Can't you? Besides compositions in the manner of musique concrète and a large portion of sound poetry you find animation videos which connect those things visually in a very humorous way. Then in his various sound installations and sculptures - so it seems, he just puts those sounds and videos (literally) on a trampoline which is controlled by a motor. The result is a speaker jumping on a trampoline! The movement is coordinated with the seemingly Dadaistic sound composition the speaker reproduces ("lautposition").

In his "datasubstrata" performances he explores his surroundings with special goggles and lots of different sensors to bring everything around him into oscillation depending on his movements. On other hand, you also find very poetic installations like "icecube" where he puts a hair dryer into an ice cube, just to turn it on and melt the ice from inside. Or as in "fishing is the activity of trying to catch fish" where he tries to catch a fish and mount a camera on it, just to throw it back and trying to catch the same fish again to watch the video...

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DATASUBSTRATA, 2010 CONFRONTATION OF DIGITAL PLENTY AND ANALOGUE FEW

This is not a science project, but an artistic project. I am collecting data, data of my direct neighborhood. With the usage of scientific and technical methods I am able to generate a tremendous number of digital data. Therefore, various of sensors are mounted on a special spectacles that I am wearing. Temperature, air pressure, location, light intensity, acceleration, distance and speed could be measured and stored as digital data. Therefore I want to behave like an scientist!

DATASUBSTRATA, 2010

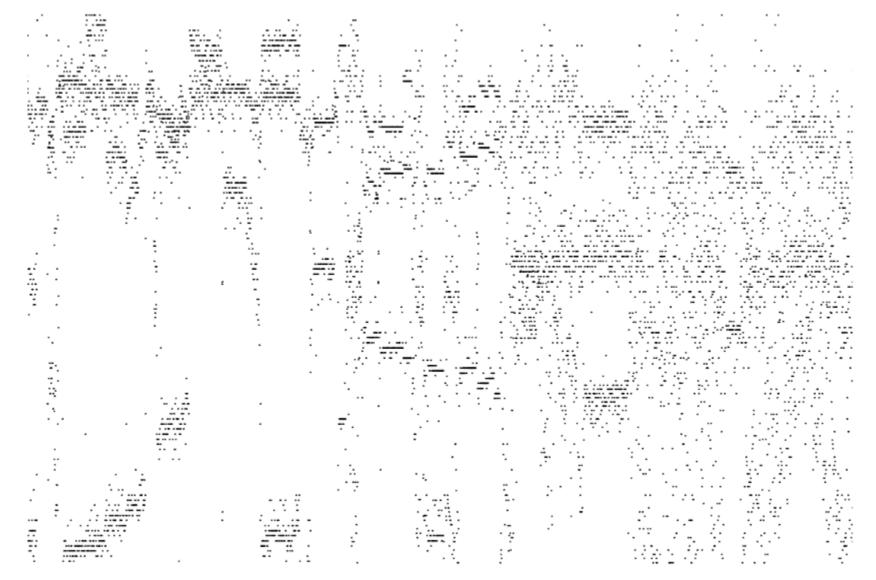
CONFRONTATION OF DIGITAL PLENTY AND ANALOGUE FEW



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK Collecting digital data at a market in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia 2011 Digital photography The artistic goal is, to overcome the big distance between Austria and China, the speed of the train, the time, the social and demographic differences as well, to transform it to a smaller, much more meaningful scale. But would that be possible using this huge amount of digital data? Could those potential information translated into a realistic set up or would it just end up in making the absurdity of the recorded data visible?

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MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK Angle of my head between Kiev and Moskva Series of prints 30cm x variable length Therefore, I am using a hammer and sickle as a connecting element of the entire project. In Austria, hammer and sickle are still part of the official emblem, in the former Soviet Union they were part of it till its collapse in 1991 and in China hammer and sickle are part of the communist party flag. Perhaps, hammer and sickle are more suitable to collect data? I want to behave myself as an artist!

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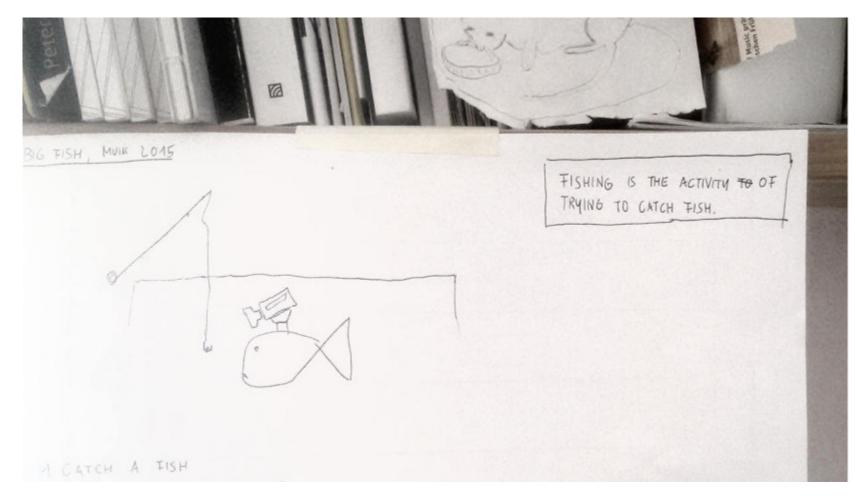


MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK DETAILS, collected with Hammer and Sickle Found objects

FISHING IS THE ACTIVITY OF TRYING TO CATCH FISH, 2015

Catch a fish
Mount a camera on the fish
Throw the fish back into the water
Catch the fish again

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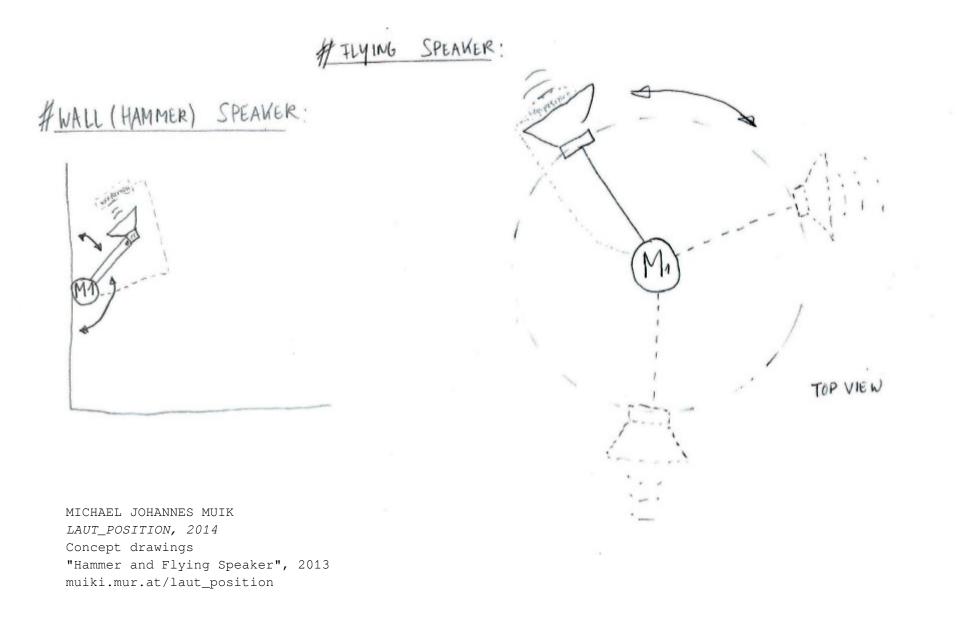
MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK *Concept drawing, 2015* Pencil on paper 20 X 10cm muiki.mur.at/fishing



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK Broken Icecube,2011 Videostill Digital video 1:02 min muiki.mur.at/icecube

LAUT_POSITION, 2014 SOUNDINSTALLATION, SOUND POETRY

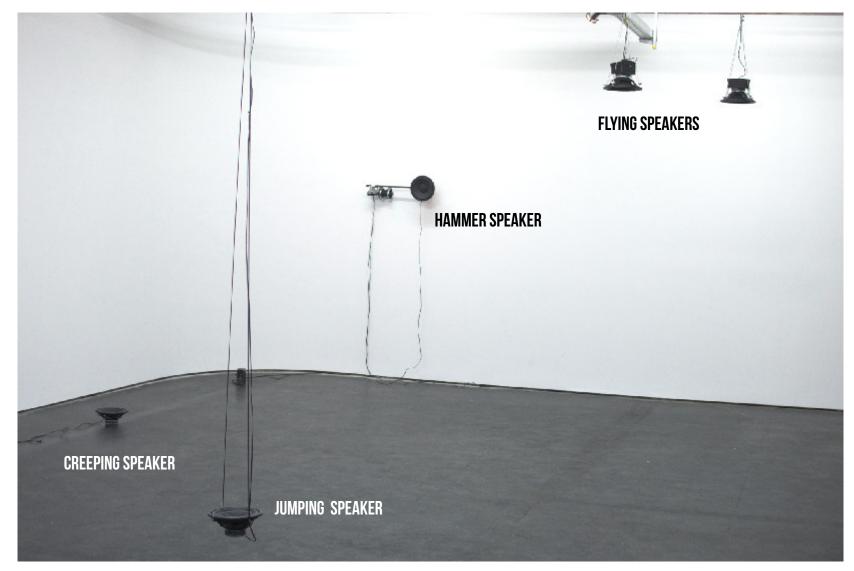
The soundinstallation **laut_position** (sound_position) consists of four elements which are built up at least with one motor and one loudspeaker. Those four Elements have two things in common: Firstly, they are connected with an overall composition based on field recordings, spoken words and sound poetry. Secondly, all four of them transport a loudspeaker physically by time through space!



LAUT_POSITION, 2014 SOUNDINSTALLATION, SOUND POETRY

Speakers are flying, creeping and jumping through the room!

LAUT_POSITION, 2014 SOUNDINSTALLATION



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK LAUT_POSITION, 2014 Exhibition view, 2014 Soundinstallation, dimensions Variable

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This specific relationship between sound, space and movement of the sound source gets explored, to expand the scope of the composition and to create a new listening experience!

LAUT_POSITION, 2014 SOUNDINSTALLATION, SOUND POETRY



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK Jumping Speaker, 2014 Exhibition view **SUN, 2009** OPEN SIM PERFORMANCE



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK SUN, 2009 Series of live open sim performances Videostill

ANDANTE, 2017 IN STAND WALKING METRONOME

Andante is a coin operated in stand walking metronome consisting of two legs. After inserting a coin, the machine starts to march for exactly 120 seconds in stand. On the bottom of the heel a piezo element is mounted to amplified the steps and instantly plays them back with loudspeakers located in two shoes standing in front of he machine. This sound defines the beat and the tempo. But the two legs are slightly inconsistent and getting asynchronous in their speed, hence one leg is one pace faster then the other leg. This results in an imperfect metronome!



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK ANDANTE, 2017 Exhibition View 50cm X 100cm X 15cm

ANDANTE, 2017 IN STAND WALKING METRONOME



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK ANDANTE, 2017 Exhibition View 50cm X 100cm X 15cm <150>20 uses data from virtual reality goggles worn by me and recordings of my acoustic surroundings. While the audio data is being collected, the goggles continuously register the distance from objects 20 to 150 cm away. The data, compiled over aperiod of five days, is reconstructed in the installation. Five speakers, each attached to a motor, move up and down depending on the goggle data and provide the acoustic background recorded at this time.

<150>020 , 2009 Soundinstallation



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK <150>020 2009 Special goggle with various of sensors, 2009 muiki.mur.at/kleiner150



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK <150>020 2009 Exhibition view, 2012 muiki.mur.at/kleiner150 HE DIDN'T EAT THE ICECREAM, 2008 Animationfilm



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK He didn't eat the icecream Digital Animation 3,57 min muiki.mur.at/icecream "Glesn" deals with time and the distraction which happens when you look at your phone and walk through the urban space.

To do this, I developed a special app for smartphones, which allows me to measure the exact time I need to read a certain line from the novella "The Garden of Forking Paths" from Jorge Luis Borges.

Equipped with the smartphone and a videocamera that I mounted on my head, I started to walk and read out loud line byline from Borges novella.

After the walk I used the measured time to change the typographic setting of the book- depending on the time I needed to read the line.

Lot of distraction changes the size and the kerning of the letters.

GLESN ***, 2013 Action and Book



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK glesn***, 2014 Videostill 38:39 min muiki.mur.at/glesn

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»Genau«, sagte Albert, »Der Garten der Pfade, die sich verzweigen, ist ein ungeheures Ratespiel oder eine Parabel, deren Thema die Zeit ist; dieser tiefverborgene Grund verbietet ihm die Erwhnung ihres Namens. Ein Wort immer auszulassen, sich mit untauglichen Metaphern und offenkundigen Umschreibungen zu helfen, ist vielleicht die betonteste Art. darauf hinzudeuten. Es ist die gewundene Art, die in jedem einzelnen der Mander seines unermollichen Romans indirekte Ts'ui Pen bevorzugte. Ich babe Hunderte von Handschriften miteinander verglichen, habe die Fehler korrigiert, die sich durch die Nachl ssigkeit der Abschreiber eingeschlichen haben; ich babe den Plan dieses Chaos erschlossen, habe die urspringliche Ordnung wiederhergestellt oder glaubte, sie wiederhergestellt zu haben; ich habe das ganze Werk bersetzt: Ich verbroe mich dafr. daß kein einziges Mal das Wort Zeit darin vorkommt. Die Erkl rung liegt auf der Hand: Der Garten der Pfade, die sich verzweigen, ist ein zwar unveilst ndiges, aber kein falsches Bild des Universums, so wie Ts'ui Pen es auffaßte. Im Unterschied zu Newton und Schopenhauer hat Ihr Ahne nicht an eine gleichf rmige, absolute Zeit geglaubt. Er glaubte an unendliche Zeitreihen, an ein wachsendes, schwindelerregendes Netz auseinander- und zueinanderstrebender und paralleler Zeiten. Dieses Webmuster aus Zeiten, die sich einander n hern, sich verzweigen, sich scheiden oder einander jahrhundertelang ignorieren, umfaßt alle Mglichkeiten. In der Mehrzahl dieser Zeiten existieren wir nicht; in einigen existieren Sie, nicht jedoch ich; in anderen ich, aber nicht Sie: in wieder anderen wir beide. In dieser Zeit nun, die mir ein g nstiger Zufall beschert, sind Sie in mein Haus gekommen. In einer anderen haben Sie mich, da Sie den Garten durchschritten, tot angetroffen; in wieder einer anderen sage ich dieselben Worte, aber ich bin ein Trug, ein Phantasma.« »In allen«, sagte ich, nicht ohne zu schaudern, »danke und ehre ich Ihre Wedererschaffung des Gartens von Ts'ui Pen.« »Nicht in allen«, murmelte er I chelnd. »Die Zeit verzweigt

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MICHAEL JOHANNES MÜIK glesn***, 2014 Book of 20 Pages muiki.mur.at/glesn MINGERE FINGERE, 2017/18 Mixed Media



MICHAEL JOHANNES MUIK Mingere Fingere,2017/18 Videostill Test build muiki.mur.at/miktion