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PANORAMA. 2012

Permanant commissioned project at the 18 century meeting room, Provinciehuis Leeuwarden, Freisland, NL.

6 charcoal drawings on acid free paper, mounted on canvas with golden frames.



#### Museumnacht Amsterdam 2012

Rijksakademie van Beeldend Kunsten Amsterdam





B.D 2016\_Space Garden

176 x 194 cm Charcol on acid free paper with acid paper free tape.

B.D 2016\_Star Racing

176 x 194 cm Charcol on acid free paper with acid paper free tape.



B.D 2016 Series

B.D 2014\_Intergration No.3

Installation view at YeoWorkshop, Singapore

176 x 194 cm

paper

Charcol on acid free







#### B.D 2014\_Star Racing

176 x 194 cm Charcol on acid free paper with acid paper free tape.

#### with acid paper free tape. with acid paper free tape. private collection private collection

#### B.D 2014\_Intergration No.1

176 x 194 cm Charcol on acid free paper with acid paper free tape. private collection

B.D 2014 Series Installation view at YeoWorkshop, Singapore



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B.D 2011\_Dust Shuffle

176 x 194 cm Charcol on acid free paper with acid paper free tape. private collection



B.D 2011 Series

Installation at Rijksakademie van Beeldend Kunsten Amsterdam







176 x 194 cm Charcol on acid free paper with acid paper free tape. private collection



176 x 194 cm Charcol on acid free paper with acid paper free tape. private collection



B.D 2010 Series

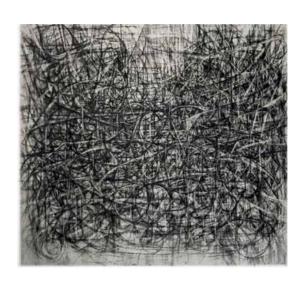
176 x 194 cm

private collection

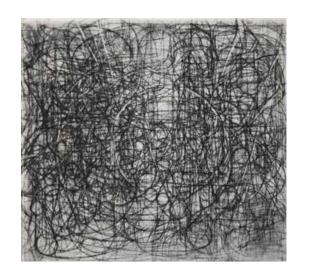
Charcol on acid free paper

with acid paper free tape.

Installation at Rijksakademie van Beeldend Kunsten Amsterdam







#### B.D 2010\_Nuclear to Orbit

176 x 194 cm Charcol on acid free paper with acid paper free tape. private collection

#### B.D 2009\_One Pearl in Ocean

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ArtRotterdam 2010, Gallerie Gabriel Rolt





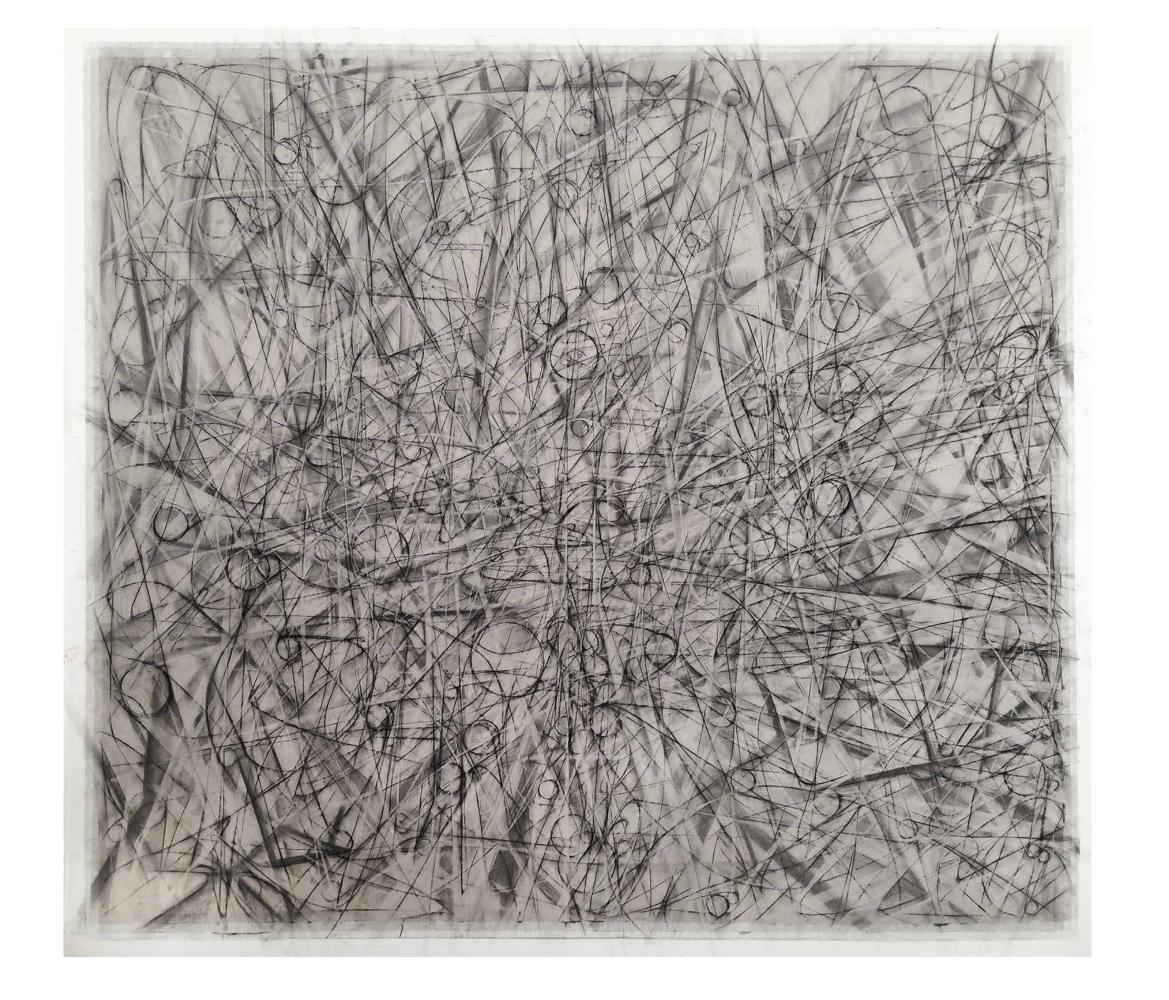




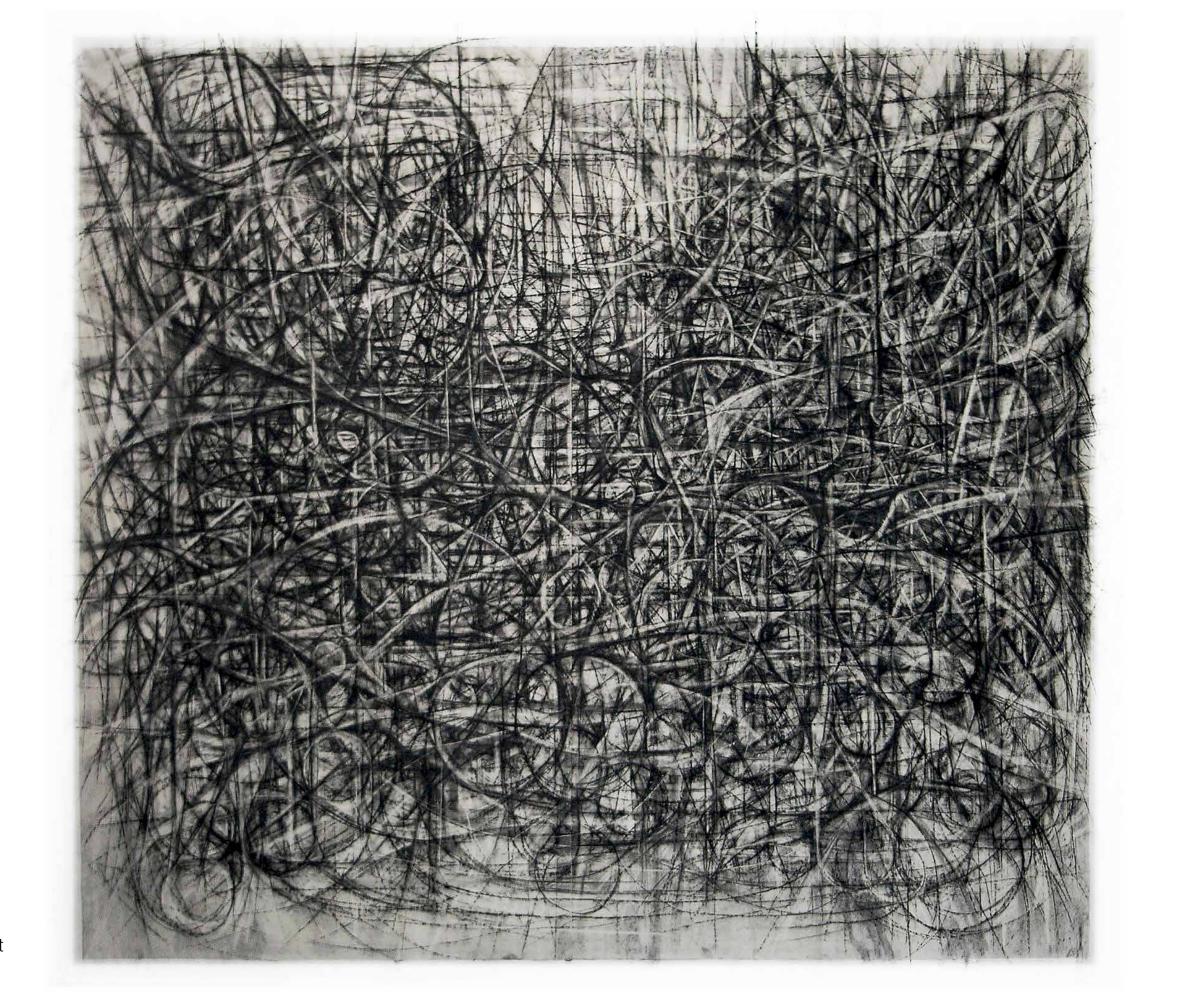




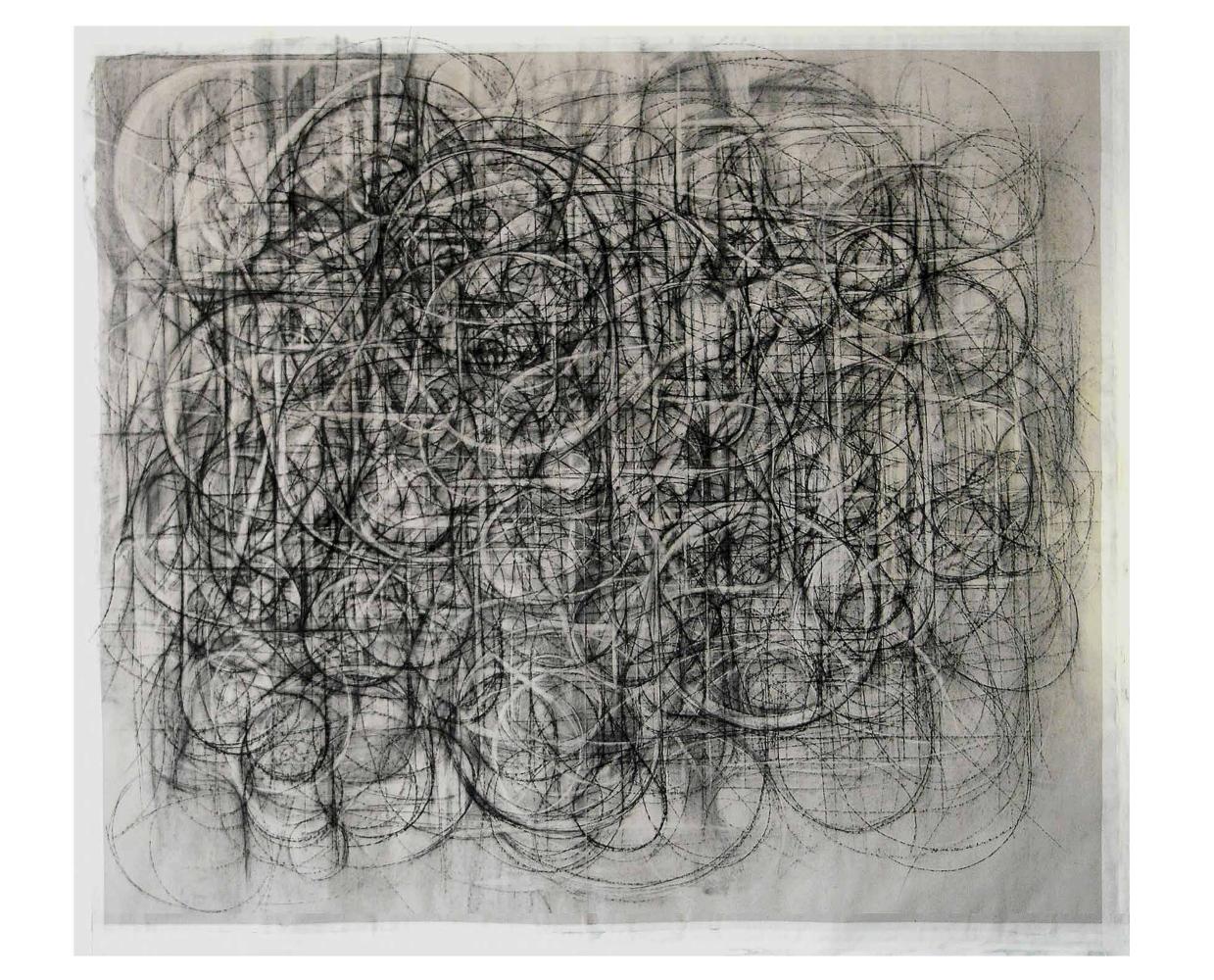


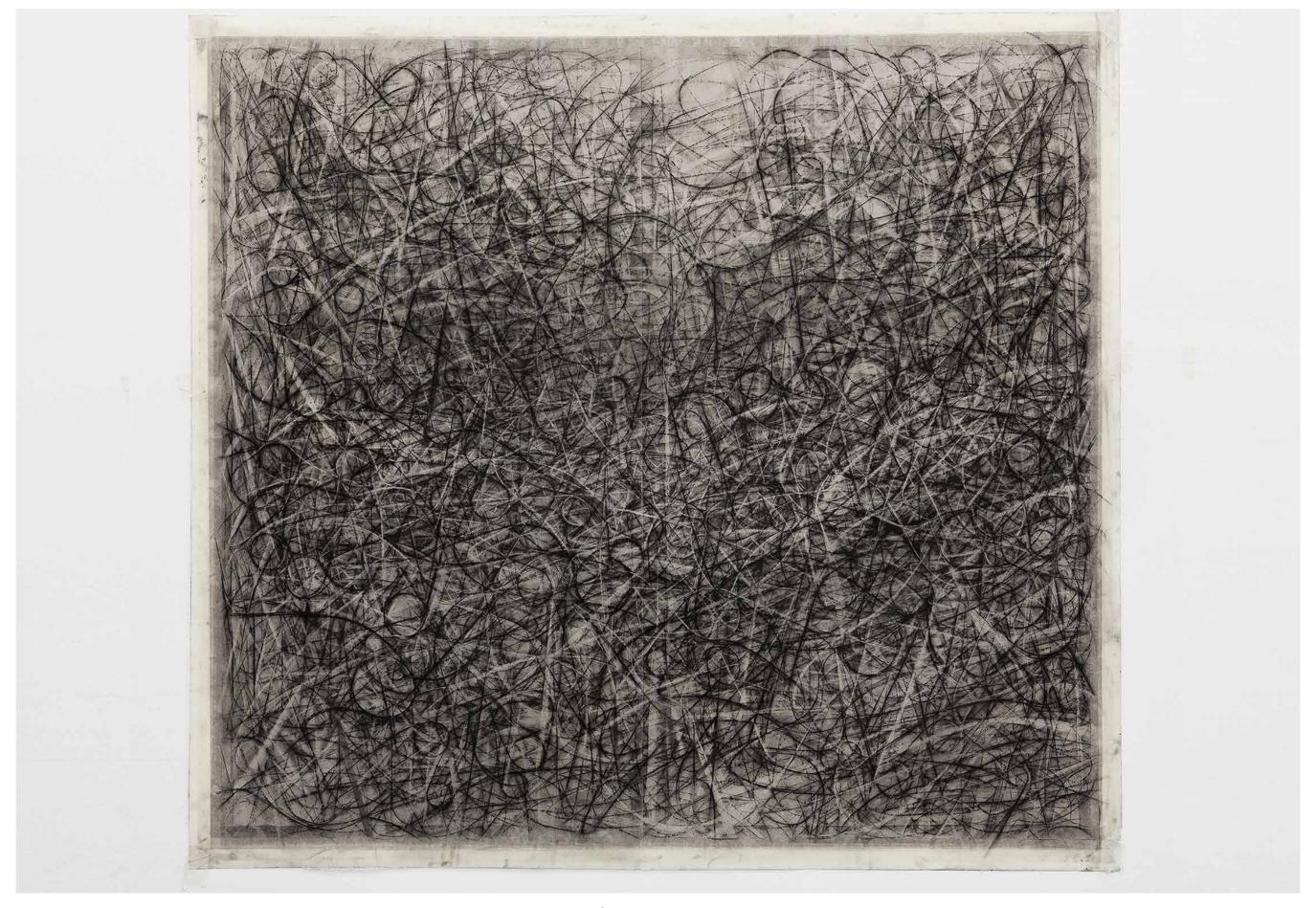


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BD\_Star Racing 2011





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## Photo Registration: P.S.\_#0. 2011

Found objects were casually laying on a table's surface. Visitors who come to my studio would pick up an object unconsciously play at hands and later put it back on a random spot.

After a while, a composition quality between the objects started to appear. Before having to move out of this studio, I documented this table surface from above as how it was and printed two life-size photos.

95 x 95 cm Inkjet print on arichival paper, handmade walnut frames.



## Photo Installation: P.S.\_THE OTHER MOMENTS 2012

When moving to a new studio, some objects were put randomly on top of each other for the handling convenience. There were groups of objects appeared an intriguing and unexpected aesthetic that I would like to investigate. I registered these ojects with a hi-res camera and decided to export the images into four large-format prints. These prints show highly detailed traces and imperfections such as dust grains, damages, and cracks. However, these large prints also present a harmonious atmosphere, and with a visual quality that contradicts the subjects' imperfections.

As a photo installation, four large prints were hanging in a small room (3 x 3 meters app.) with each print fills a wall space. The limited walking distance confined the viewers' movements and was designed for watching each image at a relatively close range. It enables a perceptual experience to the 2d and 3d, the real and the surreal.

153 x 226 cm Inkjet print on fineart arichival paper. Private collections







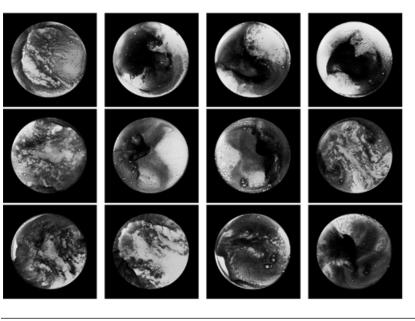
Still Life: A.C.N. 2014

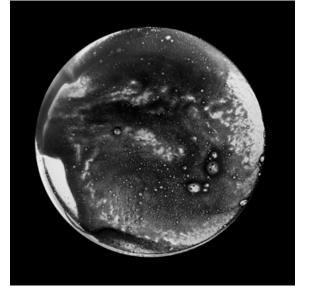




123 x 150 cm Inkjet on arichival paper, Private collections.

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## Photo Installation: BLACK BATH. 2014.

These planet-assembled images are snapshots of a black bathtub with foaming water. It visualizes the personal and internal experiences with the suggestion that when general logic is in suspension, any momentary or individual experience can be associated with esoteric subjects, and vise-verse.



137 x 137 cm Inkjet on archival paper. Private collections.





## Photo Registration: LIQUID TRUTH\_THE PAPERS. 2016.

Three highly detailed images of damp papers were printed on large tarchival papers.

When standing in front of the prints, the flat surfaces of the refined art paper contradict the images of curves and wrinkles, it obscures the perceptual boundary and connecting the real and the false, which unfolds an in-between space that is perceivable but unapproachable.

154 x 220 cm / each, inkjet on archival fine artpaper



## FIVE PHOTOGRAPHERS 2014

I want to examine my personal visual perception with the eyes of the others, and I invited five photographers to take pictures of found objects at my studio. They are free to choose cameras and composition, completely free in any way they want to represent what they see with photo registrations.

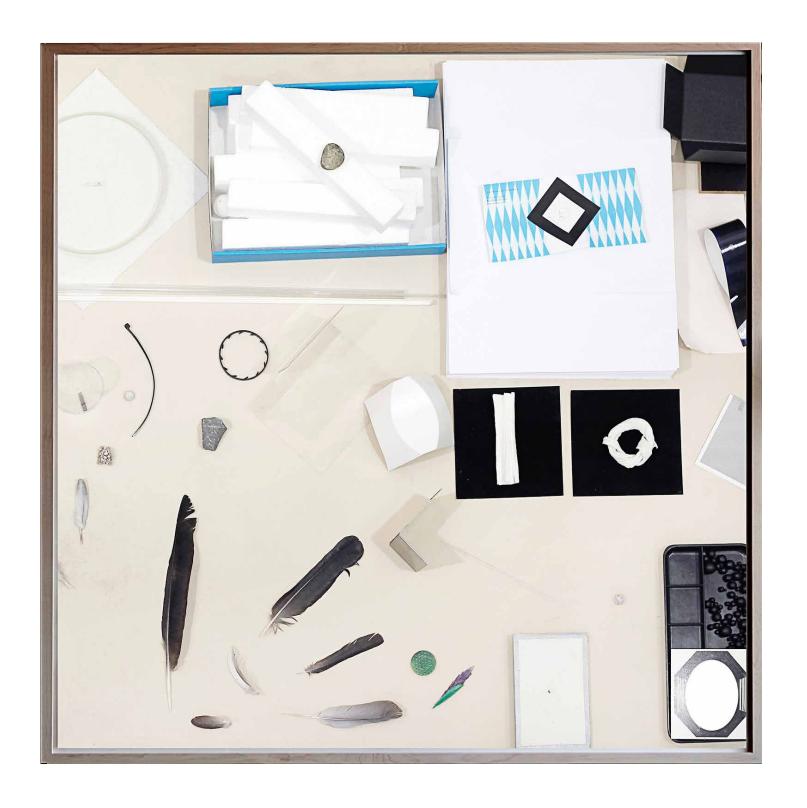
Dimension variable, Inkjet print on silk and fineart arichival paper.





# P.S\_#0.

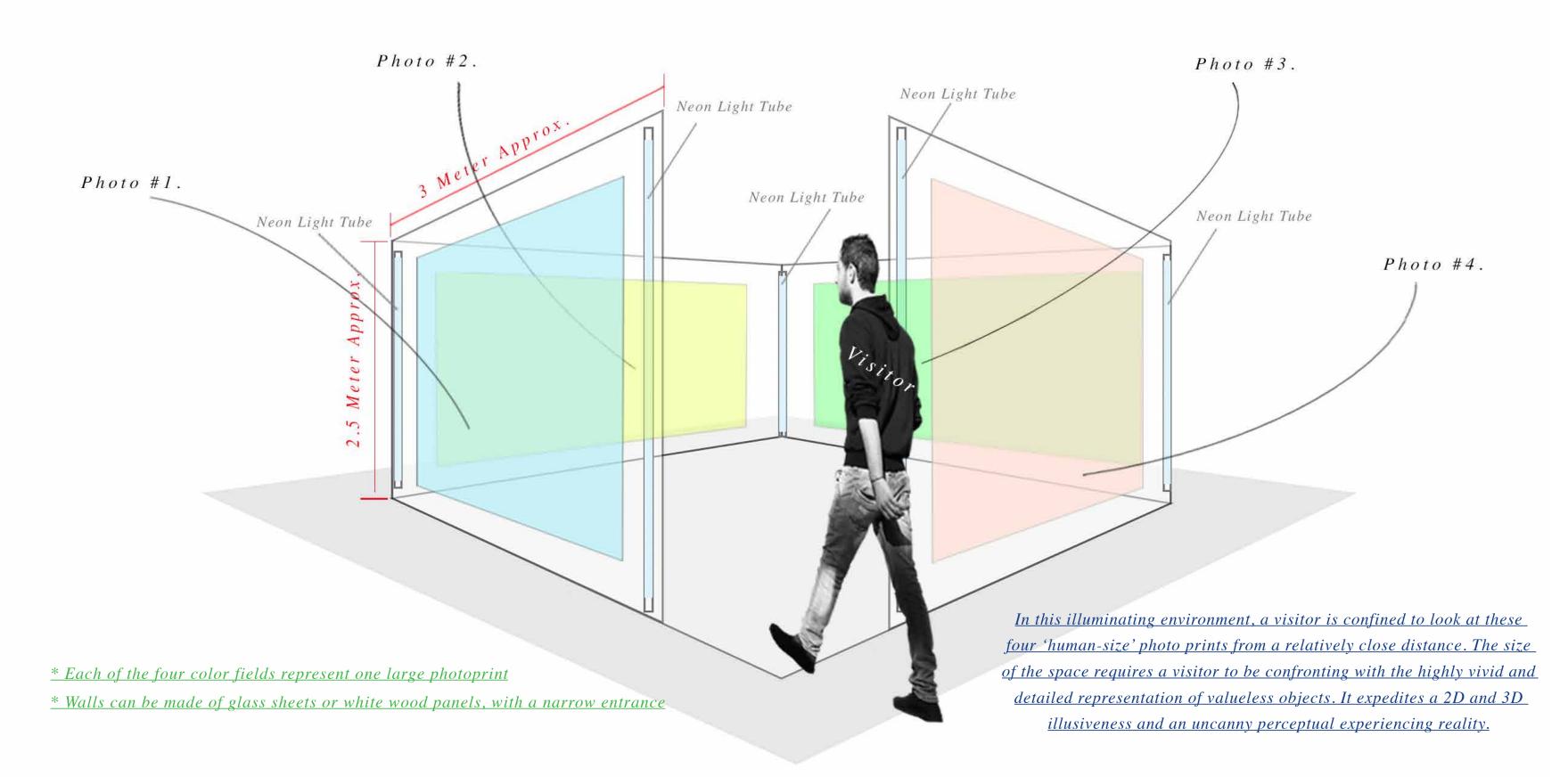


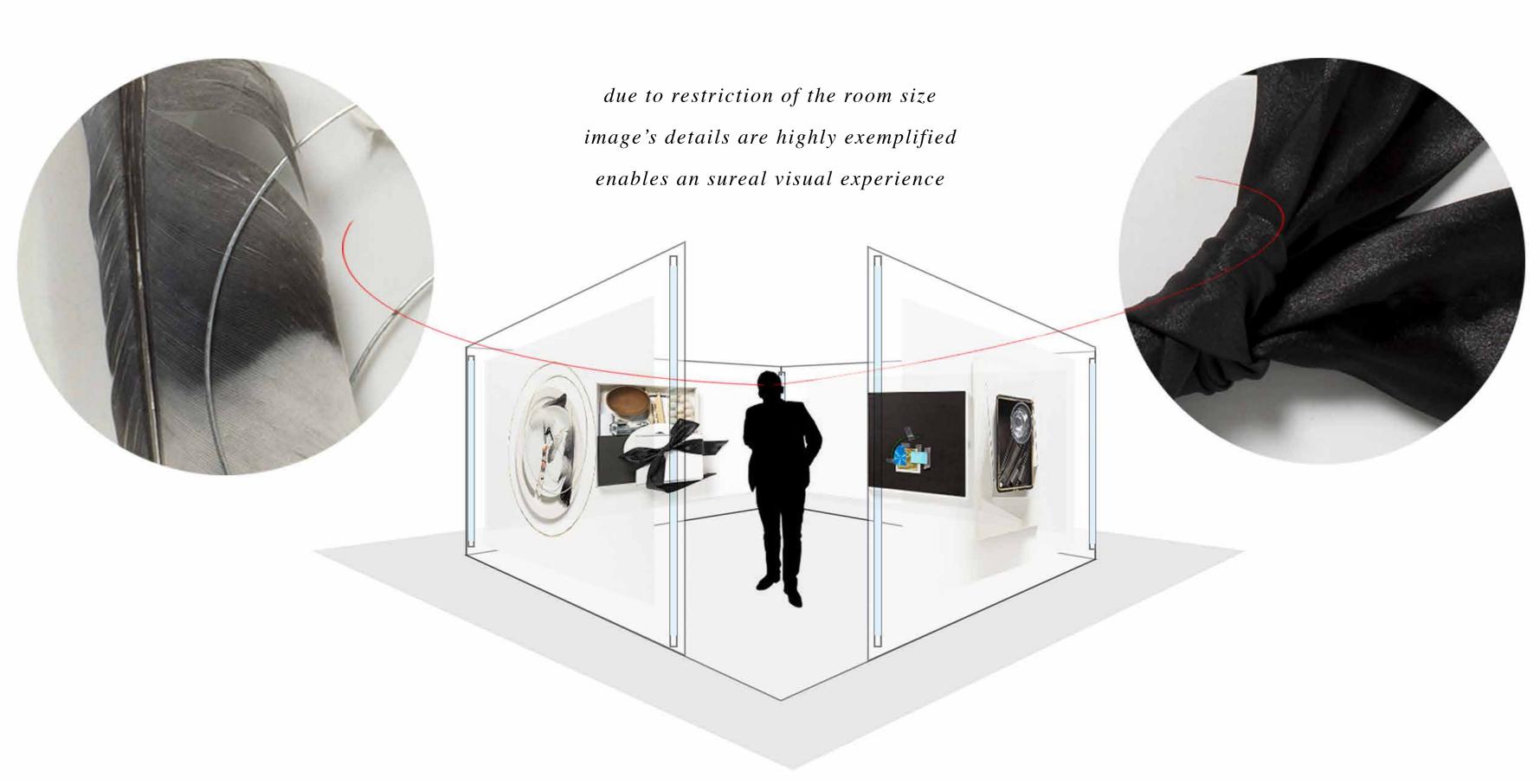


Perpendicular Spontaniety #0\_1.

Perpendicular Spontaniety #0\_2.

### P.S.\_THE OTHER MOMENTS



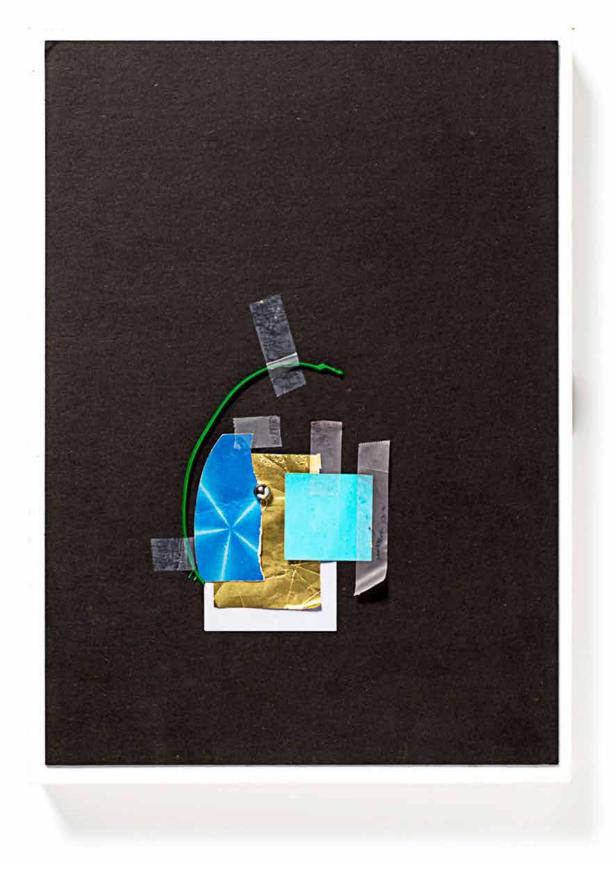




P.S.\_The Other Moment\_No.1



P.S.\_The Other Moment\_No.2



P.S.\_The Other Moment\_No.3



P.S.\_The Other Moment\_No.4

# A . C . N .





Still Life: A.C.N.\_Circle & Plate

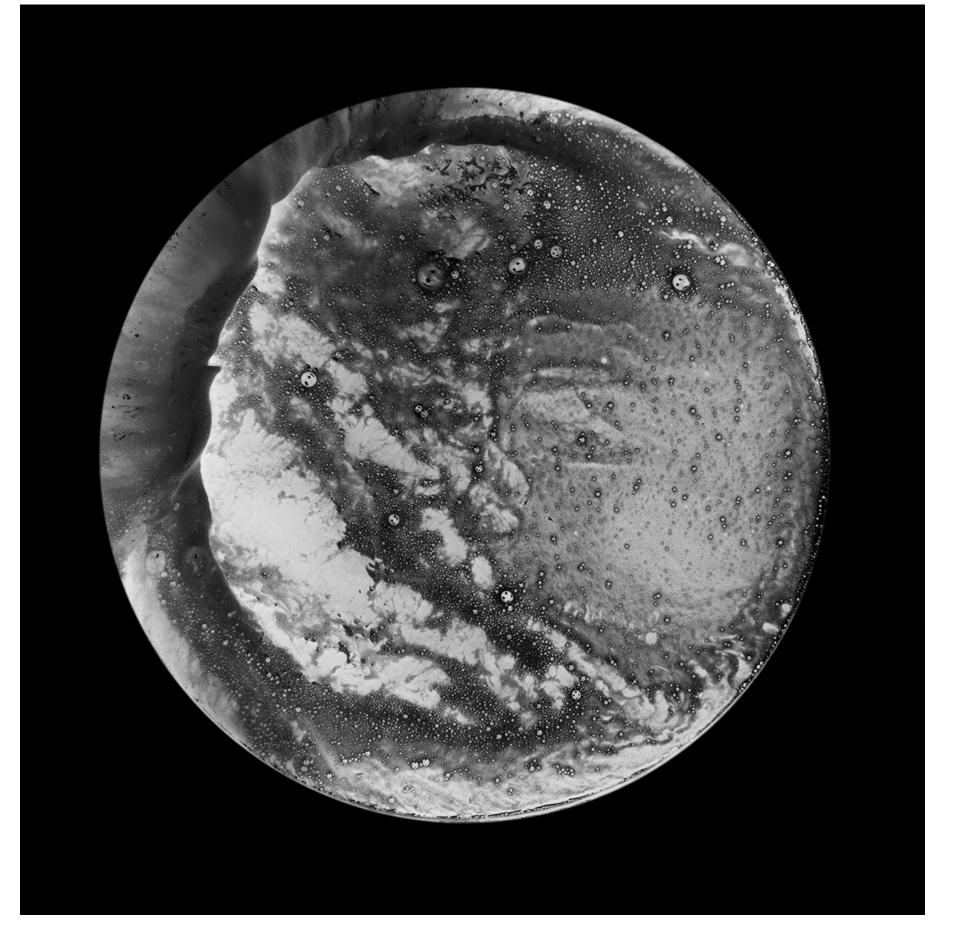


Still Life: A.C.N.\_Circle & Paper

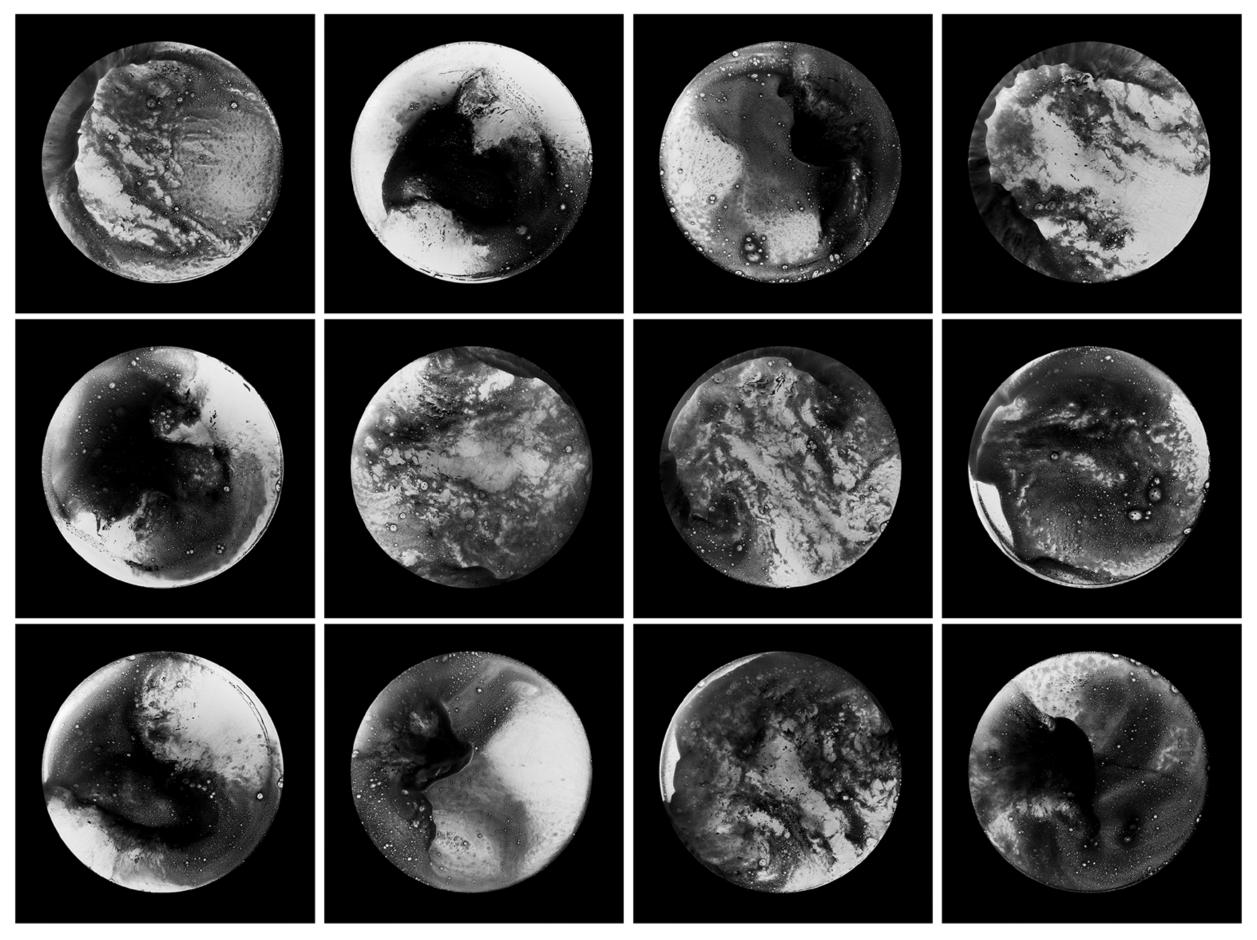
### **BLACK BATH**



Installation view: Black Bath\_Planets #16.



Black Bath\_Planets #16.



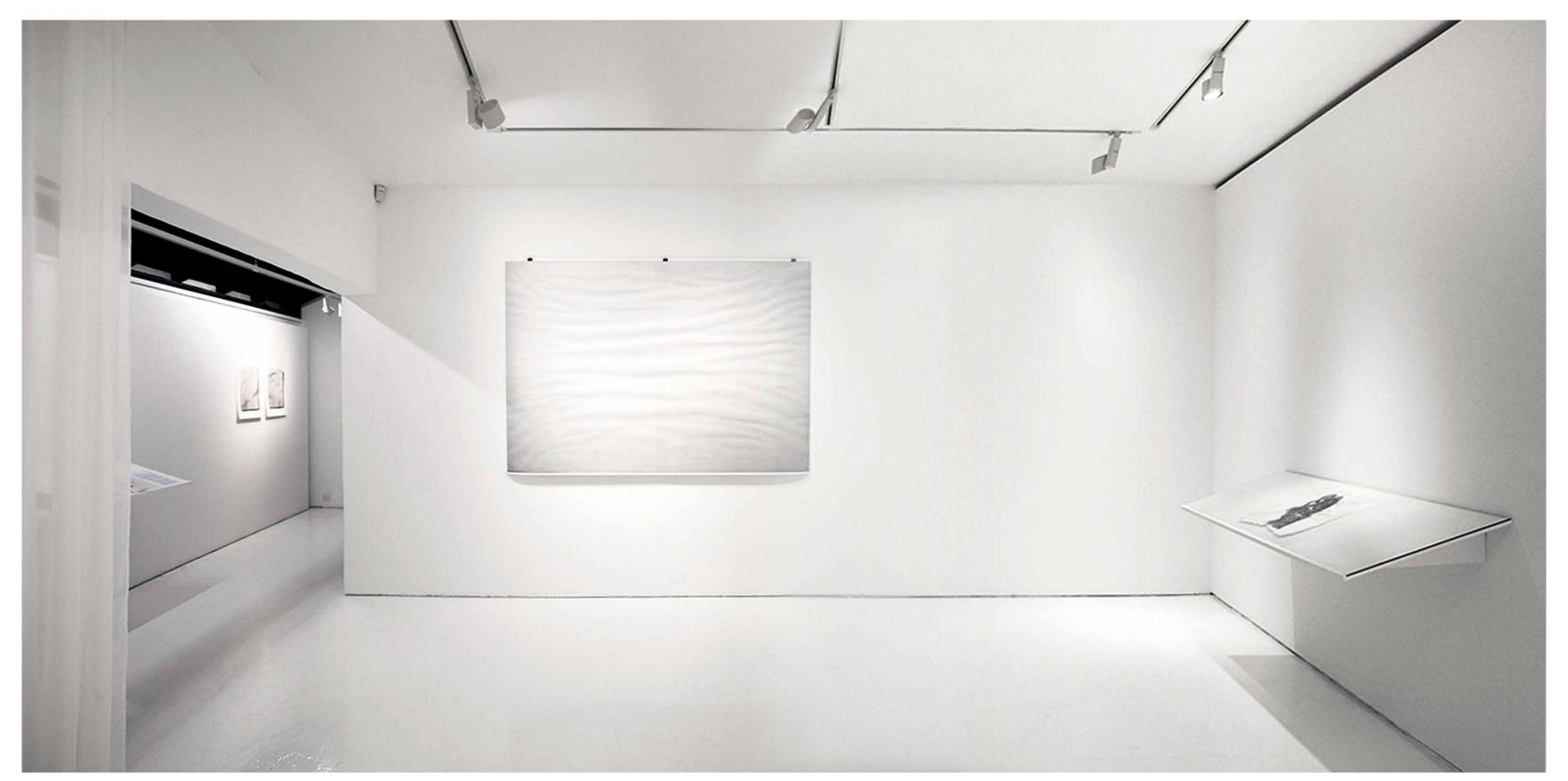
Black Bath\_12 Planets.

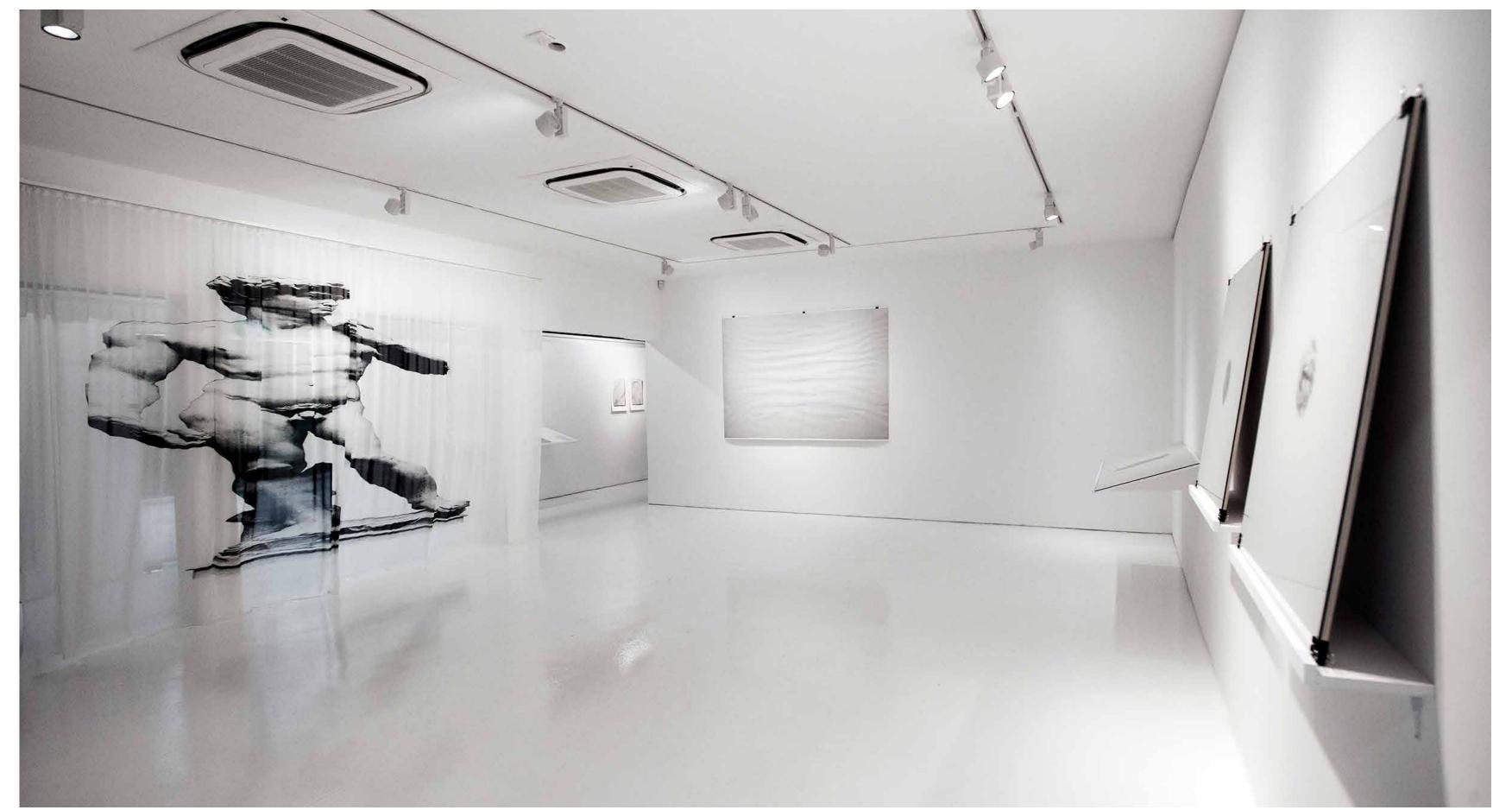
### FIVE PHOTPGRAPERS



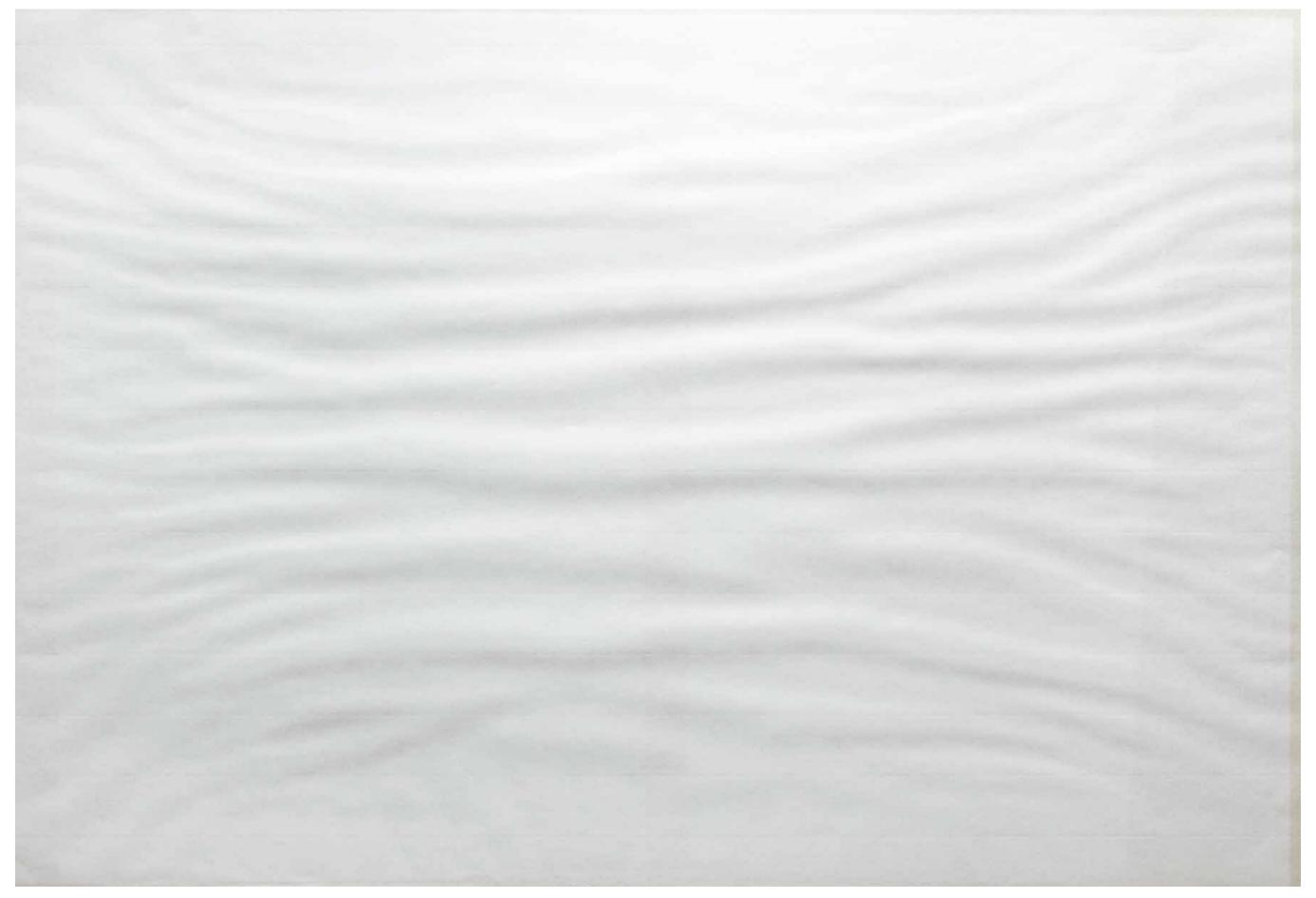


## LIQUID TRUTH

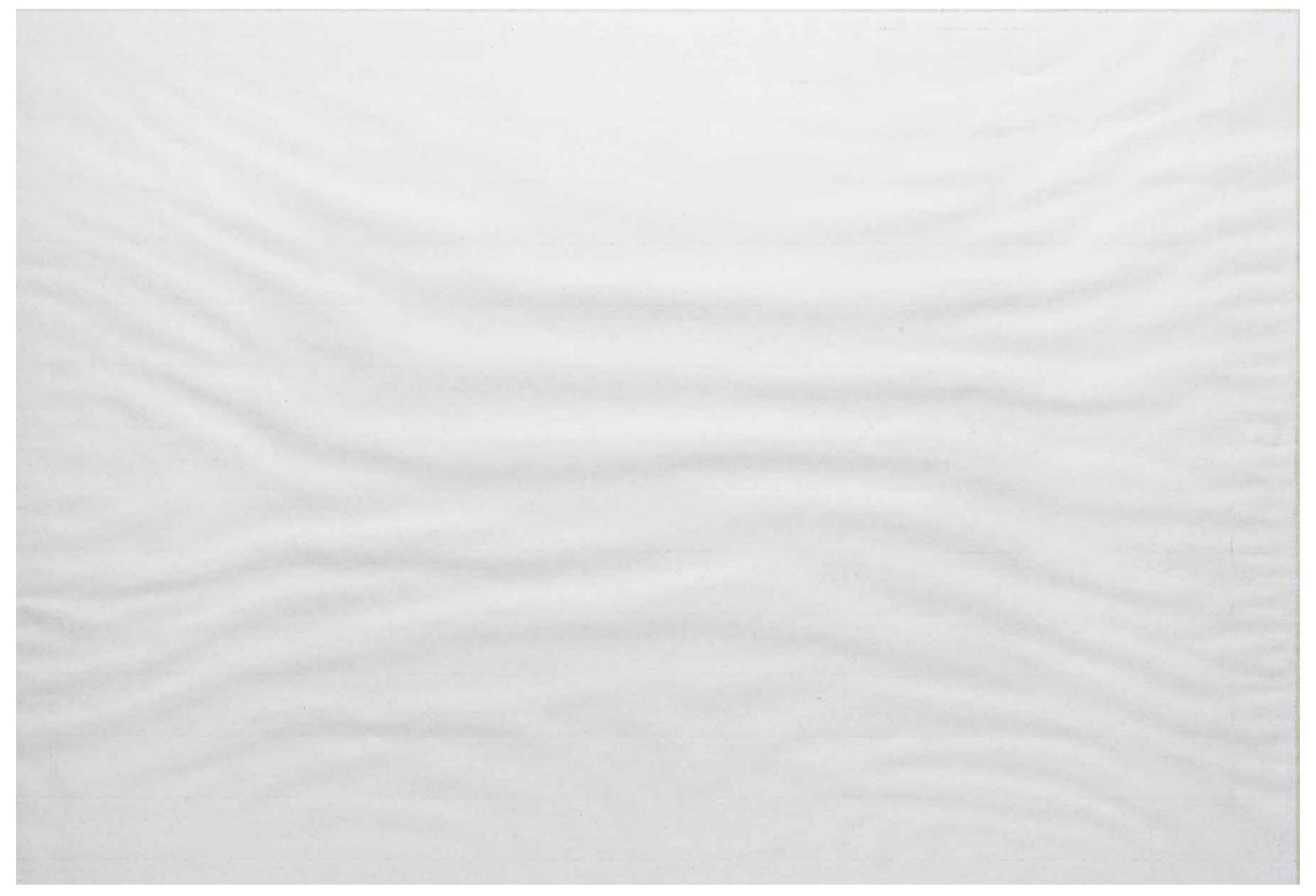




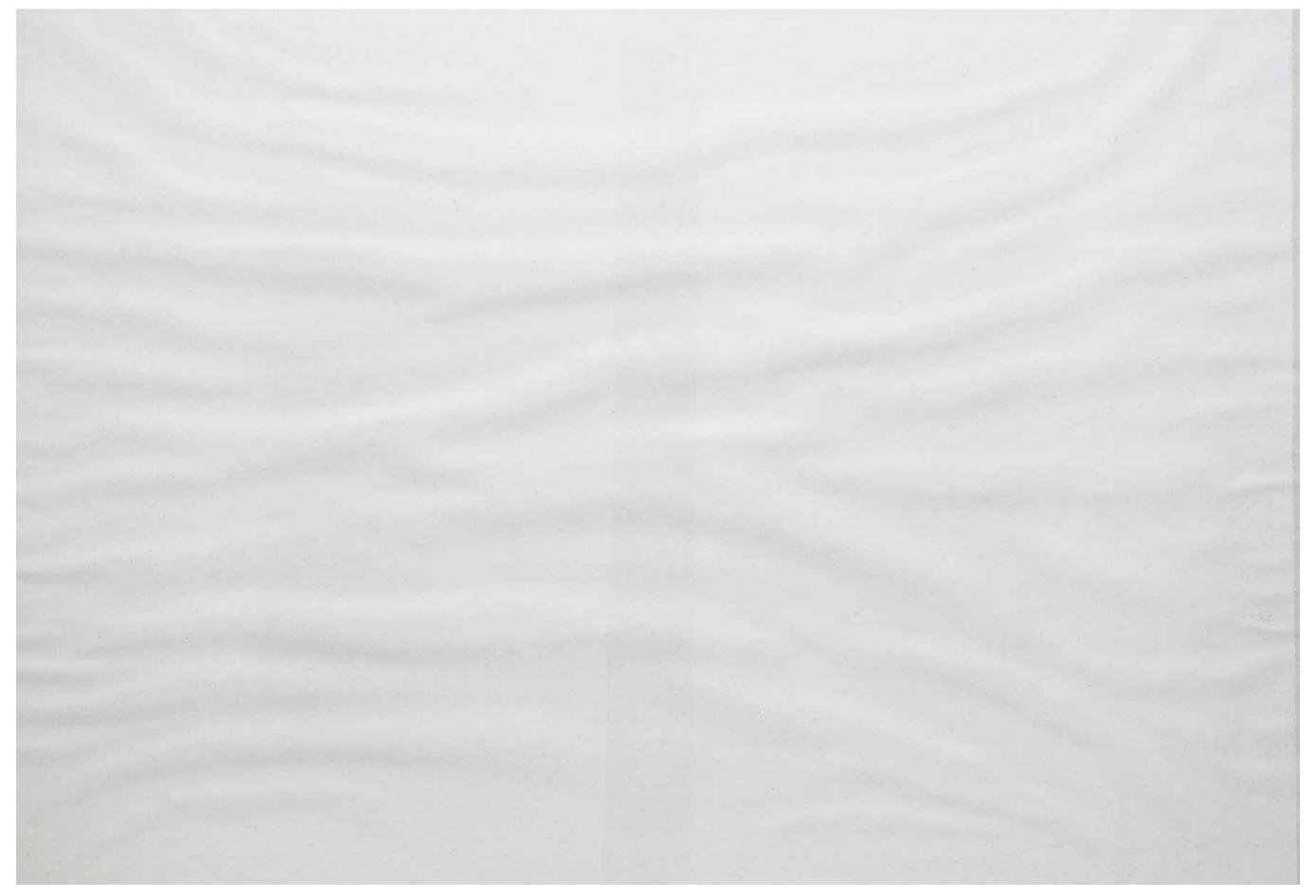
Liquid Truth.Installation View.



Liquid Truth\_Papers, No.1.



Liquid Truth\_Papers, No.2.



Liquid Truth\_Papers, No.3.



Liquid Truth\_Crumpled Thinker. No.1





Liquid Truth\_CrumpledThinker.No.2.

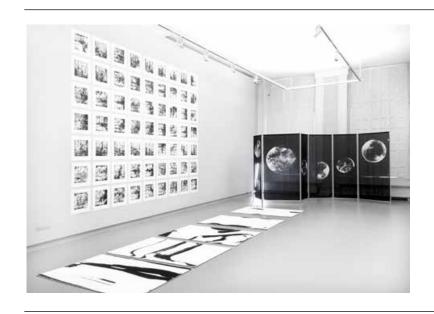
Liquid Truth\_CrumpledThinker.No.3.





Liquid Truth\_Space. Counter Space.

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# A.C.N.\_OLD TILES, THE DAVIDS, BLACK BATH. 2014

This photographical installation amplifies the detailed daily life observations. It suspends the common logics to visually associating the nonsensical experiences with esoteric imagery. The hypothesis is when attaining inspirations in insignificant things is viable, it broadens the perceptual dimension upon the physical world. Consequently, it forms a new value horizon.





# A.C.N\_CROSS. 2011

Being a most symbolic structure in the western culture, these crosses were made from use and abadonded objects with trivial history. The works suspend a paradoxical conception on signifier and meaning.





### A CHILDISH NOTHINGNESS V.S BOYS BLOW UPS. 2012

A Childish Nothingness verses BOYS BLOW UPS is a series of small studio objects blown up as significant works of art.

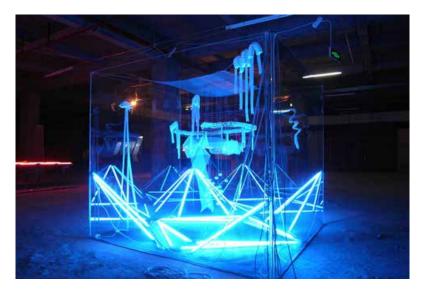
This assemble was not meant to be the model for large sculptures - they were spontaneously made or collected, meant to remain small fragile and unsustainable. The quality of this objects I consider product of a roominess world that I mentally inhabit, which is rather a world of possibilities than one of decisions. Frequently I am asked if I consider them art. Apparently, they are problematic to fit the artistic standard. Within this perspective, the art world seems to be subjected to masculine criteria: it needs to be big. Big enough for the market even big enough to think about.

I disagree with such criteria and found ten male artists from different disciplines to be the legitimized instruments and invited each of them to choose one small object out of ten. He would blow up that piece in his own way of working, and to his own volume. To literally blow up was the only dogma. Both the small objects and their BLOW UPS are on display in the same space.



A.C.N.\_CONTEMPLATION. 2008

Contemplation is a site-specific installation commissioned by KAAP, STORM Utrecht. This project located in a white room at Fort Ruigenhoek, a 19c monument. The fort was opened to the public on every weekend days during 11.May to 22.June 2008.



A.C.N.\_MONOLOGUE. 2007

This installation was built in an unrenovated dark and dusty space inside the flourihing Beiting shopping mall at Guang Zhou. Using the lights and textile which are the standard products from the local industry, this glass cube rerepresented a 'shop-window' with vibrant visual attraction that is strongly contradicting from the rawness of the space. To look at from closeup, the reflection will absorb the observer to a world of endless illusion.

# A.C.N.\_OLD TILES, THE DAVIDS, BLACK BATH

"A human being is part of a whole, called by us the 'Universe", a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest - a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is kind of a prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty." -- Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

This installation consists of three parts. Each part takes an unusual association to Einstein's definition of 'delusion' and 'all living creatures'.

### Part 1. Old Tiles.

63 photo etchings as one installation, it represents the bathroom floor in an old apartment the artist used to live. Through daily usage, the artist found portraits of herself, her friends and strange creatures In their amorphous patterns.

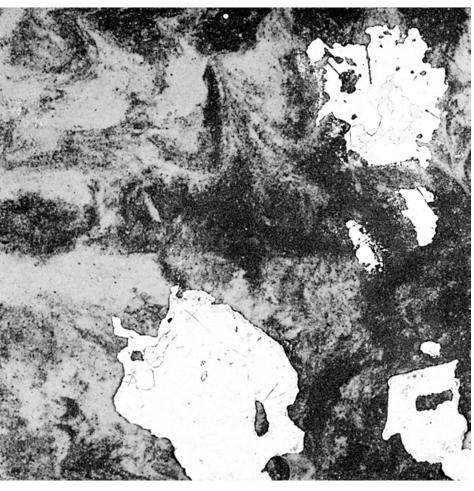


\* Old Tiles. 63 photo etchings in order of the original bathroom tiles. (Known as Winkelman tiles made in the Netherlands during 1960's.)





\* For example, the leftupper part of tile no.R5-6 resembles profile of the German electronic musician and noise artist Felix Kubin.



\* One of the 63 images from A\_C\_N 2014 Old Tiles. According to the artist, this image shows the profiles of a boy, a girl and a white clown. However you may see something totally different.

Part 2. The Davids\_No.1-No.6

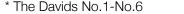
The 6 carpets are the transformations of Michelangelo's David, the paragon of male beauty and strength from the



Italian Renaissance. Using xerographic, this famous sculpture is deformed into duplicable abstract patterns. It eventually laid down softly and ready to be walked over.

Michelangelo's David transformed into 6 carpets by Xero-graphic.



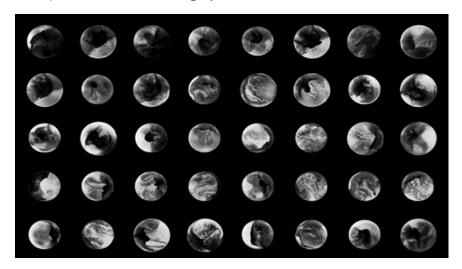


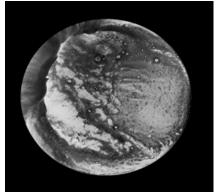
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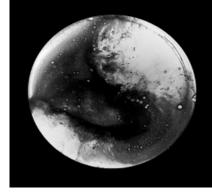
### Part 3. The Black Bath

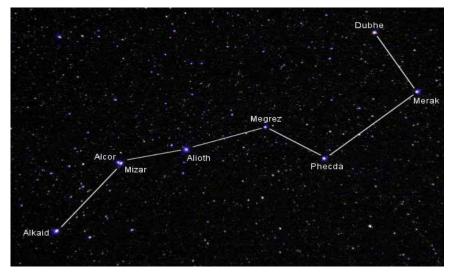
The standing structure refers to the Big Dipper (a constellation within Ursa Major) and Ping-Feng (Chinese traditional room-divider, applied for Feng-Shui and providing privacy). The planet-assembled images are snapshots from a black bathtub the artist has used.

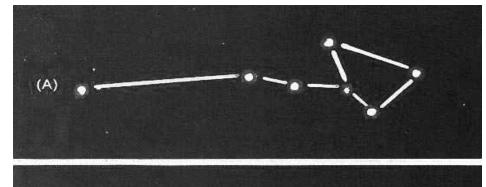
- \* Black Bath, 40 moments of the moving fluid. Camera: Fan Liao
- \* The planet-assembled imagery.

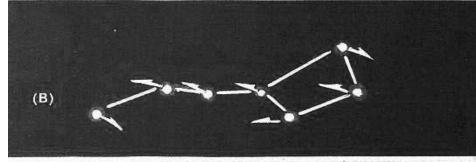


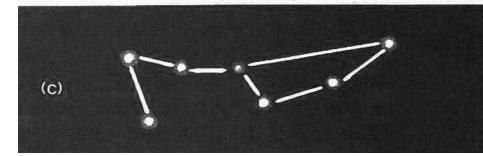


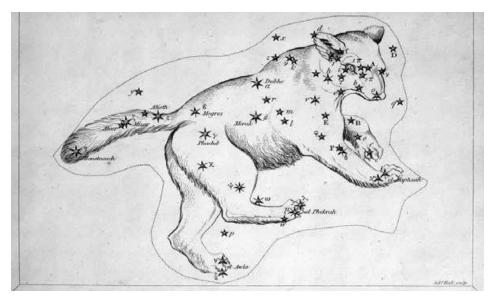












Ursa Major constellation, also known as Big Bear.

Big Dipper, change of stars' positions in period of 300,000 years.

- A) Stars' position 100,000 years previous.
- B) Current stars position
- C) Stars' position 100,000 years later.

Note: The embedded images are visual reference, they do not represent the final result of the installation. The presentation of the installation would be adjusted to the condition of the space.

### SUMMERY:

By registering detailed observations of daily life, this installation visualizes the personal and internal experiences of the artist, with the suggestion that when general logic is in suspension, any momentary or individual experience can be associated with esoteric subjects, and vise-verse. The artist believes that exploring individual experiences does not only generate deeper curiosity inside of oneself; it also echoes the wonder of others.

Personal experience forms the collective consciousness in a subtle and definite way. If one can find inspiration in ignored matters, as a shared experience, it could open up new dimensions in the collective consciousness, and thus refreshes the definitions of value. At the same time, it may extend the perception of the physical world.





# $\textbf{A.C.N} \; \underline{\quad} \; \textbf{CROSS}$



Instalaltion view Rijksakademie Openstudio 2011. Amsterdam, NL.

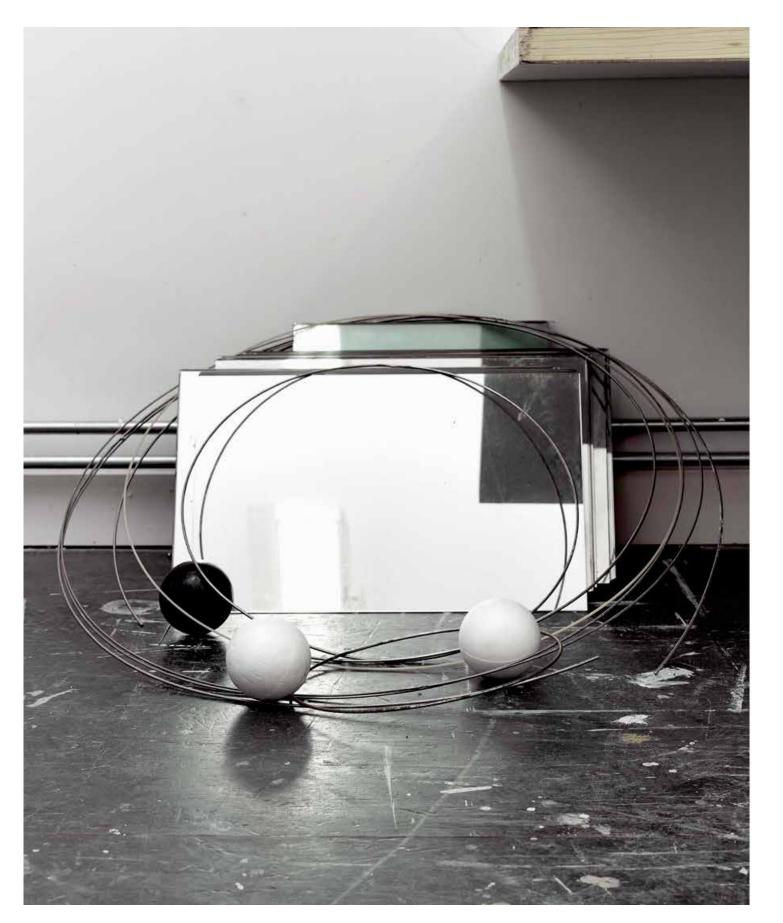
# **A.C.N.\_#M**



#M\_2. photo print and objects assemblage. 2013.



#M\_1, photograph, 2013.



#M\_1, objects assemblage, 2013.



#M\_3, Objects Assemblage. 2013.

# A CHILDISH NOTHINGNESS V.S BOYS BLOW UPS



A selection of 10 A Childish Nothingness objects
Installation view Rijskakademie Openstudio 2012. Amsterdam, NL.

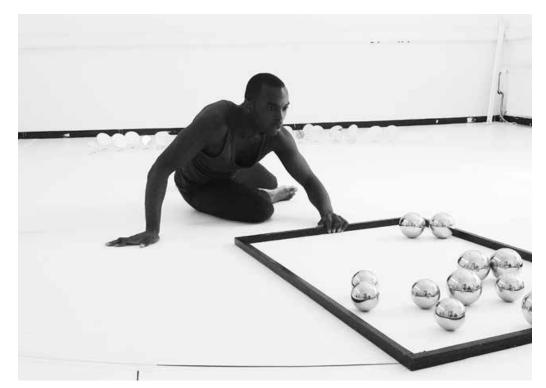








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Paolo Yao

**IJbert Veweii** 

Ida Katinka Fridan Pedersen

Gover Meit

### Introduction

Five young people expose five inner worlds in dance.

Paolo Yao (IT), IJbert Verweij (NL), Gover Meit (NL/CW), Ida Katinka Fridan Edersen (DK) and Xue Mu (CN). Having different cultural backgrounds, raised with different ideologies and living different attitudes, they all got intoxicated by dance. Their characteristic empowering body dynamics is attractive as well as intimidating. No matter the moving skills, but the total expression, the openly exposed desire, search, struggle and joy, can be acknowledged as the rarely exposed yet profound existential state of mind.

Phase 1. Documentation.

Documentation on the body movement of each dancer with 3 methods.

- 1. Photo Registrtion
- 2. Abstraction Study (Light Dance)
- 3. Video

Simply let the material to manifest the distinctions of their body languages, and personal dynamics.

Phase 2. Interview & Conversations.

Engage with each person's life stories and important experiences.

Test the correspondences between the charactors of body movements and the person's stories.

Phase 3. Portrait Making.

Base on the collected materials, produce a talior-made performative portrait.



Photo ducumentation: Dance movement, IJbert Veweij, 2012

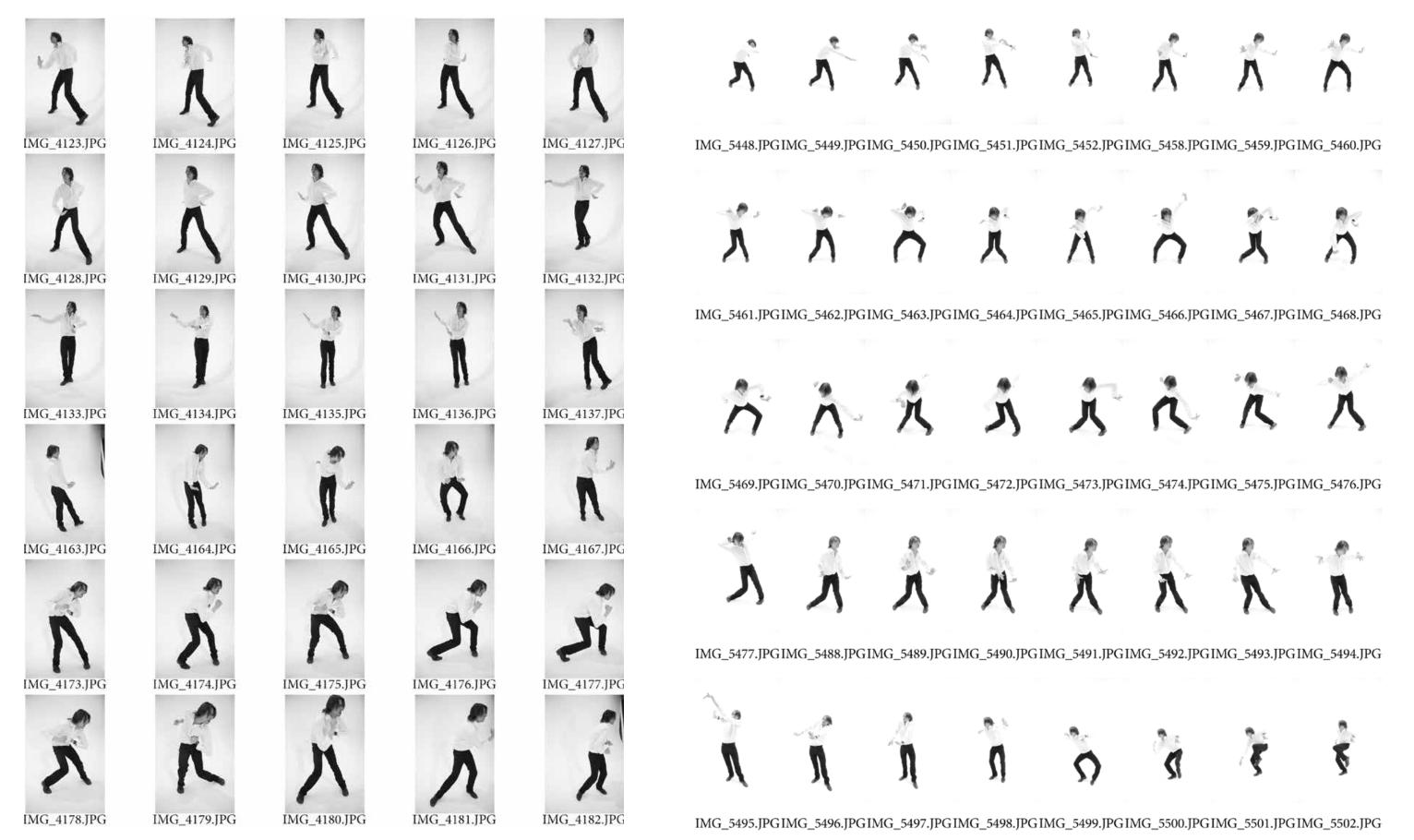
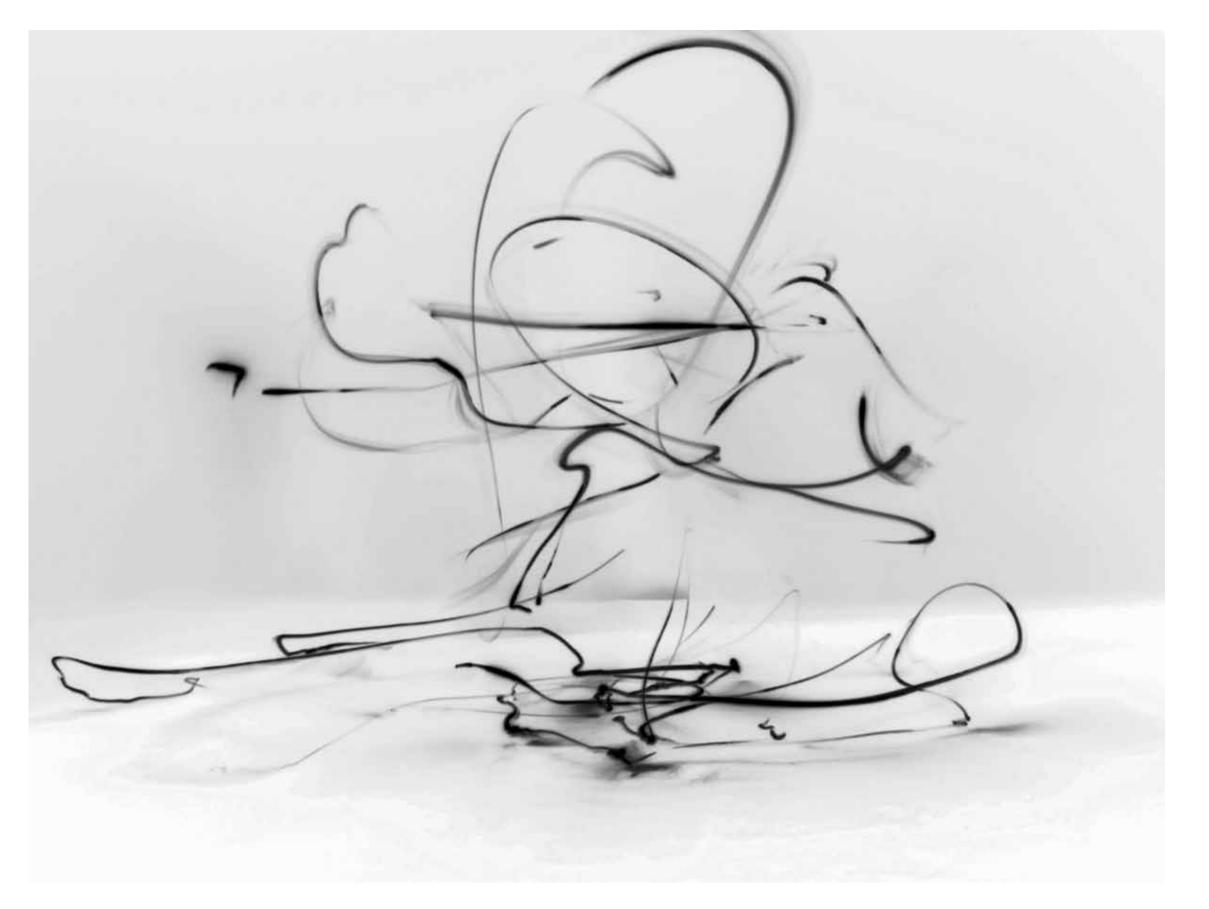
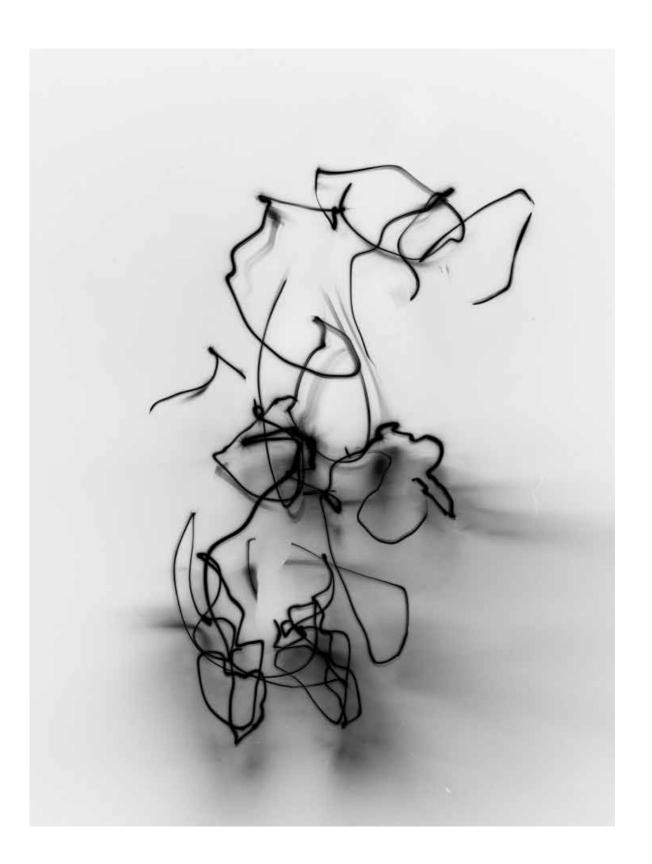


Photo ducumentation: Dance movement, Gover Meit. 2012



Abstraction: Light Dance by IJbert Veweij, 2012







Abstraction: Light Dance by Gover Meit, 2012



Video Still: Dance Movement, IJbert Veweij, 2012.

Video Still: Dance Movement, Gover Meit, 2012.















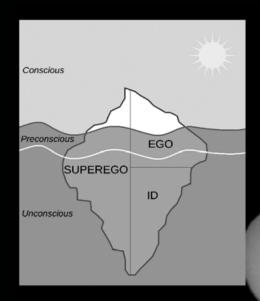
# PORTRAIT 2. IJBERT VERWEIJ, IJBERT VERWEIJ

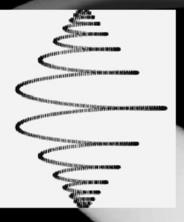
Performance at Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam. NL. 2013.

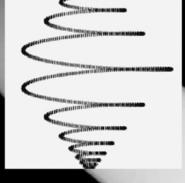


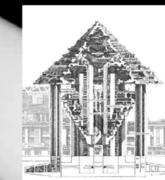
# PORTRAIT 3. GOVER MEIT, MIRROR TOWER



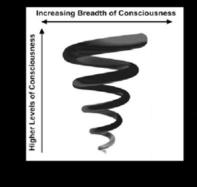


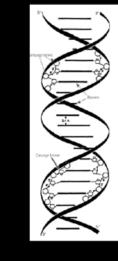




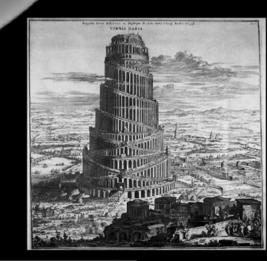














CARL JUNG (1875-1961)

SIGMUND FREUD (1856-1939)

Neurologist and the founder of psycho-

PSYCHOANALYSIS, a clinical method for treating psychopathology through dialogue between a patient and a psychoanalyst

Founder of analytical psychology

**ALCHEMY** 

INDIVIDUATION is the central process of human develop-



### FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE (1844-1900)

GOD IS DEAD!!!

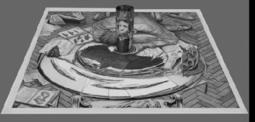
"...We godiess anti-metaphysicians still take our fire ... from the flame lit by a faith that is thousands of years old."



# IMMANUEL KANT(1724-1804)

Fundamental Concepts of the Human Mind Structure Human Experience

what is ENLIGHTMENT? "Enlightment is man's release form his self-incurred tutelage."

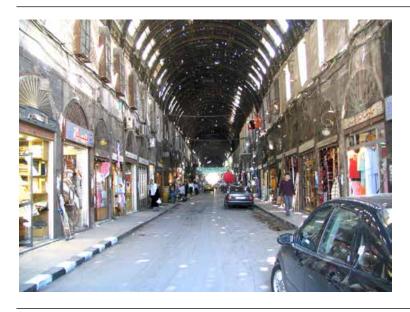








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A.C.N.\_RIBBON STREET. THE STRAIT STREET, DAMASCAS, SY. 2006.

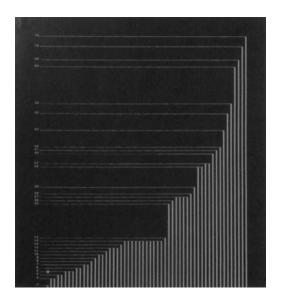
Ribbon Street was a public intervention in the Straight Street of Damascus. The intervention was part of HERE AS THE CENTER OF THE WORLD, where young artists from Beirut (Lebanon), Damascus (Syria), Diyarbakir (Turkey), Enschede (The Netherlands), Khartoum (Sudan) and Tai Wan would meet in one of the city to exchanging ideas. The Straight Street is the largest market in the center of Damascus which is one of the few markets that preserve the traditional trading method. The surrounding was in rich of historic sites and ancient monuments. I bounded blue ribbons on many abandoned objects that I found interesting in this street, these ribbons stayed where they were and slowly decayed. In 2008, the local authority refurbished this market into a modern shopping district, those ribbons were fading into dust together with the old straight street.





A.C.N.\_A FLOATING HIGHWAY. IAMA1.
A1 HIGHWAY, NL.
2009.

A Floating Highway was a 40 minutes performance happening on the 30th May 2009. Four aircrafts produced a 168 kilometers long artificial cloud that was mirroring the entire route of A1 highway (from Amsterdam to German border). The work was commissioned by Kunstenlab Deventer in 2008. Public along the A1 route have filmed this happening. A collection of footages from hundred private filmmakers, using various kinds video equipment that shows different imagery quality were edited into a complete registration of the floating highway afterwards. The documentary film A Floating Highway was screened as one of the 6 art works in IAMA1 manifestation on A1 highway in the east Holland during the summer of 2009.





MR.RAY. BRUKLEN STATION, BREUKLEN, NL. 2010.

Station Breukelen is one of the international transaction platforms in the Dutch railway system. In each 15 minutes there comes a train stops direct to Schipol (the international airport in the Netherlands). Mr. Ray is an artwork that covers the entire surface of the station, transforming the physical platform into a perceptual adventure as a whole environment, it gives an extra layer of experiences during the 15 minutes routine of transition.















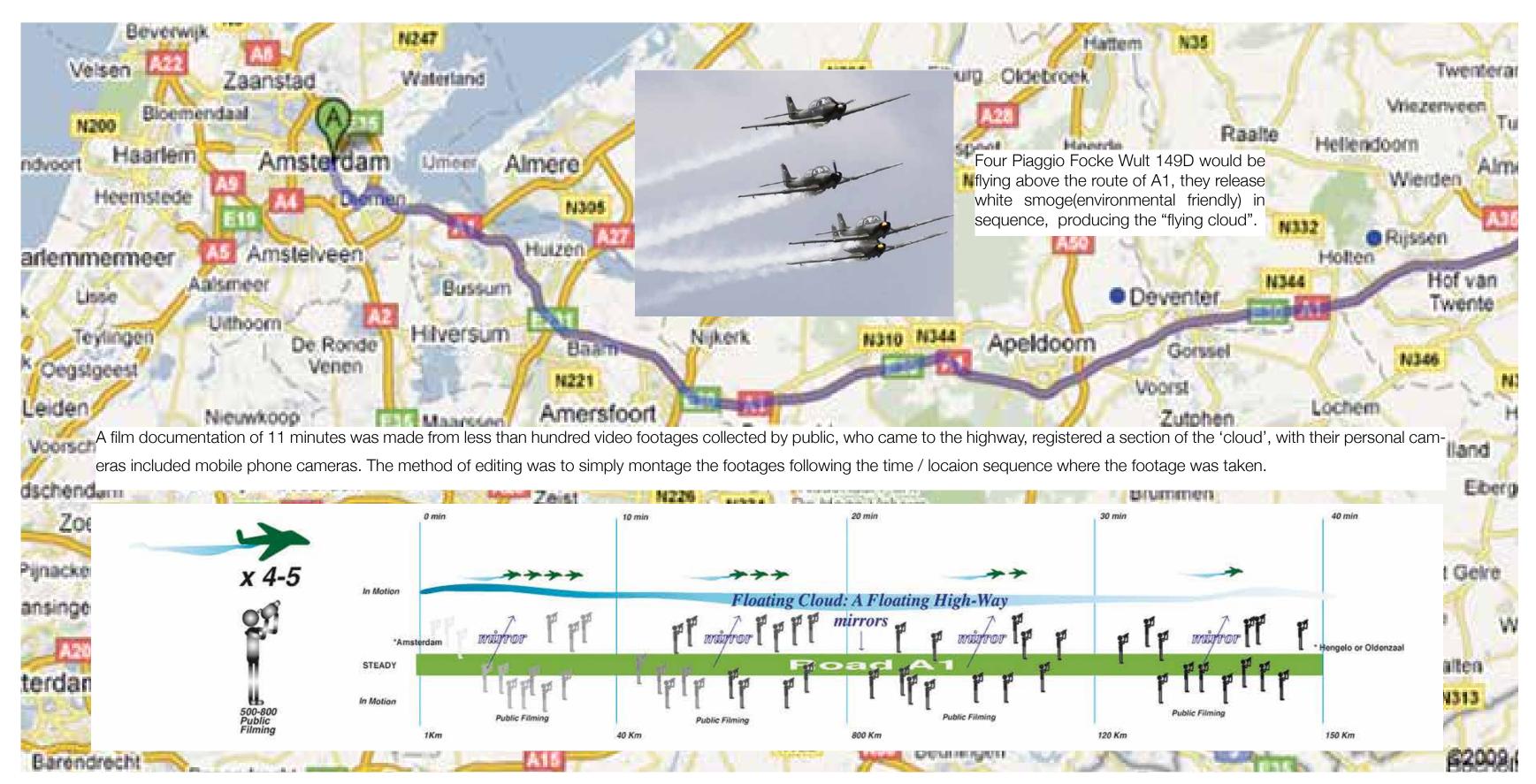








### Route map & Plan for the filming event. 30 May, 2009.



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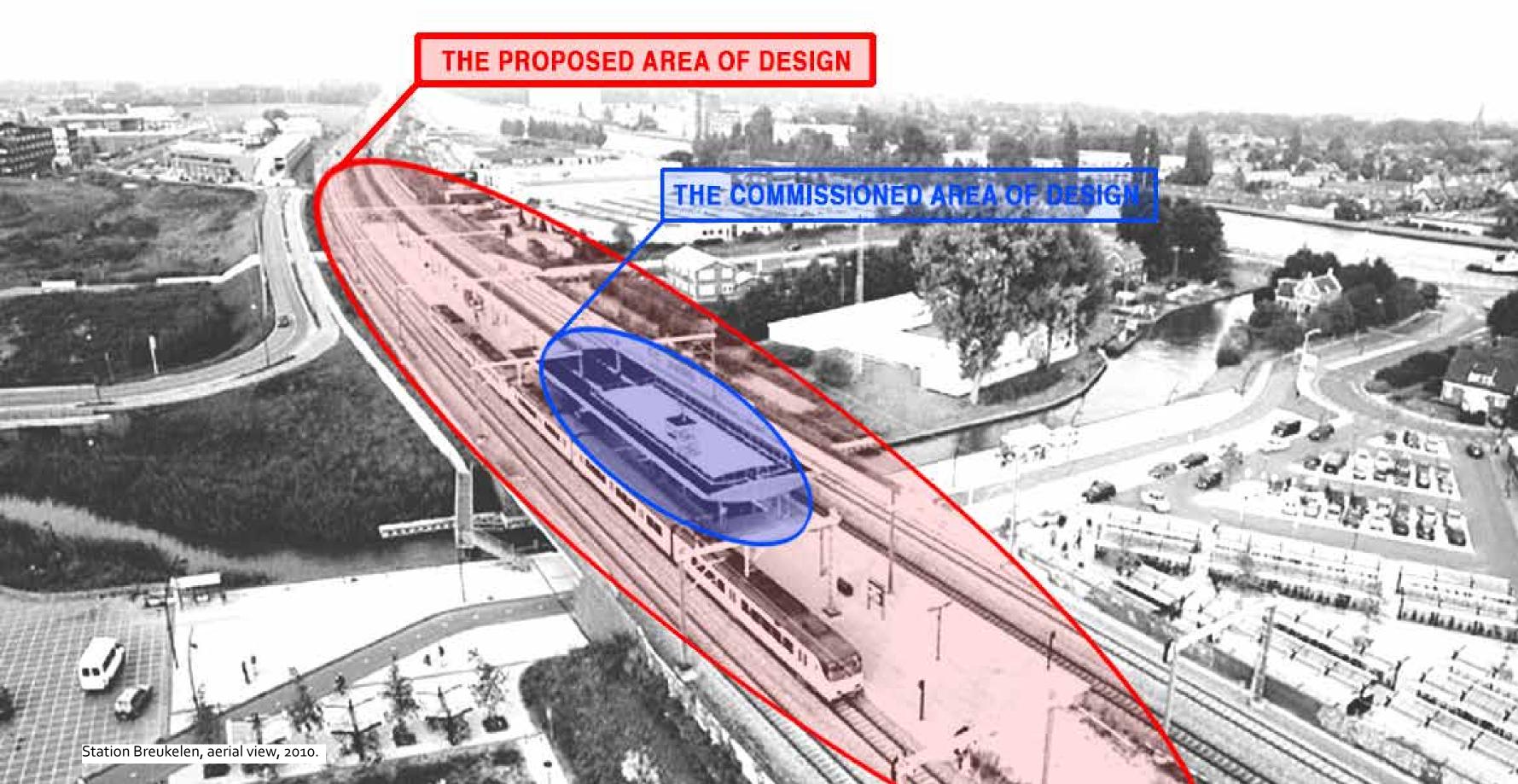
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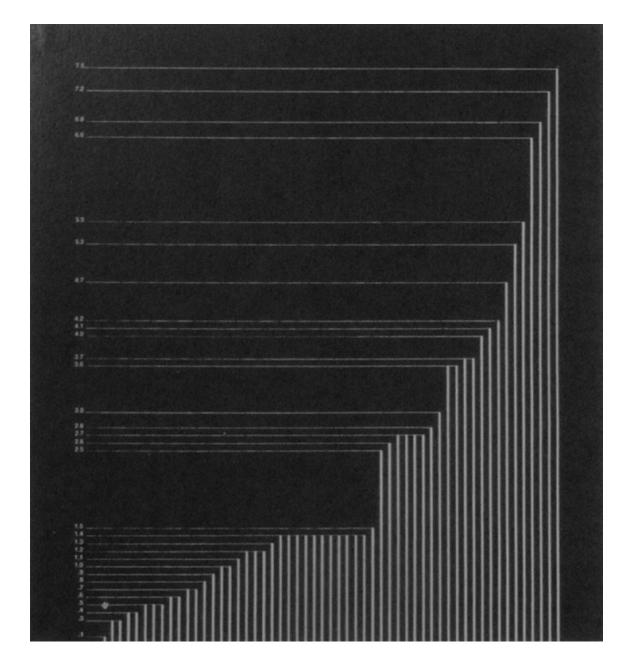
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A found paragram from the 50's



Panorama design. Covers entire platform of the train station













