PORTALS

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presents an exhibition of works by Richard Garet

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Opening reception

November 18th, 2023 from 5-9PM

710 NW 55th Street, Miami, FL 33127 +1(305) 898 0175 alexslato@alexslato.com / www.alexslato.com **Portals** is a spirited exhibition that features dynamic artwork in a range of mediums by Richard Garet, a pioneering media artist now based in south Florida. The show weaves together visceral patterns of images and sounds in poetic/evocative sound installations, moving image work informed by sound, and visceral two dimensional abstractions. The viewer encounters art as more than just a physical object but as an experience that engages on entwined sensorial levels. Garet's media-derived art harkens back to color field painting and to the psychoacoustic music of such composers as Maryanne Amacher.

This collection of artworks at the heart of *Portals* lies the concept that each artwork functions as an access point, transporting the observer to unique realms of understanding. The sound art installations, approached conceptually, offer a thought-provoking departure from the conventional. Each piece engages in dynamic actions, encouraging viewers to experience sound and the performative nature of the work itself.

The moving image pieces, born from sound compositions and translated into moving images, remove sound but retain the essence of the auditory experience, offering an exploration of sound through the lens of vision. These abstract visuals, reminiscent of ethereal and dynamic transformations, entice viewers to contemplate the interplay between sound and image and the subtle boundaries that separate them.

The mixed media and canvas pieces featured in the exhibition, rooted in a meticulous process, invite viewers to appreciate the artistry of transformation. With textures that beckon tactile exploration and surfaces that carry the weight of creative intention, these works unveil layers of artistic evolution. The significance of the process becomes palpable as the metamorphosis of materials mirrors the shifting perceptions elicited by the exhibition itself.

Portals encapsulates Garet's art practice encouraging contemplation of the intricate connections between perception, interpretation, media, and artistic creation. It invites visitors to explore their relationship with art on a deeper level, nurturing a multi-sensory bond. Through this exploration, one may connect on a personal level to how art can dynamically interact with and shape one's awareness, reactions, and imagination.

Richard Garet

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Before Me. Detail from Soundings: A Contemporary Score. 2013. MoMA, New York

Richard Garet is a contemporary multimedia artist born in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1972. He holds an MFA from Bard College, NY. Garet has lived and worked in the United States since 1996. Richard Garet's work is recognized in the context of sound and visual arts and has been exhibited in galleries and institutions globally.

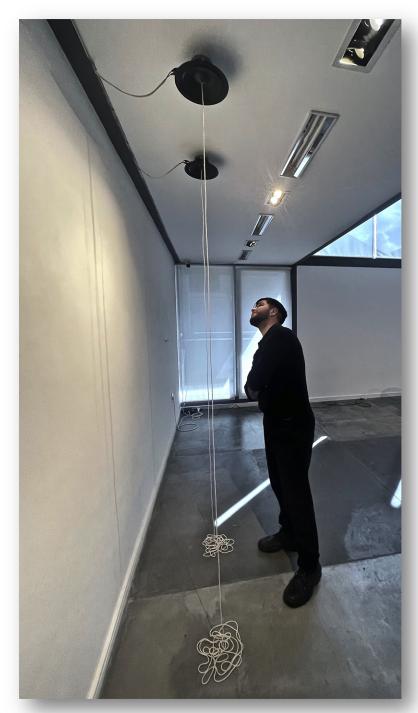
Garet examines the ontological interplay inherent in his materials, encompassing the activation of background noise, the orchestration of imagery and sounds, and the conduction of experiments using outdated and current technological apparatuses. Through this intricate exploration, employing diverse media and materials to convey his artistic message, Garet's work culminates in abstractions, resulting in multidimensional artworks that challenge traditional artistic categorizations.

Through his art, Garet demonstrates how technology can create new art forms, serving as a bridge between the past and the present, and subsequently gaining insight into our place in the world. For Garet, his conceptual and experimental creations embody the perception of contemporary life as a filtered and sensory experience.

Richard Garet's work has been awarded nationally and internationally by institutions such as South Florida Cultural Consortium, FL; Prix Ars Electronica, Linz; Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay; CIFO Grants & Commissions Program, FL; The Clocktower, NYC; Foundation of Contemporary Arts, NYC; Issue Project Room, NYC; New York State Council of the Arts, NYC; and Taliesin West, The Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Recent projects include Transhemisférico, Gurvich Museum of Art, Montevideo, Uruguay; Beyond the Sounds of Silence, Lowe Art Museum of The University of Miami, Miami, FL; Revealing, Piero Atchugarry Gallery, Miami, FL; Plural Domains, Selected Works From CIFO Collection, Harn Museum of Art, Gainesville, FL; Interstitial Spaces, CTM 2020, KQB Kunstraum, Berlin, Germany; Apocalypse at Nicola Pedana Gallery, Caserta, Italy; Four Horsemen, MAKER Fair, Rome, Italy; Primitivo, Casa Hoffman, Bogota, Colombia; The Festival of the Image, Manizales, Colombia; CIFO Grants & Commissions Program Exhibition 2017, Florida, USA; RED-Splice, Fridman Gallery, NYC; SOUND ONE, Cindy Rucker, NYC; Periscope, Zipper Gallery, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Screen Memory, Galerie Burster, Berlin; Midnight Moment, site specific work created for the electronic billboards of Times Square, NY; Alusiones, Carmen Araujo Arte, Hacienda de la Trinidad, Caracas, Venezuela; Meta-residue: Input Material, Space, Studio 10, NY; Theorem: You Simply Destroy the Image I Always Had of Myself, Maná Contemporary, NJ; Adrenalina, Red Bull Station, Sau Paulo, Brazil; International Biennial of Contemporary Art of Cartagena de Indias, Cartagena, Colombia; Bioderivas, Museo de la Naturaleza y el Hombre, Tenerife, Spain; Queens International, Queens Museum of Art, Queens, New York; Soundings: a Contemporary Score, Museum of Modern Art, New York; Extraneous to the Message, Julian Navarro Projects, NY; The Spacious Now and the Scale of the Instantaneous, Studio 10, NY; 5x5 Real Unreal, Museum of Art Acarigua-Araure, Venezuela; EAC: Espacio de Arte Contemporáneo, Montevideo, Uruguay; Fine Arts Museum of Montreal; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; Museum of Contemporary Art of Barcelona (MACBA), Barcelona, Spain; Art Museum of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico; and El Museo del Barrio, NYC.

SELECTED WORKS



30 Cycles of Flux, Detail from Transhemisférico. Gurvich Museum. 2022. Montevideo, Uruguay



Richard Garet
30 Cycles of Flux, 2022
Sound installation
Audio, amplifier, speakers, string
Dimensions variable
Continuous running

Prix Ars Electronica 2023, GOLDEN NICA Honorary Mention in the Category of Digital Music and Sound Arts

30 Cycles of Flux is a sound installation piece that consists of utilizing an emission of a 30-cycle sound wave (right below human beings hearing range) to activate an array of speakers, consequently manifesting a visualization of imperceptible sonic energy in the form of kinetic energy.

The speakers hang from the ceiling facing down with a white string attached to the center of each cone that reaches down to the floor. When the speaker cones become activated by the infrasonic wave, the strings also activate and move in a constant flow, subsequently producing a kinetic visualization of the sound wave.

The work proposes an example of how imperceptible energy, which we encounter in daily life, goes unnoticed. Subsequently, 30 Cycles of Flux draws attention to the fact that this everyday occurrence of a broader spectrum of energy emissions can affect us in various ways, and we can be unaware that it is happening.

30 Cycles of Flux may consist of any number of cones with a minimum of two. The work also adapts to the exhibition space based on the specifications of the environment. Depending on the number of cones, the work may adjust to take shape in various configurations, such as square, rectangular, triangular, asymmetrical, or even linear.







Before Me. Detail from Soundings: A Contemporary Score. 2013. MoMA, New York

Garet's work takes many shapes, from sculptural installations to digital projections to live performances. *Before Me* fits into the first and last categories: it is a sculptural assemblage of outmoded technologies, and the spinning marble amounts to a live performance of sorts. The work's centerpiece is an old LP record player with its platter upside down and revolving at 33 ½ revolutions per minute. The marble at the upturned edge can advance only slightly before its momentum is overridden and it rolls back to its starting point. This action continues endlessly, suggesting the plight of Sisyphus, a king in Greek mythology who was compelled to push a boulder up a mountain only to have it repeatedly fall back to the mountain's base. Garet explores what is often considered background noise, and here the background (the platter on which a record is typically placed for playing) is central to the piece, the director of the marble's fate.

Richard Garet

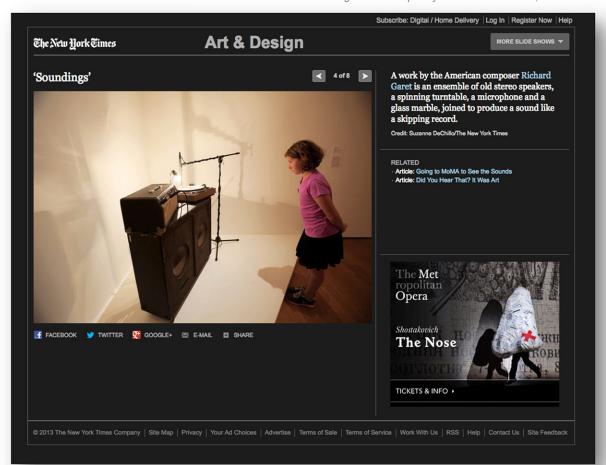
Before Me, 2012

Head amplifier, speaker cabinet, turntable, glass marble, microphone stand, shotgun microphone, and light bulb.

Dimensions Variable

Continuous running

One of a kind

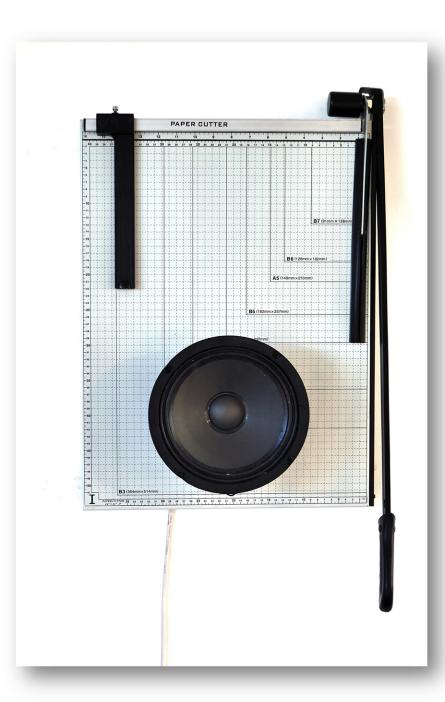














CUT. Detail from Transhemisférico. Gurvich Museum. 2022. Montevideo, Uruguay

CUT is a multimedia wall piece consisting of a paper guillotine hung vertically with an attached speaker that continuously emits the sounds of the guillotine cutting. A paper cutter (guillotine) aims to trim the paper to a desired size by removing unwanted parts. In psychoanalysis, we can relate cutting to the concept found in being emotionally cut off (or cut off from), when people deal with painful and unresolved issues by simply walking away and cutting off contact with these sensitive issues. Furthermore, when visitors stand in front of the work, *CUT* becomes a free association mirror. Successively, each person's response is unique and personal.

Richard Garet

Cut, 2014

Sound Installation

Paper guillotine, speaker, amplifier, audio file

Dimensions: 22" x 16" x 18" (55.88 x 40.64 x 45.72 cm)

Continuous running

One of a kind



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The Liberation of Meaning, Detail from Transhemisférico, Gurvich Museum, 2022, Montevideo, Uruguay

The Liberation of Meaning is a sound installation that uses the work of Uruquayan poet Mario Benedetti as the source material for creating a sonic field that changes every time it is played. Using 53 recordings of Benedetti's poems in the poet's voice, Richard Garet fragmented each of them 53 poems by cutting words or short fragments from them. Then he created hundreds of edited derivatives of the poems that were placed in a computer folder for generative configuration purposes. The audio tracks are selected randomly and played algorithmically, dismantling Benedetti's poems' compositional syntax and poetic structure. Subsequently, this presentation of Benedetti's broken-up text introduces an element of chance that creates a new structural outcome every time it is played, drawing attention to sound and listening and explorations of language, meaning and interpretation, and subjectivity. Visitors are able to navigate the environment listening to a sustained phonetic generative playback of intertwined sounds emphasizing the voice's timber, subtle oral sounds, and unique, idiosyncratic gestures of author Mario Benedetti's voice. Moreover, visitors are able to establish their own interpretations of the words' newly established relational structures as they grasp meaning from their own personal listening experience. This piece plays indefinitely and will never play the same way twice.

Richard Garet The Liberation of Meaning, 2014 Sound Installation Mac Mini, 2 speakers, custom software Material used: 53 Poems by Mario Benedetti Source: CD El Amor las Mujeres y la Vida Dimensions Variable Continuous running

Midnight Moment, Times Square, NYC

Perceptual: Sonic Landscape/Midnight Blink vibrated on electronic billboards in Times Square, NY, between June 1-30, 2015, every night from 11:57 p.m. to midnight as part of Times Square Alliance's Midnight Moment exhibition program. Garet began by capturing the sounds of the Time Square perimeter using different recording techniques to compose a soundscape. Subsequently, Garet utilized the composition to establish a generative algorithmic process and develop the moving image work informed by the sound. Moreover, the spectators and visitors of the area embarked on a luminescent visual journey that turned out to be not only the visualization of sound but also the sonic expression of Times Square.



Perceptual: Sonic landscape - Midnight Blink, Detail from Midnight Moment. 2015. Times Square, New York



Perceptual: Sonic Landscape/Midnight Blink

transformed the frenzied sounds of Times Square into a lush, luminescent visual representation. Garet has left no audio in the piece, only a moving image signal that takes the viewer on an optical journey through the neighborhood's soundscape.

Richard Garet's lush, luminescent sonic landscapes hypnotized Times Square on the Summer Solstice in June as part of *Midnight Moment*. June 1-30, 2015, every night from 11:57 p.m.—midnight.



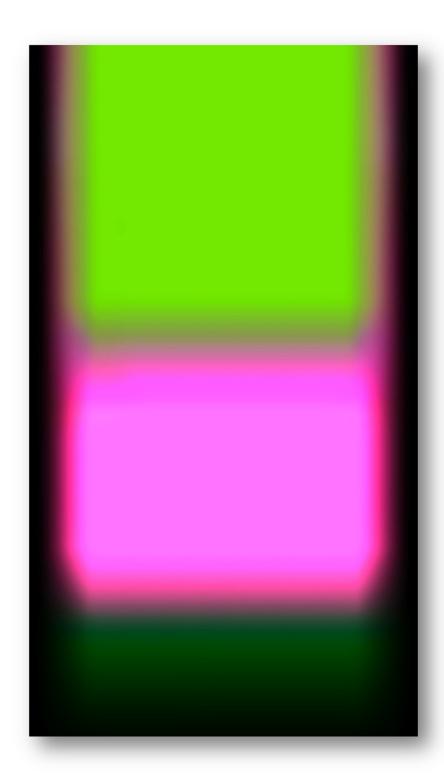




In the *Perceptual Series*, which consists of a total of 31 moving image works, Garet utilizes sound differently for each piece. The sound becomes the material tool and instrument to generate each moving image work, which in conclusion, turns out to be a visualization informed by a sound composition. To conclude each work, Garet eliminates the audio, leaving only the signal of the moving image and thus successively creating the experience of perceiving sound through vision, which changes and pulsates according to the properties of the sound itself. The viewer then experiences a continuous flow of colors and changing moods.



Perceptual: Sonic landscape - Midnight Blink. Detail from Gurvich Museum. 2022. Montevideo, Uruguay





Perceptual Series. Detail from Beyond the Sounds of Silence, 2022. LOWE Art Museum, Florida, USA

Richard Garet

Perceptual; Sonic Landscape/Midnight Blink, 2015

Moving image installation

Dimensions Variable.

Duration 2 50"





Perceptual Series. Detail from Beyond the Sounds of Silence, 2022. LOWE Art Museum, Florida, USA

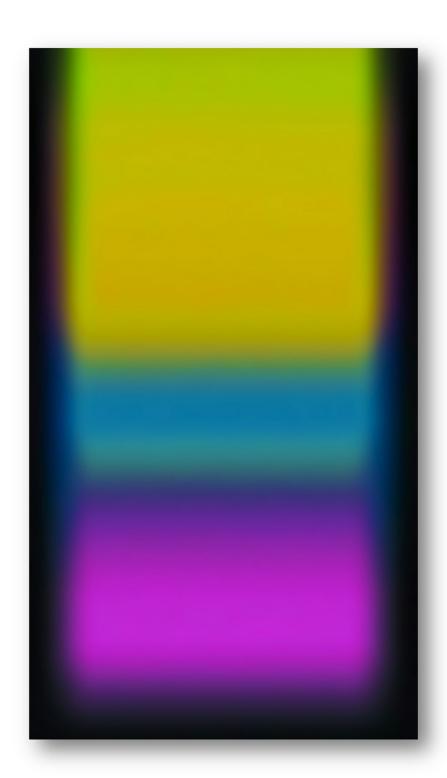
Richard Garet

Perceptual; James, 2015

Moving image installation

Dimensions Variable.

Duration 34'20"





Perceptual Series. Detail from Beyond the Sounds of Silence, 2022. LOWE Art Museum, Florida, USA

Richard Garet

Perceptual; Spatial Poem, 2015

Moving image installation

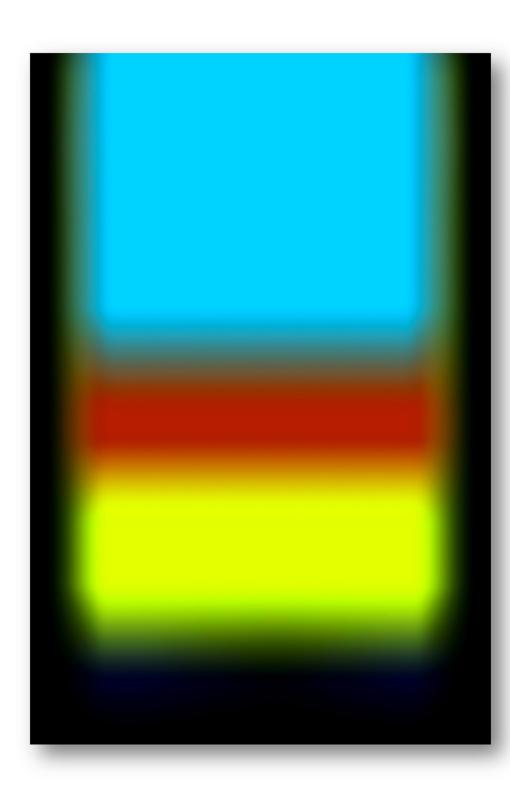
Dimensions Variable.

Duration 38'06"

Perceptual Paintings

This series of six canvas paintings were created from the original moving image work titled *Perceptual; Sonic Landscape/Midnight Blink.* The artwork was presented for the entire month of June 2015 on the electronic billboards of Times Square, NY as part of the TSq Midnight Moment event.





Richard Garet

Perceptual; Painting #1, 2018

Archival Pigment print on Canvas
60" x 40" (152.40 x 101.6 cm)

Unique



Richard Garet

Perceptual; Painting #2, 2018

Archival Pigment print on Canvas
60" x 40" (152.40 x 101.6 cm)

Unique

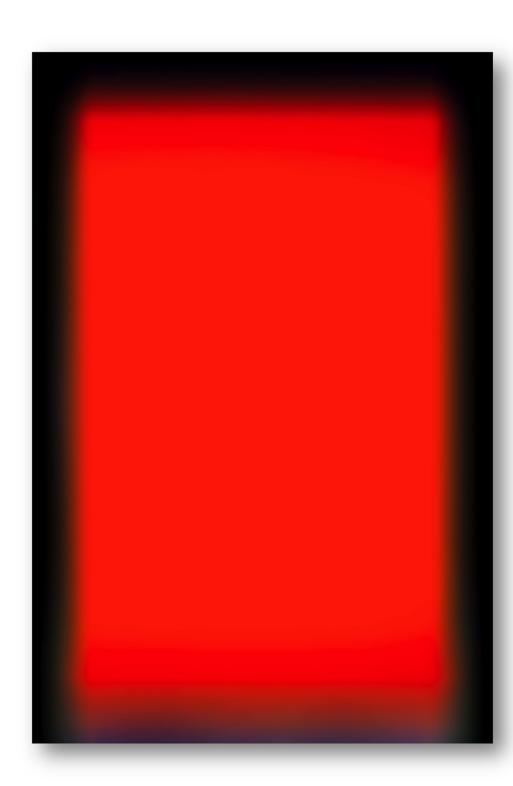


Richard Garet

Perceptual; Painting #3, 2018

Archival Pigment print on Canvas
60" x 40" (152.40 x 101.6 cm)

Unique



Richard Garet

Perceptual; Painting #4, 2018

Archival Pigment print on Canvas
60" x 40" (152.40 x 101.6 cm)

Unique



Richard Garet

Perceptual; Painting #5, 2018

Archival Pigment print on Canvas
60" x 40" (152.40 x 101.6 cm)

Unique



Richard Garet

Perceptual; Painting #6, 2018

Archival Pigment print on Canvas
60" x 40" (152.40 x 101.6 cm)

Unique



Treating Pictures Like Wire reflects Garet's interests in experimenting with media, material, and process. In this series, the artist departed from algorithmic creations that transpired onto abstract digital prints with geometric patterns. Garet then submitted these prints to techniques that tested the nature and integrity of the medium and its capacity to transform and transcend itself once chemicals, water, heat, and time under outdoor elements were applied. As a result the work lost its imprinting quality and its duplicable aura. Each piece lost color pigment and cracked, distorting it from its original form. The artist then made additional marks using materials such as electrical tape, duck tape, scotch tape, and Mylar reflective paper.

Richard Garet

Treating Pictures Like Wire #1, 2015

Dimensions: 18" x 12" (45.72 x 30.48 cm)

Mixed Media

One of a kind



Richard Garet

Treating Pictures Like Wire #2, 2015

Dimensions: 18" x 12" (45.72 x 30.48 cm)

Mixed Media

One of a kind



Richard Garet

Treating Pictures Like Wire #3, 2015

Dimensions: 18" x 12" (45.72 x 30.48 cm)

Mixed Media

One of a kind



Richard Garet

Treating Pictures Like Wire #4, 2015

Dimensions: 18" x 12" (45.72 x 30.48 cm)

Mixed Media

One of a kind



Richard Garet

Treating Pictures Like Wire #5, 2015

Dimensions: 18" x 12" (45.72 x 30.48 cm)

Mixed Media

One of a kind



Richard Garet

Treating Pictures Like Wire #6, 2015

Dimensions: 18" x 12" (45.72 x 30.48 cm)

Mixed Media

One of a kind



Richard Garet

Treating Pictures Like Wire #7, 2015

Dimensions: 18" x 12" (45.72 x 30.48 cm)

Mixed Media

One of a kind



Richard Garet

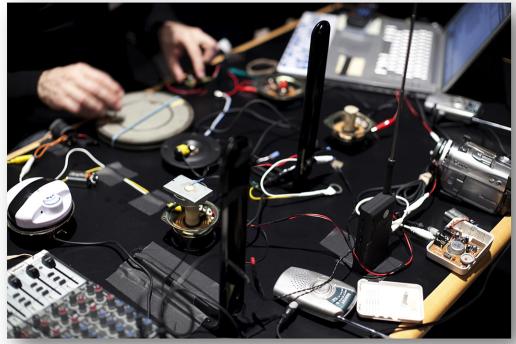
Treating Pictures Like Wire #8, 2015

Dimensions: 18" x 12" (45.72 x 30.48 cm)

Mixed Media

One of a kind





Performance; Material Sound and Moving Image Projections in Real Time.

Richard Garet's live work involves creating sound and moving image projections in real-time. He focuses on using materials such as amplified EMF emissions, modified audiocassettes, malfunctioning tape players, circuit boards, sonification of light, and computer processing as both source and instrument for sonic properties. Garet's approach has evolved over the years, from laptop playing to a more hands-on activation that emphasizes tactile malleability and concrete methods.

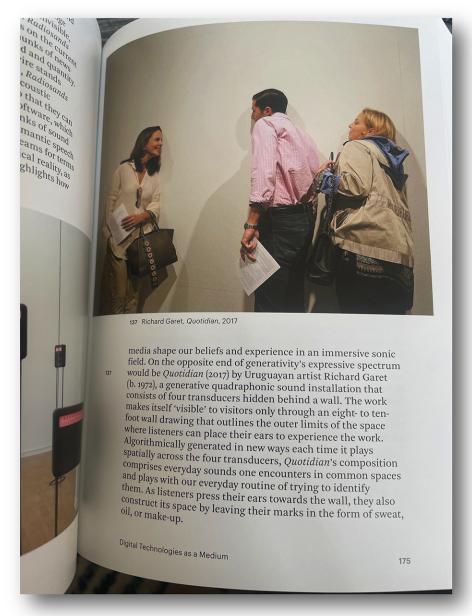
In his moving image works, Garet explores the processes of image composition in real-time, focusing on luminosity, color, movement, and light phenomena. His works exist between immateriality, object, optical phenomena, beauty, and discomfort. Garet believes in the concept of "first-person cinema," where the artist and audience become the protagonists in front of the screen. He constructs and utilizes sound to affect, intervene, disrupt, and modify the visual parameters of the projected images. Visual-constructs are broken apart and overlaid systematically through real-time computer processing techniques to create a unique viewing experience.

Richard Garet performing in the 14th Annual *Activating the Medium* Festival at SFMoMA, The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. April 7, 2011. Presented by 23five Incorporated and SFMoMA. Images by Randy Yau.

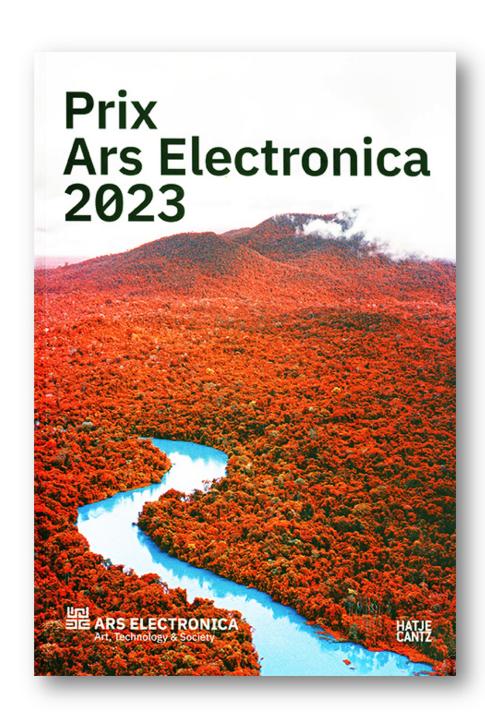
PRIZES / FELLOWSHIPS

- •2023: South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual and Media Artist Award, Florida, USA
- •2023: Prix Ars Electronica, Golden Nica Honorary Mention, Award, Linz, Austria
- •2019: Fund Award, Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay; Richard Garet-Diego Masi, Project "Transhemisférico"
- •2017: CIFO Grants & Commissions Program, Award (Mid-Career). Florida, USA
- •2013: Artist in Residency, The Clocktower, Art on Air, New York, USA
- •2011: Emergency Grant, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, New York, USA
- •2012: Artist in Residency, Issue Project Room, New York, USA
- •2006: Grant, New York State Council on The Arts, Electronic Media and Film program, USA
- •2006: Residency, The Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture at Taliesin West, Arizona, USA

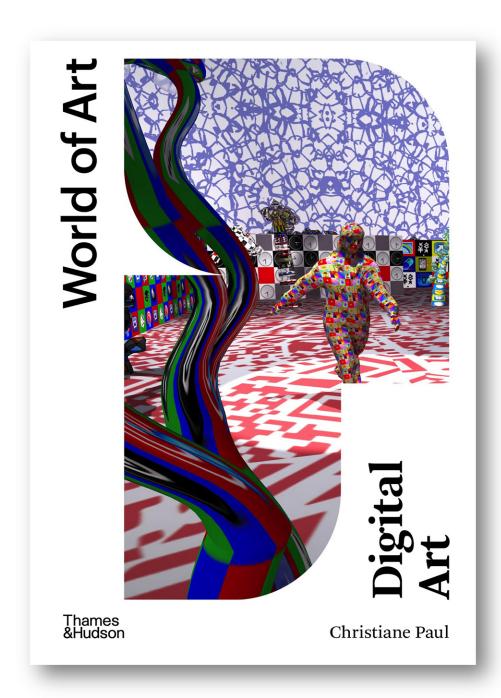
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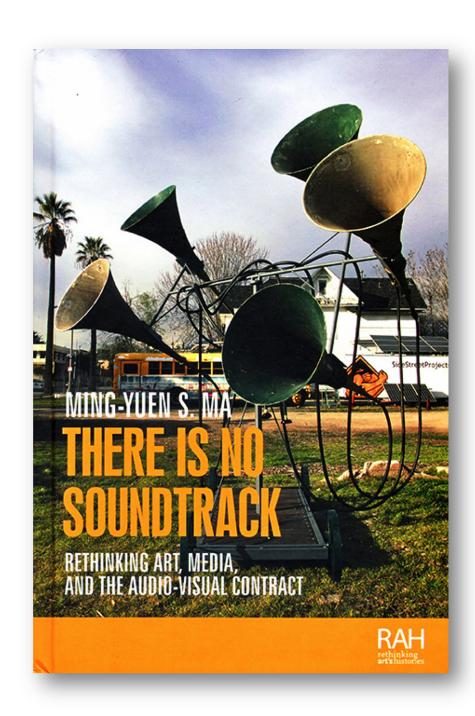
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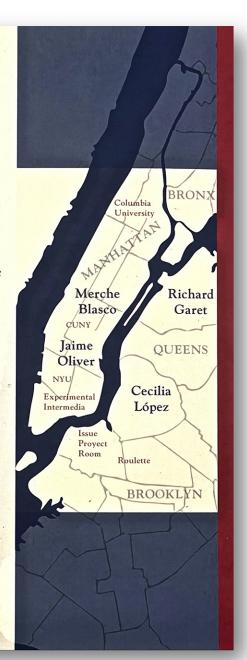
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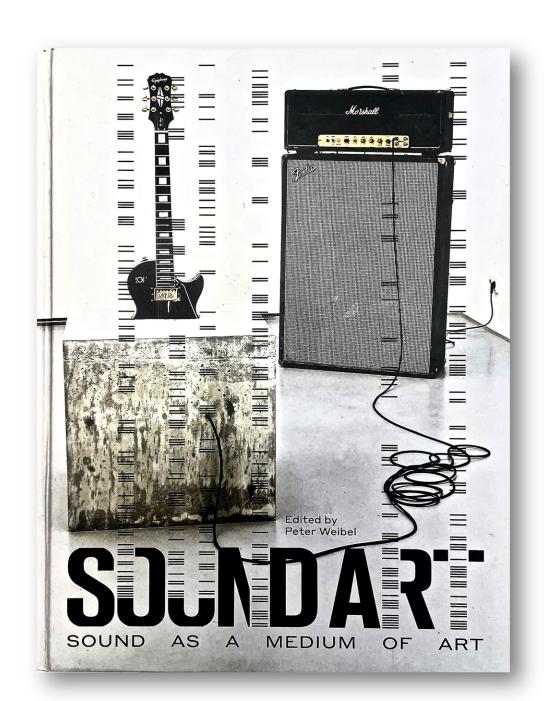
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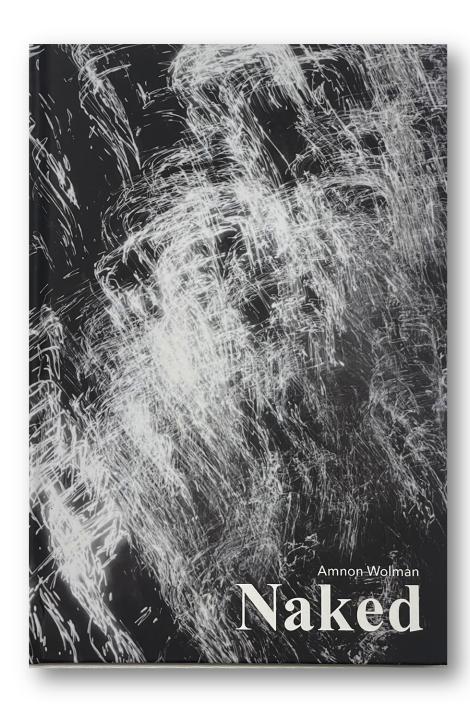
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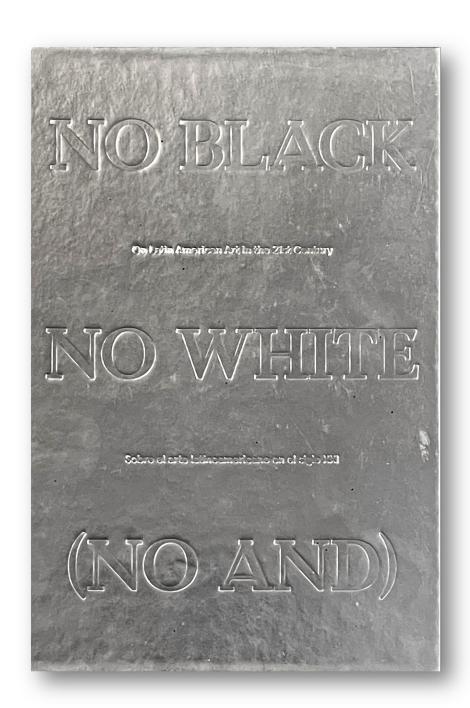
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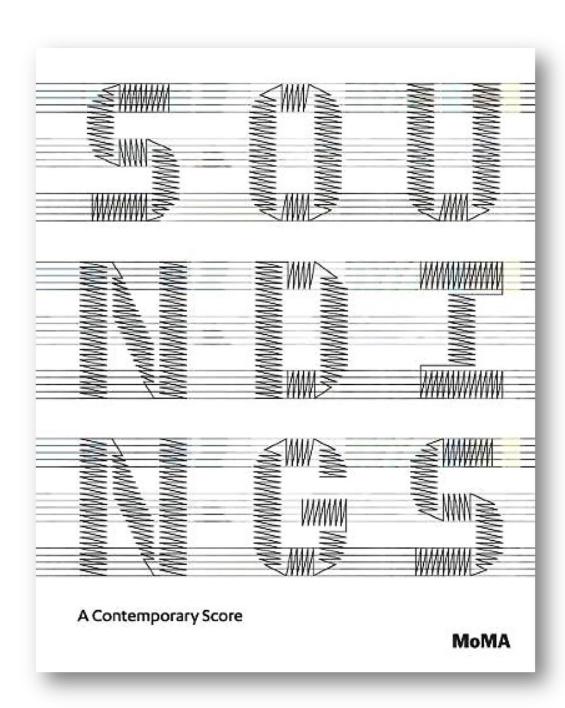
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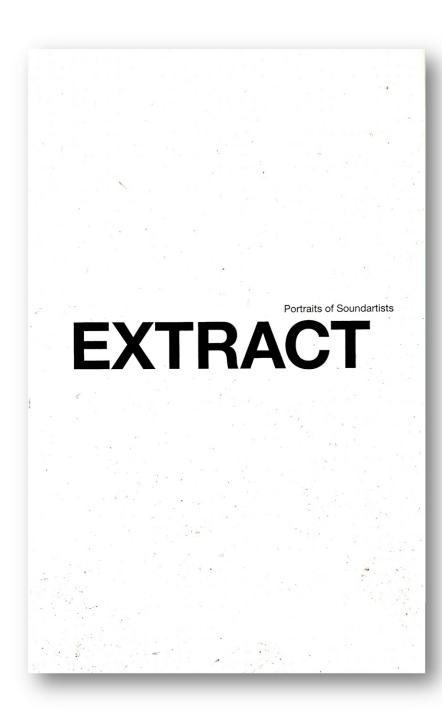
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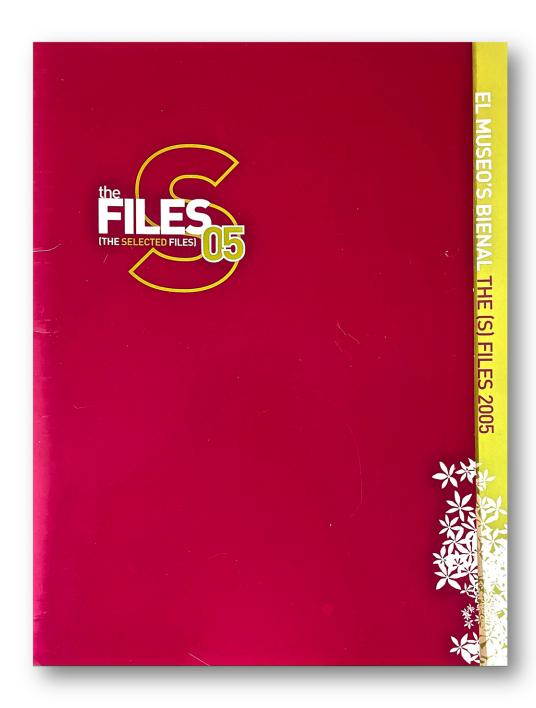
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