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Select Live Art Actions

- 2016 **Gallina Negra**, Better Than The Alternative, Thomas Young Gallery, Boston Ma 5/14
Interdimensional Psychic Apparatus, Rapid Pulse 5, DFBRL8R, Chicago IL. 6/5
Primal Void, Tempting Failure 5, London, UK. 7/27
- 2015 **Obscurus Fidem**, Foster Prize Exhibition, The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston MA
La Puerta Muerta, Link & Pin, Montreal QC
- 2014 **En Ti Confio**, #2 Venice International Performance Art Week, Venice Italy
DATEOTR, Jeff Huckleberry: Things About Rainbows, Mills Gallery BCA, Boston Ma
o+*: **Doom Picchu**, commissioned by LUMEN 2014, Atlantic Salt, Staten Island, Ny
Grant Me Entry mobius INFUSE, Boston University 808 Gallery, Boston MA
Berraco Santo Manto, w/ Alice Vogler @ Grace Exhibition Space, Brooklyn NY
J V*: **TACTIC @ LONG-TERM**, part of LINK & PIN performance series, Toronto On
- 2013 **Dead Mans Trash**, Mobius, Cambridge MA
Black Bag Job 3: Smell the Darkness, Mobius, Cambridge MA
Black Bag Job 2: Cleansing HELL, Various Small Flames, Chelsea NY
J V*: **POACH w Jeff Huckleberry**, The Biennial Of Performance Art ,The Quarry, Acton MA
The Brightest Star, Perform Chinatown, Los Angeles Ca
o+*: **Vast Mystic Mecca Void**, Anthoney Greaney Gallery, Boston MA
Alien Visions, A New Cosmic Mix: Now In 5D, Live Vj & sound mix, Museum of Science Planetarium, Boston MA
- 2012 **o+***: **sludge MOUNTAIN**, Grace Exhibition Space, Brooklyn NY
Backwards Copal Burn, Global Performance Art Walks, Boston MA
Black Bag Job @ RELATED QUALITIES OF PRESENCE, Darling Foundry, Montreal CA
TWO-FACE VALUE (live video), Spirited Money Issue, Fourth Wall, Boston MA
Phototrop w/ Jesse Kaminsky, White Walls Boston, Boston MA
GCM*: **ART-if-ACTS**, Museum of Fine Arts Boston MA
GCM*: **range'o'range**, Franklin Pierce University NH
J V*: **CamoLand. Together Festival/ AMALGAMATE**, Boston MA
Shadow Initiation Spell (13hr installation action), Harbor Gallery University of Massachusetts, Boston MA
- 2011 **Accumulation Action 1,2 &3**, Video @ Eudoro Cape Town Film Festival, Cape Town South Africa
J V*: **Time Eaters: Ratchet**, Grace Exhibition Space, Brooklyn NY
J V*: **Hungry Ghost**, Holy Ghost Montserrat College of Art, Beverly MA
GOLDEN DOOR, Living Walls Performance Festival, Albany NY
EGO Shadow, Close Distance, Installation 5 part performance, Mills Gallery, Boston MA
Tree of Death, Lumen Festival of Video and Performance Art, Staten Island NY
GOLDend HEX, Grace Exhibition Space, Brooklyn NY
SKIDOO, 23 hr alteration, MEME Gallery, Boston MA
Una Bendicion de Oro, Front Ground Gallery, Merida Mexico
HomerLUPE, Da Burn Gallery, Merida Mexico
- 2010 **LA LA TOTEM**, Lumen Festival, Atlantic salts. Staten Island, NYC
Santo TOONMON, Transmuted, San Luis Potosi, Mexico
Mythical Bird MAN, Yard Sale @ mobius, Boston MA
GCM*: **Mirror Mantra 2**, 57 Delle Space, Roxbury, MA
J V*: **Coffin 4 2**, QAU1 #1 MEME Gallery, Boston MA
J V*: **Time Eaters Wedge**, Fnord Box, Boston MA
NOX (O)*: 8 DOORS, Streets of L.A., Los Angeles CA
- 2009 **Fantasy Buddha**, 10th Open festival of Performance Art, Beijing, China
Accumulation, MEME Gallery, Cambridge MA
Magnetic North, Effectus, Boston MA
GCM*: **Electron City**, MEME Gallery, Cambridge MA
GCM*: **Shiny Object**, 381 Congress St, Boston MA
GCM*: **Campfire Story** Magapolis Festival, Boston MA
- 2008 **Buddhey**, Mobilize Series, mobius, Boston MA
GCM*: **1440** mobius Boston MA
Anthill of Mental Honey, Limitless Pledge, 8th High Mayhem Emerging Arts Festival Santa Fe, NM

- 2007 *A Gods Shadow*, Performance Interventions, Stencils NESAD, Boston, MA
Tube-Manifestation TEST 11, Boston MA
GCM*: *Mirror Mantra*, Studio SOTO, Boston MA
GCM*: *GameShow The Game*, mobius Boston MA
JV*: *Nothing*, TREMOR 4, mobius Boston MA
- 2006 *12 Stations of the Tribal Bible*, Performance/Installation, Elapse, Boston MA
SOID-DOG, Tremor Bogotá, Mapa Teatro, Bogotá Colombia
Absolute Repent, Contaminate festival of performance art, Midway Studios, Boston MA
GCM*: *Paradise Hell*, TEST, Boston MA
GCM*: *Ritual DATA*, Pulse Point, Boston MA
JV*: *Trap #2*, Mobius International Festival of Performance Art Boston, MA
JV*: *TRAP*, Seconds, Boston M.A.
JV*: *Blacke*, A Mobius night of Performance Art, Studio Soto, Boston MA
NOX (O)*: *Interruption Zone*, Mobius International Festival of Performance, Boston, MA
NOX (O)*: *Desert Hueyas* 6th High Mayhem Emerging Arts Festival, Santa Fe, NM
NOX (O)*: *Super S.W.A.T. Shamans from Alcion*, Tremor Bogotá, Colombia
- 2005 *Magic Chopping Hummingbird*, Live Sound Art, Mobius Art Rages, Boston, MA
NOX (O)*: *Picnic 2005*, Test 6, MassArt, Boston, MA
NOX (O)*: *Tlaltecuhтли Testament*, Tremor II, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ
- 2004 *Wind Tremor*, MCH Tremor I, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ
NOX (O)*: *Tlaltecuhтли Transform/Transport*, Tremor, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ
- 2003 **JV***: *Dominate/Heal*, TEST, Boston, MA
Oracle Box, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Mobius Art Rages, Boston, MA
NOX (O)*: *Tlaltecuhтли Transmission*, Five Myles Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2002 *Calipso Shave*, Tiny Arts Presents, Allston, MA
Sniper Culture, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Mobius Art Rages, Boston, MA
The Naglfar, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Mobius Art Rages, Boston, MA
- 2001 *The Orange Room*, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Mobius Art Rages, Boston, MA
Every Day, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, 3-Day'S Mobius, Boston, MA
- 2000 *Circle of Sin*, Fenway Park, Boston, MA
Casa Blanca, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Mobius Art Rages, Boston, MA
JV*: *Bloody Banana*, Pan9, Boston, MA
JV*: *Sweeping Through Boston*, Downtown Crossing, Boston, MA
Day Of The Dead, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Mobius Haunted House, Boston, MA
NOX (O)*: *Operation Goddess II*, Looking Glass Gallery, Tuscaloosa, AL
NOX (O)*: *Operation Goddess I*, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 1999 *7 nailed Fish*, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Mexican Wrestler on Vacation, Downtown Boston, MA
- 1997 **NOX (O)***: *Powdered Milk*, Guerilla Theater, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 1996 **NOX (O)***: *Samadhi*,
Guerilla Theater, Tuscaloosa, AL

Art Exhibitions *One Language is Never Enough*, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg MA 2014
Insider Outsider, Lincoln arts projects, Waltham MA 2013
TWO-FACE VALUE, Video piece, Fourth Wall Gallery, Boston MA 2012
Close Distance, group show Boston Center for the Arts, Mills Gallery, Boston MA 2011
X me Lab, NEGLAA solo show, Boston MA 2010
Mouth Full of Rubies, group show, 57 DELL Space, Boston MA 2009
BOXES, group show, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston MA 2001
Object Seeds, solo show, The Prodigal Son, Hyannis MA 1998
Death's Rebirth, group show, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa AL 1997

Bibliography

[A New Cosmic Mix: Now In 5D](#), Art New England, May 10, 2013
[Performance art is thriving](#) in Boston, Cate McQuaid, March 21, 2013
[WHITE WALLS BOSTON](#), GODBLED, V-E-L-L-U-M, July 7, 2012, v-e-l-l-u-m.com
[Mobile art series hits Boston's streets](#), Eric Magnuson, The Art Newspaper, July 2, 2012, theartnewspaper.com
[Boston art truck launches summer series](#), Stephanie Steinberg, The Boston Globe, July 07,

2012, bostonglobe.com

[Motion pictures: Art truck brings 'White Walls Boston' exhibit to the streets](#), Tenley Woodman, The Boston Herald, June 30, 2012, bostonherald.com

"Close Distance " by Anulfo Baez, The Evolving Critic [link](#)

"IN THE X ME LAB WITH VELA PHELAN" by Matthew Nash, Big Red & Shiny issue [#126](#)

"X me LAB @ NEGLAA", Review by Sandrine Schaefer, Big Red and Shiny issue [#125](#)

"Boston Takes China:" by Thomas Bird Big, Red, and Shiny [issue#113](#)

Art Papers -Contaminate3 2008

"Music-Disorientation" Weekly Dig, Oct. 31, Dig This! 2007

"A Journey from Techno to Mellow" by Cate McQuaid, Boston Globe, August 16, 2007

"Degrees of Disorder," by Patricia Sauthoff, Santa fe Reporter, Santa Fe, NM, October 11, 2006

Selected Grants/Awards

Foster Prize. Institute of Contemporary Art Boston Ma, 2015

Boston Phoenix's Best of Boston, Best Gallery , MEME Gallery, Cambridge, MA 2010

LEF Contemporary Art Fund, Boston, MA 2008

Artist Talks

Venice Performance Art Week, Venice Italy 2015

Close Distance, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston MA 2011

Affiliations

MEME Gallery Co-Founder and Co-Curator 2009-2011

Temple of Messages Co-founder 2000-present

Mobius Artist Group Member 2006-2008

Co-Producer of TEST performance art events 2003-2007

Curatorial Work

Time Body Space Objects 4, Spectacle Island, Boston Ma 2015

Time Body Space Objects 3, Defibrillator Chicago, IL 2014

NEAR DEATH performance art experience, Boston Center for The arts Cyclorama 2013

MEME Gallery co founder and co director Boston Ma, 2009-2011

Contaminate III, Festival of performance art, Midway Studios, Boston, Ma, 2008

Contaminate II, Festival of performance art, Midway Studios Café Space, Boston, Ma, 2007

Contaminate I , Festival of performance art, Midway Studios Space, Boston, Ma, 2006

TEST 2 - 10 performance art events, Boston MA, 2002-2007

Tremor Festival 2 - 3, Bogota, Colombia 2005-2006

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