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OVERVIEW

BREAKING NEW GROUND

In the era of the Internet and its unlimited resources, it is time for new forms of collaborations and access routes to information that until today is very difficult to access and often not retrievable such as material on media art works. Researchers, historians, curators, journalists, collectors, and interested individuals alike still have to visit every archive individually and understand the inherent structure and logic of the respective offer. GAMA is a first step towards remedying the situation.

CONTENT BROKER

Different archives have embedded different solutions for building their repositories, in their own logic and narrative. Respecting these differences in history, context and infrastructures the GAMA platform acts as a content broker allowing easy access to all collections by harvesting metadata and content from all archives in a harmonized manner. By translating local content descriptions into a centralized database, the integrity of the connected archives is maintained. By deploying customized database adapters as a harmonizing mechanism the whole platform is easily scalable and prepared for the inclusion of even more archives.

CONTENT-SYNDICATION

Bringing together all collections obviates the large amount of redundancy in metadata collection, annotation and definition and allows for efficiently exploring the wealth of materials brought together for the first time. As such, great effort is invested in enriching the original metadata attributed to individual works and exploring new aspects in analysis and interpretation. One of the big assets of the GAMA portal is the high level of synergy of experiences and knowledge in the field and the benefits to bring together specialized academic and technical know-how of partners, thereby transcending isolated national activities and enterprises.

HARVESTING

As part of the harvesting strategies each media file is analyzed and transcoded to file formats suited for web access. Implemented shared render farms are capable of transcoding to popular formats as flash video and the high quality H.264 format. The file system holds all pre-encoded preview video data. Combined resources also include streaming services based on a variety of platforms like QuickTime and Real Video (Helix DNA) provided for use by organizations who lack dedicated infrastructure to host and stream multi-media contents.

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ARS ELECTRONICA

Since its inception in 1979 Ars Electronica is an internationally renowned and unique platform for digital art and media culture. It consists of four divisions: the Ars Electronica Festival that is taking place once a year, the Ars Electronica Prix, which is awarded during the festival to outstanding artworks and projects, the Ars Electronica Center, a museum carrying out an educational mission, and the Futurelab, a laboratory dedicated to the conception and realisation of media art projects. Moreover, Ars Electronica is conceptually in charge of net.culture.space, a second exhibition space in Vienna and it organizes and plans international exhibitions.



C3 CENTER FOR CULTURE & COMMUNICATION

C3 Center for Culture & Communication Foundation founded in 1996, is a Hungarian non-profit institution; a space for innovative experiments and developments related to communication and culture; its main focus being the fostering of meetings and cooperation among spheres of art, science and technology.

The aims of C3 are the research, development and support of innovative artistic potential, the initiation and realisation of art, science, communications, educational and cultural programs and the production, presentation and preservation of media art.

The C3 Collection contains media artworks that have been realised with the collaboration of C3 and is accessible online in one common database with C3's Video Archive which is unique in Hungary and is under constant development.



FILMFORM

FILMFORM is a foundation dedicated to the promotion, distribution and preservation of Swedish art film and experimental video.

FILMFORM is the oldest existing organization in Sweden devoted to film and video art. It is often engaged as an advisor to museums, galleries, universities and festivals. The FILMFORM collection includes titles from 1924 till today.

FILMFORM is supported by the Ministry of Culture through the Arts Grants Committee.

LES INSTANTS VIDÉO NUMÉRIQUES ET POÉTIQUES

Since 1988, Les Instants Vidéo Numériques et Poétiques has annually organized an international video and media arts festival which takes place mainly in Marseille, France.

The festival also visits fifteen other towns in six different countries and many other international screenings, workshops and conferences take place throughout the year.

The festival's online archive comprises a collection of more than 3000 entries by 1900 artists.

The archive is more than a mere catalogue. It is also an open, virtual space for new kinds of encounters between artists, art works and new audiences.



SCCA-LJUBLJANA. CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS, SLOVENIA

The SCCA, Centre for Contemporary Art – Ljubljana is the initiator of project *DIVA Station*, a platform for preservation, presentation and dissemination of audiovisual contents on the contextual, theoretical, practical and political level.

The main objectives of DIVA Station are:

completing a physical archive of the study copies of art works;

digitisation and technical treatment of collected material with backup copies; collecting and editing data of artworks;

sorting artists and the context of the artwork into a comprehensive database; research of current production of media/video art in Slovenia;

completing a comprehensive web portal that contains exact descriptions of video and media works together with a possibility of low-resolution previews. All materials included in the DIVA Station are accessible as high resolution copies at the SCCA library.

DIVA Station is a direct descendant of Videodokument, a documentation, archival and research project on video art in Slovenia that offered a comprehensive overview of thirty years of video art in Slovenia (1969-1998) and was developed within SCCA-Ljubljana Documentation Program (between 1994



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and 1999). Furthermore DIVA Station is a continuation of some media projects developed by the SCCA-Ljubljana and focusses on video art (collecting, documenting, archiving, curating, research, reflection, presentation, collaboration).



ARGOS

Argos is a Brussels based arts centre founded in 1989 that has been and continues to explore the relationship between art and media, and how these influence our perception of the world. Its territory is comprised of the audiovisual and plastic arts, whereby much attention is given to the interaction with other disciplines and to the reflection upon evolution within the information society.

The Argos activities include exhibitions, screenings, lectures and performances, but also production, and archiving and conservation. Additionally, Argos provides an international distribution service for artists' films, videos and multimedia installations and houses a public media library. The archive contains almost 4000 audiovisual works, 3500 books, 1000 specialized magazine issues and 500 festival catalogues.



HEURE EXQUISE!

Created in 1975, Heure Exquise! is a non-profit organisation specialised in the promotion and preservation of video arts and video creations. The distribution catalogue is regularly enriched and covers a wide variety: video art, creative documentaries, new images and animation. This mission is carried out both in France and abroad in partnership with cultural institutions and organisations, teaching and training schools, festivals and events. The Heure Exquise! team helps and advises programmers and curators for their screenings, proposes programme themes and "cartes blanches". Heure Exquise! creates and organises public screenings. Heure Exquise! also ensures the distribution of the audiovisual collections of the Louvre and the Musée d' Orsay. The Heure Exquise! archive specialises in contemporary art, is open to the public and houses monographs, artists' videos, documentaries on art, exhibi-

tion catalogues, specialised magazine. More than 4,000 documents tracing the history of electronic arts, from pioneers to contemporary artists, are available in the documentation and research center. This unique place safeguards one of the most important collections dedicated to electronic and digital arts in France.

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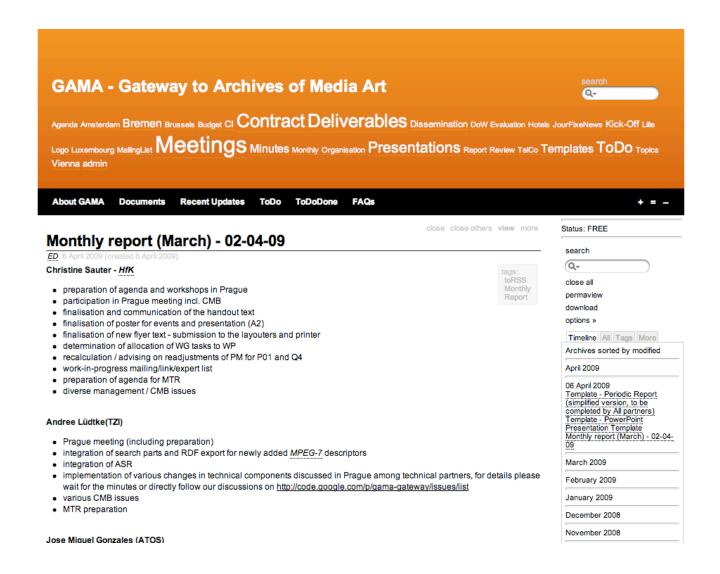
The Netherlands Media Art Institute (NIMk) presents, promotes, researches and distributes media art. NIMk also hosts an impressive and extensive collection of video and media art dating from the early 1970's till present. The distribution collection comprises more than 2000 works, varying from first experiments by national and internationally renowned artists to recent productions by up-and-coming talents.

In addition to this collection, the Netherlands Media Art Institute also provides access to an extensive reference collection (on video and on paper), several Dutch video art collections and an event archive of 30 years of the Institute's activities which comprises more than 1000 video registrations.

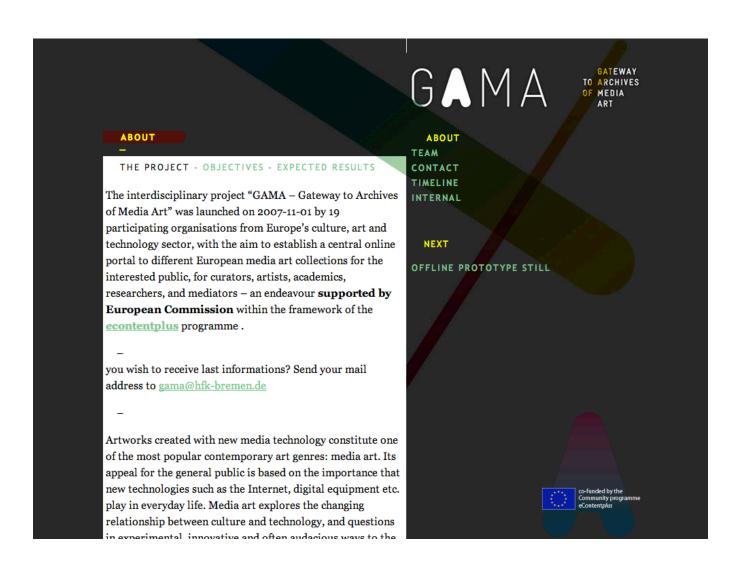


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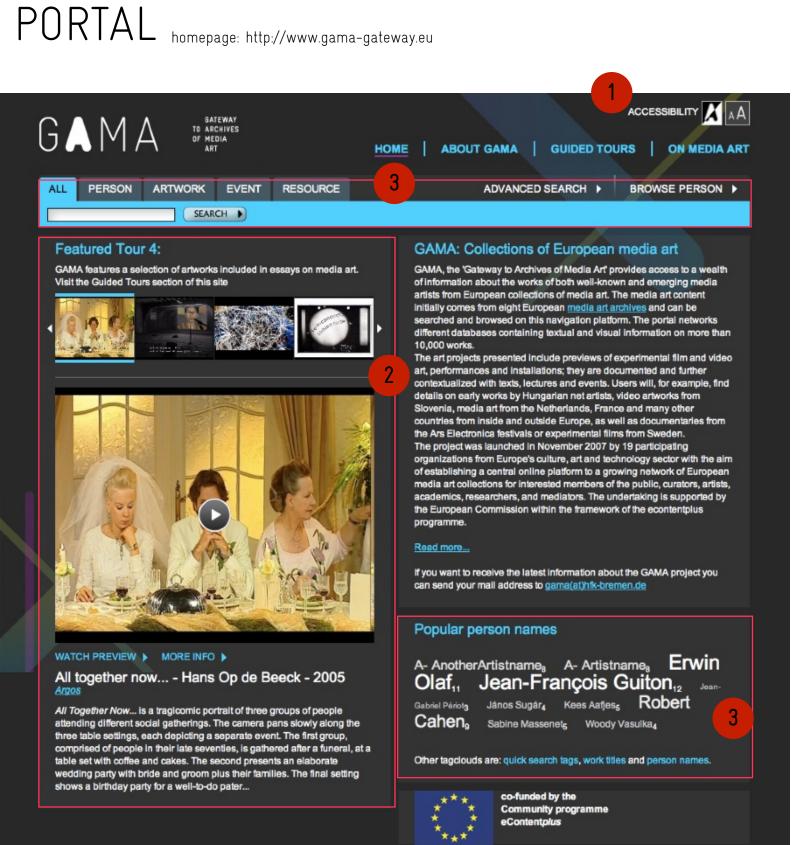
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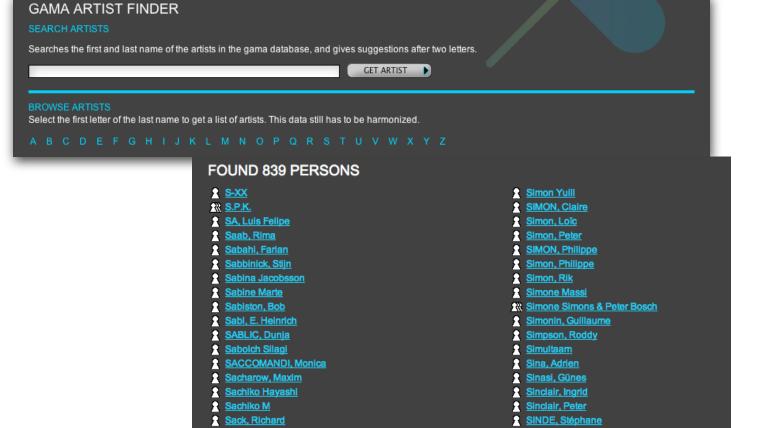
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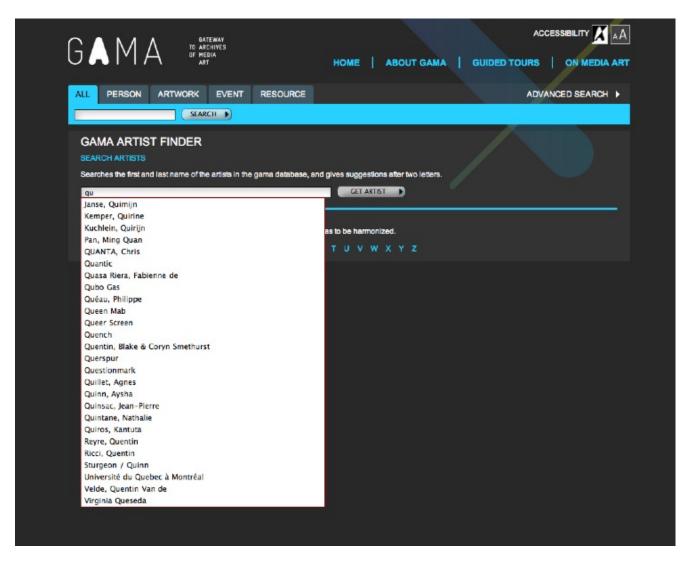
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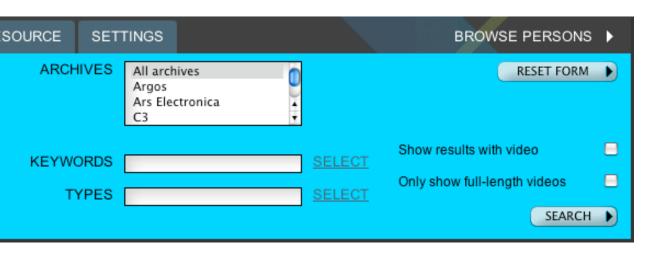
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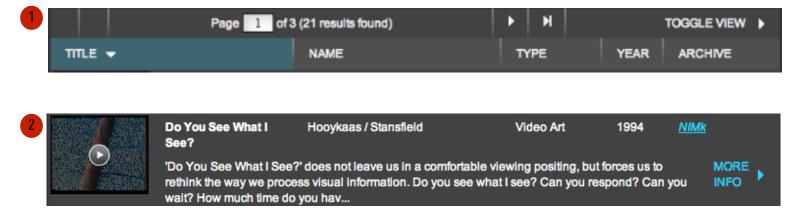
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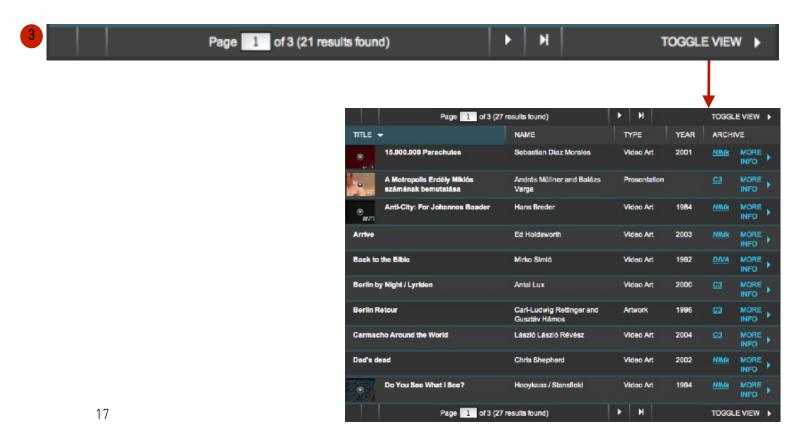
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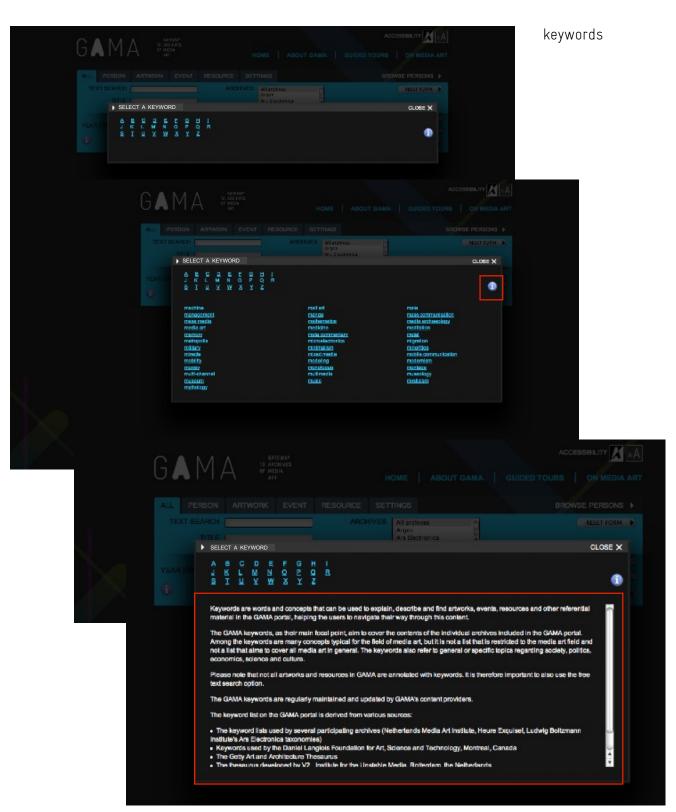


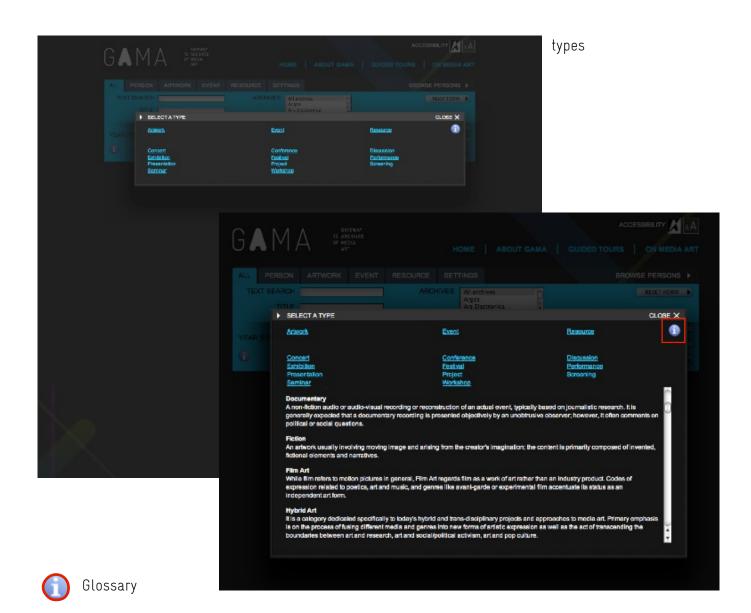




PORTAL search by keywords and types







ARTWORK Types

Documentary

A non-fiction audio or audio-visual recording or reconstruction of an actual event, typically based on journalistic research. It is generally expected that a documentary recording is presented objectively by an unobtrusive observer; however, it often comments on political or social questions.

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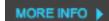
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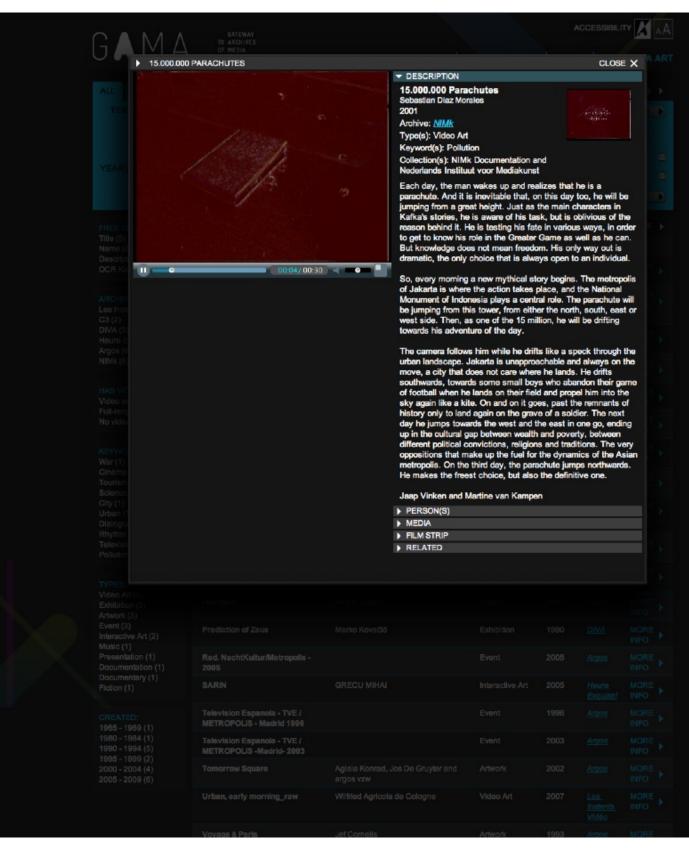
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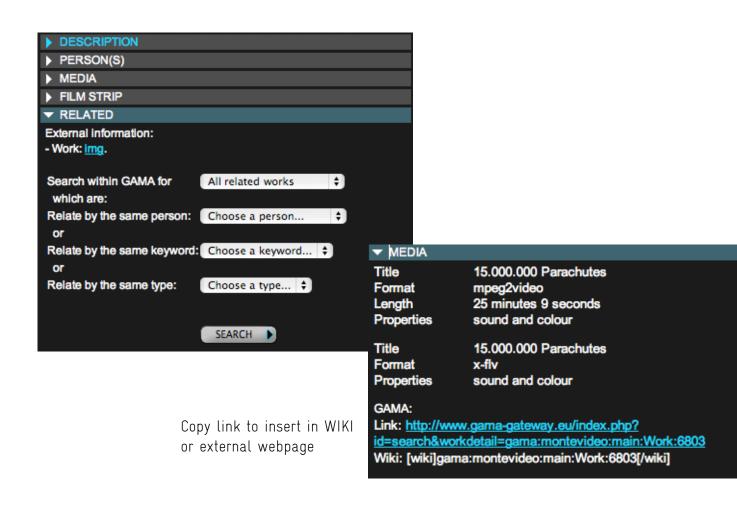
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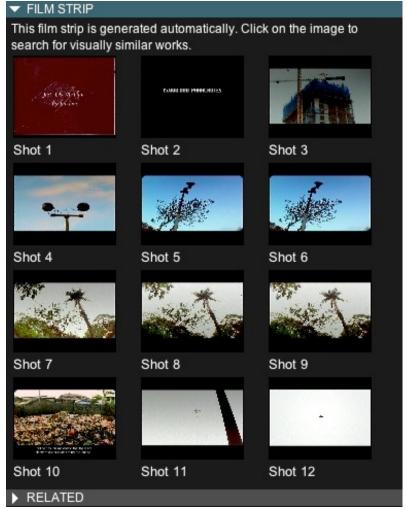
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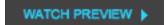


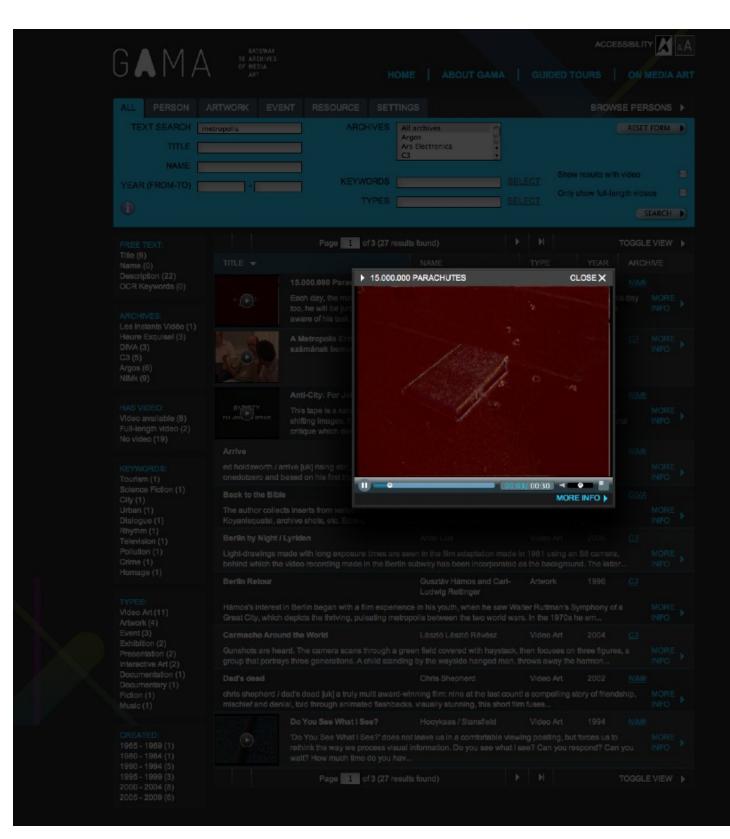


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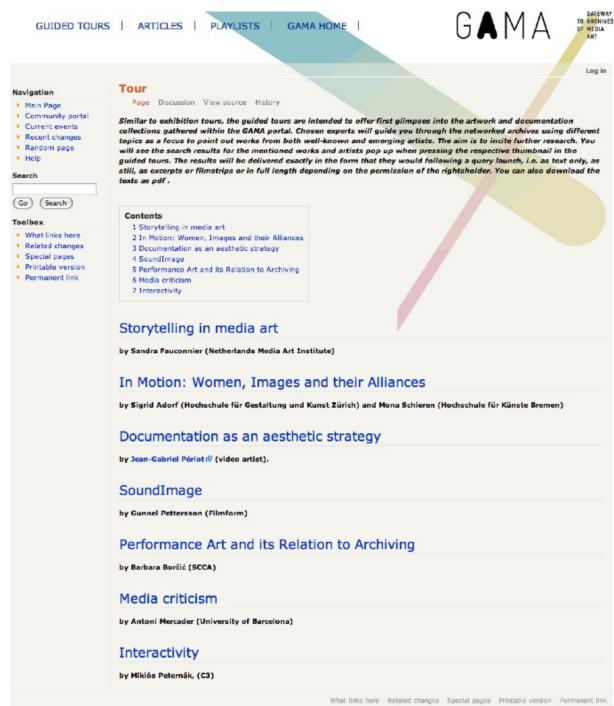




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Video art and cinematic narrative

One by one, a hand places images from magazines in front of the camera lens. The representations evolve: from pages filled with images of ideally athletic men and beautiful women, we move on to unborn babies, childhood innocence, happy mothers, a funeral, a smoking Indian followed by the...more





JUSTE LE TEMPS Robert Cahen Fiction

1983

Heure Exquise!

A landmark for video in the eighties. A fragment from a journey in which metamorphosed landscapes become the actors of a story which, between the lines, tells of the possible meeting between two beings. The limits between the external landscape and the interior of the compartment, between sleep and...more





Split Seconds of Magnificence

Lydia Schouten

InstallationArt

1984 Netherlands Media Art

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'Split seconds of magnificence' can be seen as a turning point in Schouten's work. In this video, not only does she mostly make use of 'real' people rather than self-constructed stereotypes, but also, the characteristics of the performance have practically disappeared. Moreover, the narrative...more





The Legible City

Jeffrey Shaw

InteractiveArt

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'The Legible City' is an interactive installation where a user can ride a stationary bicycle through a simulated representation of an urban setting consisting of computer-generated letters. The real architecture is replaced by one consisting of text, and the journey through this urban...more



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A story of an art collector as remembered by herself in her old age, and as narrated by her friend, a psychoanalyst. Here also, the rich and multi-layered image presents the story of the individual, combining it with different theoretical reflections on the place of art and artist's mission. Words...more





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Storytelling in media art

by Sandra Fauconnier, Netherlands Media Art Institute, July 2009

Storytelling and mass media

Telling stories is a very attractive and universal human activity. Stories usually have strong entertainment value, but can also be used for educational, ethical or political purposes.

Many media artworks do have a narrative focus, trying to tell a story to the viewer, often in an experimental true.

Characteristic for media art is the fact that the work often contains a strong comment on mass media. Most people are nowadays exposed to narratives via cinema and television, which have unconsciously defined our expectations on the nature of entertainment, how a story is told in a filmic way, and have taught us established viewing patterns. Narrative media art attempts to challenge the way we look at mass media. At first sight, media artworks seem hermetic because of this; artists use and play with conventions of storytelling and often turn our expectations about editing, narration and plot development upside down.

1970s: storytelling as media critique

Narrative video art was very rare in the 1970s when media experimentation and critique were more common themes. But several exceptions do exist, for instance, the performative work 'Television, products, etc.' by Servie Janssen from 1975, where the artist creates a pile of clippings from magazines – advertisements for consumer products, but also images referring to birth, life, disease and death. Our mind tries to fill the gaps between the images and creates a unique story all by itself.

1980s: the rise of narrative video

In the 1980s, narrative video art became more prominent; this is partly due to cultural developments, partly to improvements in editing technology. Robert Cahen's 'Juste le Temps' (1983) is still largely an abstract and conceptual work, but it contains narrative elements (the meeting between a woman and a man in a train) that are chosen to underline the temporal structure.

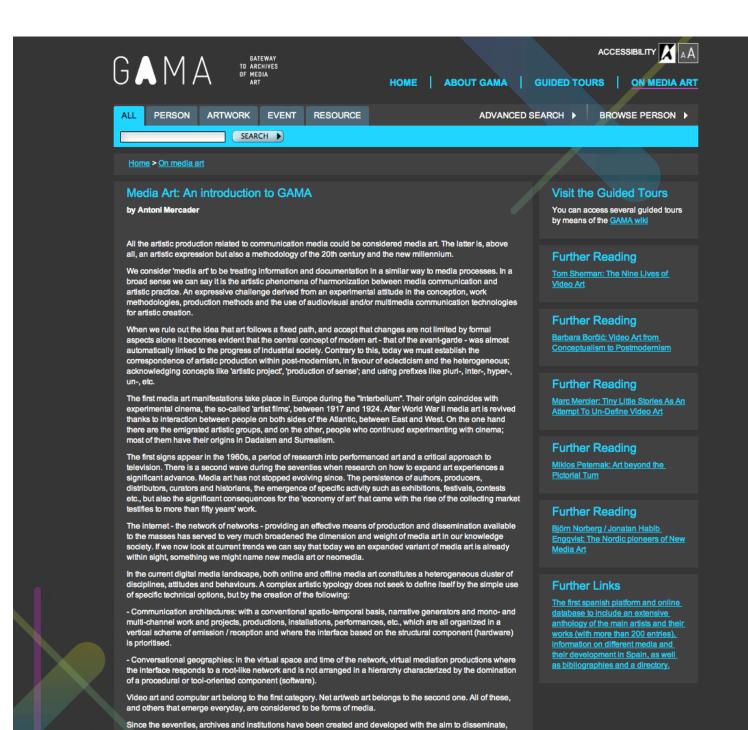
Like many of her contemporaries the Dutch feminist artist Lydia Schouten switched from performance to narrative video art in the 1980s. Her 'Split Seconds of Magnificence' from 1984 features actors for the first time in her oeuvre; text and colouring are used strategically throughout the work. The storyline itself is rather associative and refers to female beauty ideals.

1990s-present: maturity and diversity

From the 1990s on, narrative media art becomes more and more prominent and visible in museums and festivals; at the same time the works become more sophisticated, both artistically and in terms of technology. GAMA

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PORTAL on media art



ON MEDIA ART

Unlike other archive from a very western perspective, this text will give an overview about the complex landscape of media art in eastern and western countries as we have this archives on board. This is a special occasion for doing an analysis of the archives. The text will point out the history and recent developments with examples from the archives. Not to be that general, instead of this give links to existing good texts about the field of media art and its history.

MEDIA ART: AN INTRODUCTION TO GAMA

An introduction to media art and GAMA written by Antonio Mercades. It provides a short introduction to this discipline.

FURTHER READING

Below you can download a text by Tom Sherman: 'The Nine Lives of Video Art' from a lecture held lecture held during the conference

In this article, Tom Sherman defines his position why video art is still a healthy and vivid medium, despite its assaults and threats over its short history of 40 years. The digital revolution transformed analog to digital, linear to non linear, distribution, exhibition and transmission. Today, Video as a vernacular medium has become a people's medium, a decentralized communication tool for the masses, but, among Sherman, there remains still a gap between artists and non artists: aesthetics. As Sherman calls his article the Nine Lives of Video Art he concludes it with the statement that the video artist has to worry about different challenges and provocations, but not about the death of video art.

$MEDIA \ ART_{an \ introduction \ to \ GAMA \ by \ Antoni \ Mercader}$

All the artistic production related to communication media could be considered as Media Art. Art of the media is, above all, an artistic expression but also a methodology of the 20th Century and the new Milennium.

We consider as 'art of the media' or 'Media Art', the kind of proposals that approach information and documentation in a similar way as media processes. It is about a convention that we used to name, in a broad sense, the artistic phenomena of harmonization between media communication and artistic practice. An expressive challenge derived from an experimental attitude in the conception, work methodologies, production methods and the use of audiovisual and/or multimedia communication technologies for artistic creation.

When we rule out the idea that art passes by a fixed path, and we accept that changes are not limited only by formal aspects, we can see that the central concept of modern art – that of the avant-gardes – was associated almost automatically to the progress of the industrial society. In opposition to that, today we must establish the correspondence of artistic production within post-modernism, in favour of eclecticism and the heterogeneous; acknowledging concepts like 'artistic project', 'production of sense'; and using prefixes like pluri-, inter-, hyper-, un-, etc.

The first media art manifestations take place in Europe during the Interbellum. Their origin coincides with experimental cinema, the so-called "artist films", between 1917 and 1924. After World War II media art is recovered thanks to the interaction between both sides of the Atlantic, between East and West. On the one hand there are the emigrated artistic groups, and on the other, people who have kept on experimenting with cinema; most of them arise from Dadaism and Surrealism.

In the sixties, times of research in action and a critical way out of television, the first signs appear. During the seventies, when the research on ways of expansion is one of the most significant advances, a second wave takes place. Media Art hasn't stopped growing since. The persistence of elements like authors, producers, distributors, curators and historians, the appearance of clear activity indicators like expositions, festivals, contests etc., and the significant consequences for the 'economy of art' with the rise of the collecting market, culminates and approves more than half a century's work.

Internet - the network of networks - and its attainable and effective production and diffusion mechanisms have very much broadened the dimension and weight of media art in knowledge

society. Trying to be specific about the present time, we can say that today we are already in view of an expanded variant of media art, in a scope called new media art or neomedia

In the current digital media landscape, both on and off line; media art constitutes a heterogeneous group of disciplines, attitudes and behaviours. A complex artistic typology does not look at defining itself by the simple use of specific technical options, but by the creation of the following:

- Communication Architectures: with a conventional spatio-temporal basis, narrative generators and mono- and multi-channel work and projects, productions, installations, performances, etc., which are all organized in a vertical scheme of emission / reception and where the interface based on the structural component (Hardware) is prioritised.
- Conversational Geographies: in the virtual space and time of the network, virtual mediation productions where the interface responds to a root-like network and is not arranged in a hierarchy characterized by the domination of a procedural or tool-oriented component (Software).

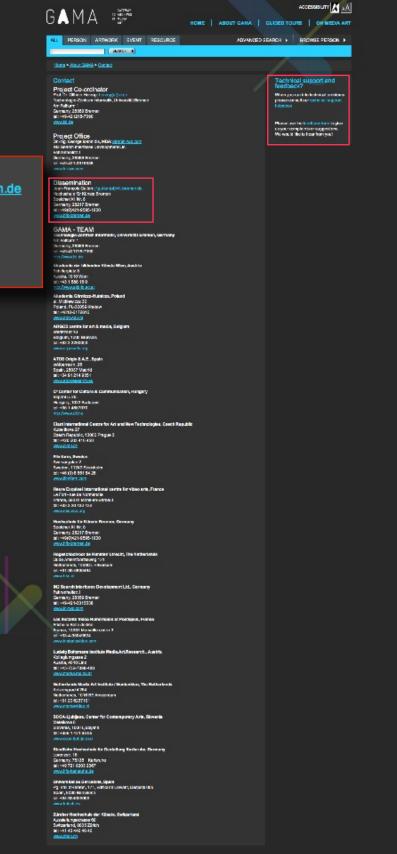
Video art and Computer art belong to the first category. Net art/web art belongs to the second one. All of these, and others that emerge everyday, are considered to be Media Art representations.

Since the seventies, archives and institutions have been created and developed with the aim to disseminate, distribute and preserve Media Art. Initially, these archives and institutions grew around film libraries and film departments in museums. Later on, they started emerging in the fields of video activism and video art and played an important role in conceptual art practices. During the nineties, through mediatheques and in the new media departments of contemporary art museums, which started appearing in an explosive way and were always alert about the audiovisual and multimedia evolution that turn art into heritage in an active way.

Nowadays, the big leap from OFF to ON is occuring. The roles are becoming hybrid, everything is more open, more complex. We wonder if network agents who 'channel' and 'store' may be inevitably taking us to a universal memory of Media Art. GAMA has the intention of contributing to this process.

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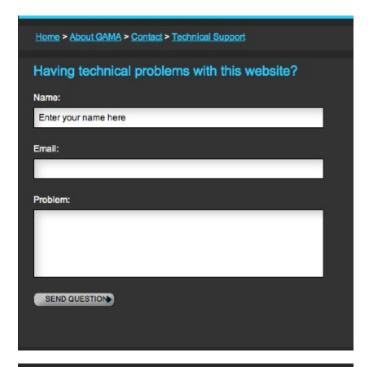


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CENTER FOR COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, UNIVERSITY BRE-MEN, GERMANY

The Technologie-Zentrum Informatik (TZI) is part of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at the Universität Bremen, Germany and is a competitive research and technology transfer unit that has participated during the last years in many European projects with partners both from the industrial and the university research sector. The personnel participating in this project are members of the Artificial Intelligence Research Group and work in the area of image processing. One of the TZI's priorities is the research and development of tools for multimedia indexing and retrieval. TZI comprises "Centres of Excellence" as well as technology departments which complement each other on the basis of application-oriented research. — :www.tzi.de

AKADEMIE DER BILDENDEN KÜNSTE WIEN, AUSTRIA

The Academy of Fine Arts Vienna was founded in 1692 by the court painter Peter Strudel and is thus the oldest academy in Central Europe. In 1998, the Academy finally obtained the legal status of a university but retained its traditional name. Today, the Academy regards itself as an international field for experiments in contemporary art and architecture and as a place where theory and practice, science and art meet. An adequate artistic education is aimed at bridging the division between studio and seminar room and at showing that any artistic creation, every object in space also contains a certain amount of »theory« in its production and reception. — www.akbild.ac.at

AKADEMIA GÓRNICZO-HUTNICZA, POLAND

AGH University of Science and Technology, founded in 1919, is ranked as one of top Polish universities involved in research and education in information technologies. The University consists of 15 Faculties and employs about 2000 faculty members serving nearly 30 000 students within undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing education programmes. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is a part of the Faculty of Electrical, Automatic Control, Computer and Electronic Engineering, and is an important centre for education and research in communications technology focusing on high-speed networking and services to eworld. — www.agh.edu.pl

ARGOS CENTER FOR ART & MEDIA, BELGIUM

Argos is a Brussels based centre for art and media that was founded in 1989. Over the years the organisation has developed from a distributor of artists' video and film into a broader art centre incorporating also functions as exhibitions, screenings and events, production, conservation and preservation, publishing and the development of a public media library. argos has the largest Belgian collection of audio-visual works (mainly film and video works) made by artists, containing over 3,500 titles created by Belgian and international artists of different generations. — www.argosarts.org

ATOS ORIGIN S.A.E.

Atos Origin is a major international IT services company. The company's annual revenues are more than EUR 5 billion and it employs 47,000 people in 50 countries. The capacity to steer efficiently from the smallest internet web page to the whole software system of the Olympic Games since Barcelona 1992 is reflected in every single project in which Atos Origin has been involved. This ability has converted this company in the European leader and the world key player that it is now. Atos Origin is a founding member of the European Technology Platform NESSI (Networked European Software and Services Initiative). The R&D+I department is composed of units specialised in different fields and applications such as e-learning, e-business, e-government, e-security, e-health, biotechnologies, GIS and Environmental Applications, Grid systems and software service unit specialised in semantics. — www.atosresearch.eu

C3 CENTER FOR CULTURE & COMMUNICATION FOUNDATION, HUNGARY

C³ Center for Culture & Communication Foundation is an NGO, a non-profit institution, its main focus being the fostering of meetings and co-operation among spheres of art, science and technology. C³ accomplishes research and developmental activities in the intermedial and interdisciplinary domains of media and visual culture: Production, presentation, dissemination and preservation of electronic media arts and culture (Interactive installations, experimental multimedia, net-art); Web content development - Contemporary (media) art collection, archive, documentation. — www.c³.hu

CIANT INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ART AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES, CZECH RE-PUBLIC

CIANT has been active since 1998 at the international level in the field of culture, education and research related to new technologies. CIANT is an independent non-profit organisation that initiates and supports partnerships with individuals as well as institutions having a background intersecting art, science and technology. CIANT operates an art laboratory focused on the innovative experiments with and development of interactive media. — www.ciant.cz

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FILMFORM, SWEDEN

FILMFORM is a foundation dedicated to the promotion, distribution and preservation of Swedish art film and experimental video. FILMFORM is the oldest existing organization in Sweden devoted to film and video art. It is often engaged as an advisor to museums, galleries, universities and festivals. The FILMFORM collection includes titles from 1924 till today. FILMFORM is supported by the Ministry of Culture through the Arts Grants Committee. — www.filmform.com

HEURE EXQUISE! INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR VIDEO ARTS, FRANCE

Created in 1975, Heure Exquise! is specialized in the promotion of video art and documentary film. Starting with an essentially creative project, Heure Exquise! has progressively set up its activities of distribution, preservation, screenings and documentation in art video and electronic arts. — www.heure-exquise.org

HOCHSCHULE FÜR KÜNSTE BREMEN, GERMANY

The academic pillars of the University of the Arts Bremen are music, art, design and theory. Within Germany, the special combination of the music and visual arts department beneath one roof can only be found at the University of the Arts Bremen and the College of Art Berlin. Recent developments in interplay in the fields of art and music (like video art, new media, digital media, auditory design) emphasised the good sense of this fecund affiliation of disciplines. — www.hfk-bremen.de

HOGESCHOOLVOOR DE KUNSTEN UTRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS

The Utrecht School of the Arts offers preparatory courses, bachelor and masters programmes and research degrees in fine art, design, music, theatre, media, games and interaction, arts education and arts management. With around 3,500 students, the Utrecht School of the Arts is one of the largest art and culture-oriented universities of applied sciences in Europe. — www.hku.nl

IN2 SEARCH INTERFACES DEVELOPMENT LTD., GERMANY

IN2 provides beyond the current state of the art solutions and services to search, explore, experience, innovate, access and interface of multimedia content. Our mission is to support libraries, broadcasting archives, and multimedia content repositories to become full service information providers and turn their digital content into digital assets. IN2's technologies are licensed to third party media asset management solution providers and for their excellence they have been awarded the "Innovationspreis 2007 ITK" in Germany. We work closely with top universities and are actively shaping European funded research in the fields of digital libraries, technology enhanced learning, eInclusion and intelligent content. — www.in-two.com

LES INSTANTS VIDÉO NUMÉRIQUES ET POÉTIQUES, FRANCE

Les Instants Vidéo Numériques et Poétiques organize every year since 1988 an international video and media arts festival which takes place mainly in Marseille, France but also 15 other towns in 6 countries, in a nomadic way. Many other screenings, workshops and conferences take place all year long internationally. The festival's on-line archive comprises a collection of more than 3000 entries by 1900 artists. More than a mere catalogue it is also an open virtual space for new kinds of encounters between artists, art works and new audiences. www.instantsvideo.com

LUDWIG BOLTZMANN INSTITUTE MEDIA.ART.RESEARCH., AUSTRIA

The institute was founded in 2005 to develop strategies to document, describe and preserve works of digital and media art. Ludwig Boltzmann Society (the national Austrian research society), University of Art and Industrial Design Linz, Ars Electronica Center and Lentos Museum of Art Linz constitute the partner consortium of the Institute. The Institute's mission is to archive, publish and perform scholarly work on media art and related media theory including the extensive holdings of the Ars Electronica Archive. Since 1979 the Ars Electronica Archive, over a period of 25 years, documents outstanding works of cyberart from Ars Electronica Festival and Prix Ars Electronica. — media.lbg.ac.at/en

NETHERLANDS MEDIA ART INSTITUTE / MONTEVIDEO, THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands Media Art Institute (NIMk) presentation department focuses on showing media art and organising exhibitions. Since the founding of the NIMk (1978) an extensive collection of video and media art has been assembled, to which new works are continually being added. In order to promote a wide public knowledge of media art, the NIMk carries on an active distribution and dissemination policy. The NIMk supports research by artists into the use of new media in the visual arts. Artists can be brought into contact with one another, collaborate, experiment, and create new work. Since 1992 the NIMk has developed into a centre of expertise for the conservation of media art. These provide a varied selection for various target audiences, including the general public, secondary schools, art academies and specialised groups such as artists, art historians and conservators. — www.montevideo.nl

SCCA-LJUBLJANA. CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS, SLOVENIA

SCCA Center for Contemporary Arts Ljubljana is a non-governmental and non-profit organisation. Our objective is to produce, stimulate and mediate innovative artistic and interpretative practices and to encourage international links between them. We provide the participants and users of contemporary art with knowledge, tools and skills necessary for emancipated and reflected operation within the art system. Our activities trigger discursive and social practices, which are quite rare in our public space, showing that intellectual and social effects of artistic practices are a strategically essential element in the present situation. — www.scca-ljubljana.si/infoengl.htm

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STAATLICHE HOCHSCHULE FÜR GESTALTUNG KARLSRUHE, GERMANY

Along with the Center for Art and Media Karlsruhe (ZKM) the University of Arts and Design Karlsruhe (HfG) was founded in 1992 and offers the following subjects (diploma): Scenography/ Exhibition Design, Communication Design, Media Art and Product Design as well as Theory and History of Arts/ Media Theory, Philosophy and Aesthetics. The HfG sets its emphasis on relating art in its traditional form with latest media technology, practical work experience and recently developed aesthetics. International artists are involved and projects are open to all students working together within the different disciplines. — solaris.hfg-karlsruhe.de/hfg/inhalt/de/Hochschule

UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA, SPAIN

The University of Barcelona (UB) is a public institution that distributes training in several fields and areas in both undergraduate and graduate levels. This includes departments of continuous and professional education as well as distance education. The Laboratory of Interactive Media (LMI) is the multimedia support centre for the UB quality research group "VALL Comunication_Art_Education". The relevant research is currently being carried out and planned by VALL. Our expertise as a research group, supported by the LMI covers roughly any field related to e-learning and digital media: web design for education, e-learning content providing, user and interface evaluation, usability and audio-visual elements on the web, and digital video for education. — www.lmi.ub.es

ZÜRCHER HOCHSCHULE DER KÜNSTE, SWITZERLAND

The ZHdK was founded in 2007 combining the University of Theatre and Music (HMT) and the University of Art and Design (HGKZ). It is one of Europe's biggest art schools and offers the following Bachelor degrees: Design, Film, Theatre, Media and Fine Arts, Music, Music Performance, Arts and Design Education and postgraduate studies including a Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) and Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS). The concept of the ZHdK is regionally positioned but at the same time it lays its emphasis on international and high quality educational and scientific training and further multidisciplinary projects which are also open to the public. — www.zhdk.ch



