

Surface Sensorium

interactive Video Installation



Surface Sensorium is an interactive video installation consisting of a square video projection and a camera module with a 3D depth sensor. The distance to the projection and the movements in the room can be determined by this sensor and therefore the audio and image levels of the video installation can be controlled and changed by the viewer.

You can see a large hall with a small observation tower in the middle. The tower as known from prison yards, border surveillance or lookout towers is framed by an audience looking towards the tower. As soon as a person enters the installation, the viewer appears on the platform of the watchtower and sees himself/herself as a central object of the installation. The audience within the video starts clapping and cheering at the viewer with standing ovations.

Visitors to the installation experience a sublime situation that resembles a stage where the famous star is cheered. At the same time, you are also in the role of the supervisor, who stands on the watchtower and looks down on the people and gets an overview of the scene. A paradoxical situation arises from several points of observation. Who is watching whom? Who controls whom? Simultaneously as a visitor to the installation, you assume a higher level of observation and become an observer of the observation.



Playing with visual metaphors, which place the viewer in associations such as surveillance and at the same time with admiration and cheers this situation becomes a reflection of life in the post-digital age. By using digital video techniques in combination with live video elements and depth sensors, the classic function and meaning of a mirror is expanded and a combination of analog body and digital space will be created. The reflections of a mirror create a confrontation with one's own observation. Self-observation and perception will be further expanded by adding video material to the mirror image and lead to a complex story with the viewer as main character. Surface Sensorium questions the position and point of view of the individual.

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