

artistic exploration

IMPOSSIBLE WORLDS

that can never be reached by the limited body of human being

main interests

DISAPPEARANCE

: things only be seen when they disappear

methodologies

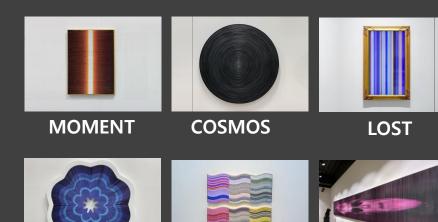
FOLDING & UNFOLDING

expression type

Realistic Abstract

signature types of artworks

Folding types



WAVE

THIN

BLOSSOM

Unfolding types



RELATION

JEON BYEONG SAM'S ARTIST STATEMENT: Things that can only be seen when they disappear

I have been longing for 'impossible worlds' that can never be reached by the limited body of human being. The impossible worlds I imagine mainly include the n-dimensional world that transcends time and space; the hyper-macro world beyond the solar system and our galaxy; the ultra-micro world that is in front of my eyes but cannot observe its existence itself; and the world before birth or after extinction of existence. The reason why I am interested in the impossible worlds is that the more I imagine such worlds, paradoxically, the more I look back at this society and ourselves. The moment we encounter the most fundamental question about human beings and existence, we realize what a valuable gift our finite life is. Ultimately, these thoughts become the most important driving force for my creative activities.

My main interest is to study impossible worlds and to continuously turn the results of these investigations into works of art. Those who appreciate my artwork may not be able to directly experience a certain impossible world, but I think just imagining it through my artwork will be a meaningful challenge. Disappearance is a necessary process to leave for the impossible world. The experience of 'disappearing' becomes the most important gateway to understanding the unknown world.

I create numerous windows connecting this world and the world of the impossible by expressing 'disappearance' in various ways in my artwork. There are two main methods devised to express 'disappearance' in the work: 'folding' and 'unfolding'. 'Folding' is a method of inducing the imagination of the remaining invisible parts by folding a photo of an object so that only a part of the shape is visible. 'Unfolding' is to induce a new visual experience by reducing and spreading a huge object such as the earth that cannot be seen as a whole at a glance like a map.

Humans are imperfect and finite beings. The experience of 'disappearing' seems to have nothing to do with us, but in the end, we all must remember that one day we will all disappear. *Everything in this world disappears. Nations, industries, cultures, peoples, materials, ideologies, and* languages will all disappear one day. And we ourselves disappear in due time. Disappearance is not the end, but a new beginning. Perhaps imagining impossible worlds through disappearance is a journey to find the true self.

전병삼 작가 노트 : 사라짐으로서 비로소 보이는 것들

나는 인간의 제한된 육체로 결코 도달할 수 없는 '불가능의 세계'를 동경해 왔습니다. 내가 상상하는 불가능의 세계는 시간과 공간을 초월한 n차원의 세계 부터, 태양계와 우리 은하 너머의 초 거시 세계, 눈 앞에 있으나 존재 자체를 관찰할 수 없는 초 미시 세계, 탄생 이전의 세계와 소멸 이후의 세계 등을 주로 포함합니다. 내가 불가능의 세계에 관심을 갖는 이유는 그러한 세계를 상상하면 할수록 역설적이게도 우리가 살고 있는 지금 이 세상과 우리 자신을 더욱 깊게 되돌아보기 때문입니다. 인간과 존재에 대한 가장 근원적인 물음을 만나는 순간, 우리에게 주어진 유한한 삶이 얼마나 값진 선물인지 알게 됩니다. 결국 이러한 생각이 나의 창작 활동에 가장 중요한 원동력이 되고 있습니다.

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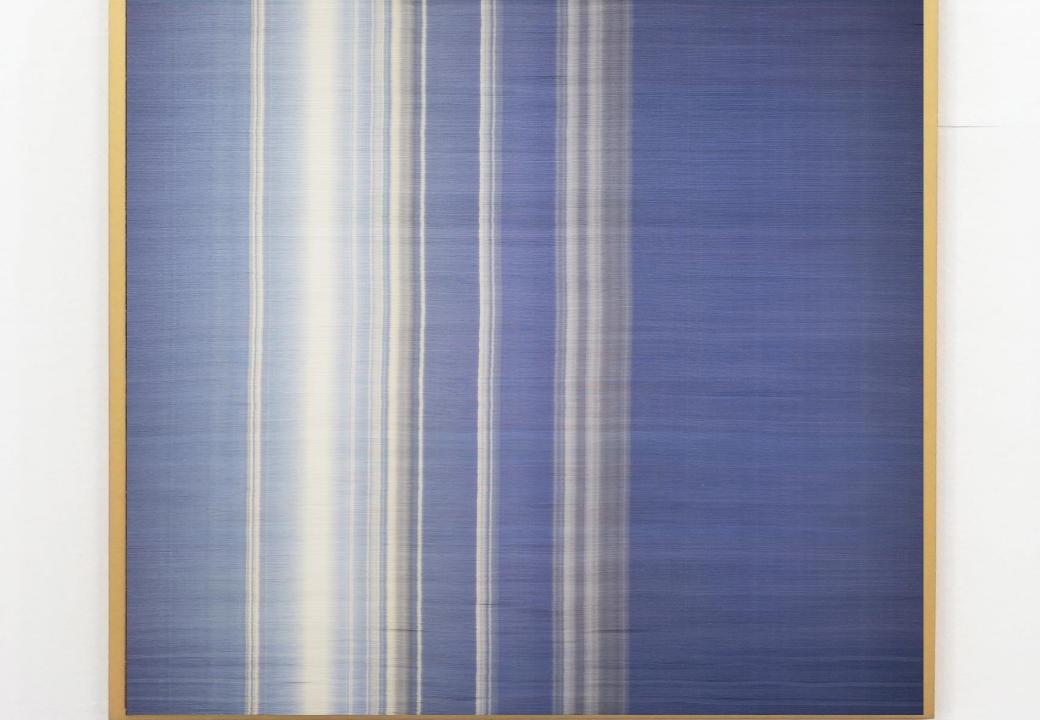
나는 예술작품 속에 다양한 방식으로 '사라짐'을 표현함으로써 이세상과 불가능의 세계를 잇는 수많은 창(窓)을 만드는 일을 하고있습니다. 작품 속에서 '사라짐'을 표현하기 위해 고안한 방법은 크게두가지로 '접기'와 '펼치기' 입니다. '접기'는 대상의 사진을 접어서형상의 일부분만 보이도록 하여 나머지 안보이는 부분을 상상하도록유도하는 방식이고, '펼치기'는 지구와 같이 한 번에 전체를 볼 수 없는거대한 대상을 지도처럼 한눈에 보이도록 작게 축소하고 펼쳐놓음으로써 새로운 시각적 경험을 유도하는 것입니다.

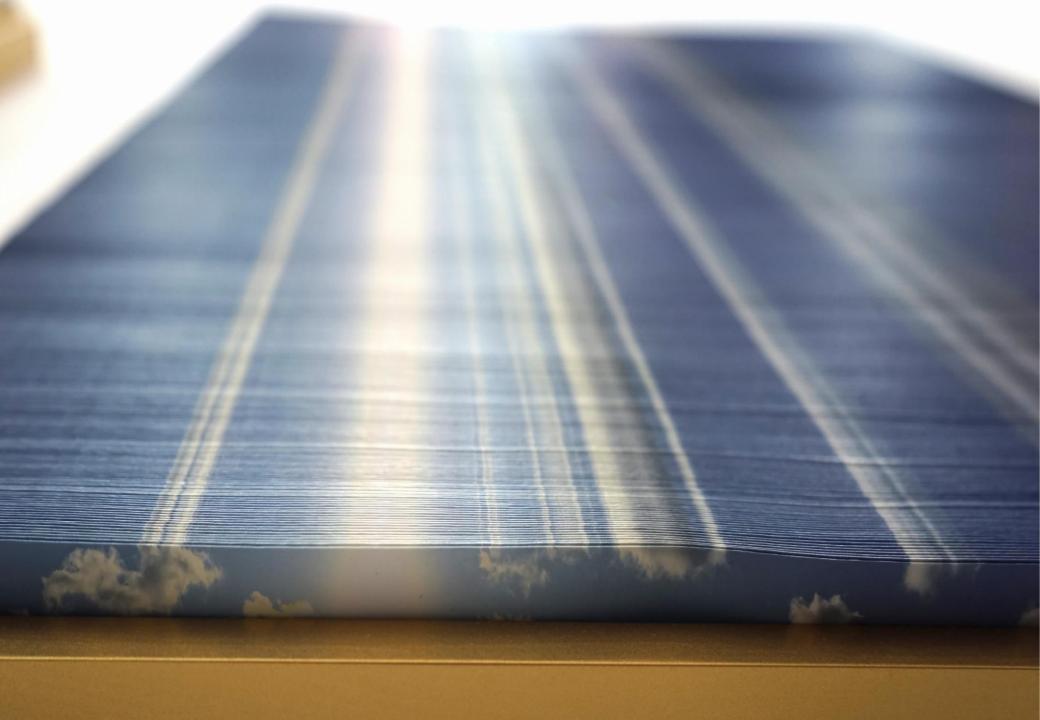
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MOMENT

Capturing the very moment that transcends time and space









MOMENT: Mitra's Ranch in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines Stacking approx. 2000 copies of photos folded in half, w180 x h100 x d7 (cm), 2019









MOMENT: Me Wearing a Quarantine Mask in front of a Bus in Red Stacking approx. 2000 copies of photos folded in half, w180 x h100 x d7 (cm), 2020

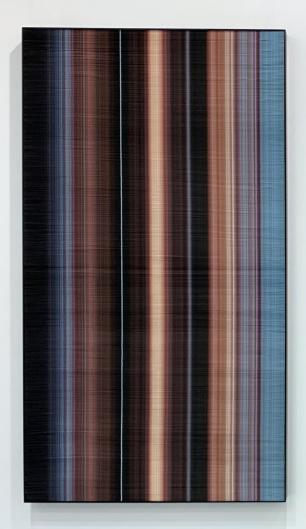


MOMENT: The Main Entrance to the Niah Caves, Sarawak, Malaysia Stacking approx. 2000 copies of photos folded in half, w180 x h100 x d7 (cm), 2020



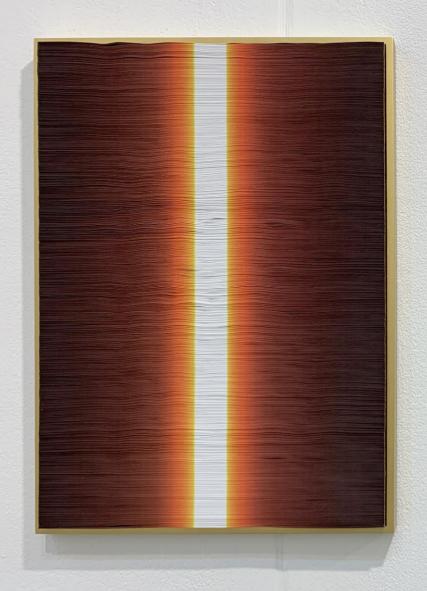






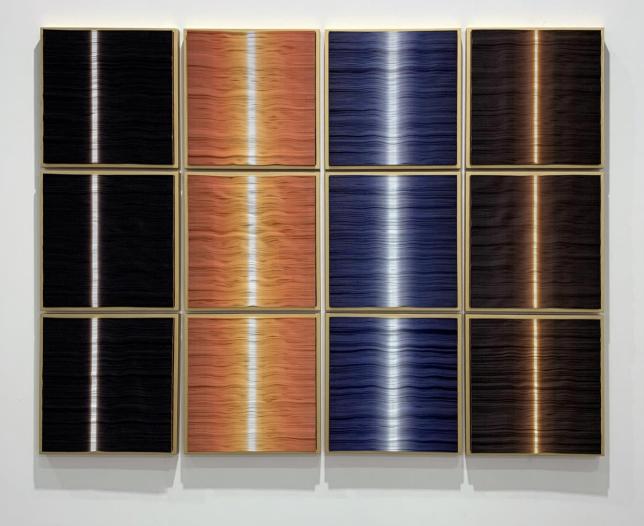


MOMENT: Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa
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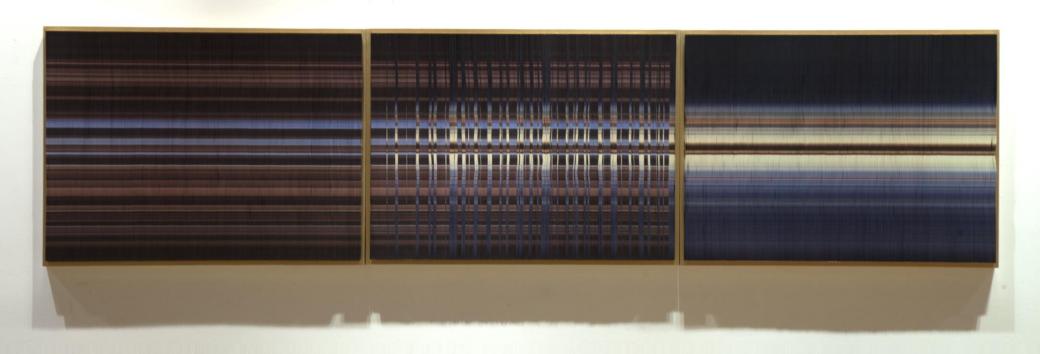


MOMENT: Sunset and Midday Sun
Stacking approx. 1000 copies of photos folded in half, w55 x h70 x d4 (cm) each, 2018



MOMENT: Moon, Sunrise, Midday Sun, and Sunset)
Stacking approx. 500 copies of photos folded in half, w35 x h35 x d4 (cm) each, 2018















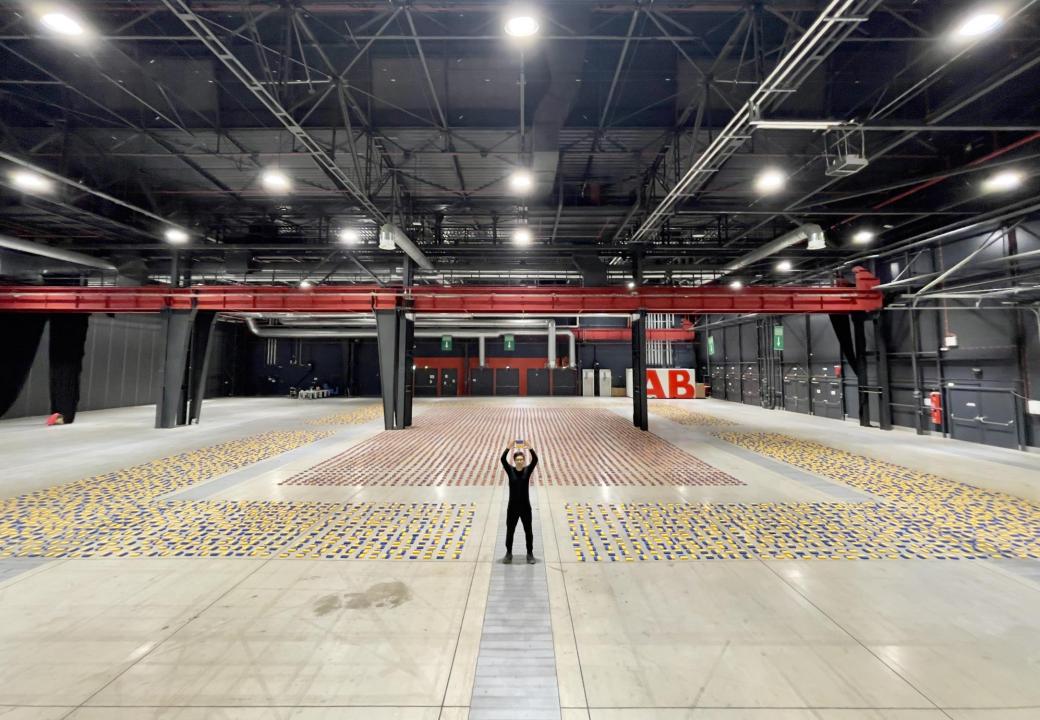












COSMOS

Rolling up the very moment that transcends time and space













COSMOS: The Rain Forest and the Blue Sky at Ulu Temburong National Park, Brunei Rolling up 5000 copies of photos folded in half, 210 cm in diameter, 2019









COSMOS: My 45 Loved Ones
Rolling up approx. 10000 copies of photos folded in half, 288 cm in diameter, 2021





COSMOS: Hawking, Freud, Nelson, Mao, Dalai Lama, Hitler, Warhol, Sagan, Che, Freddie, Max, Gandi, Jobs, Monroe, Teresa, John Paul II, and Martin Luther King
Rolling up approx. 1800 copies of photos folded in half, 98 cm in diameter, 2019



COSMOS: A Lightning Bug on the Iwahig River, Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines Rolling up approx. 2000 copies of photos folded in half, 125 cm in diameter, 2019



COSMOS: Angela Merkel in front of the German Flag
Rolling up approx. 2000 copies of photos folded in half, 118 cm in diameter, 2019



COSMOS: Khalifa Al Nahyan in front of the Flag of the United Arab Emirates Rolling up approx. 2000 copies of photos folded in half, 121 cm in diameter, 2019







BLOSSOM

When we leave this world, we will become beautiful flowers regardless of our race, ethnicity, nationality, class, religion, gender, language, age, health or other status.





















BLOSSOM 120x120 on Stacking Protest Fortest in Half















UNFOLD

Unfolding time and space





UNFOLD: La La Land

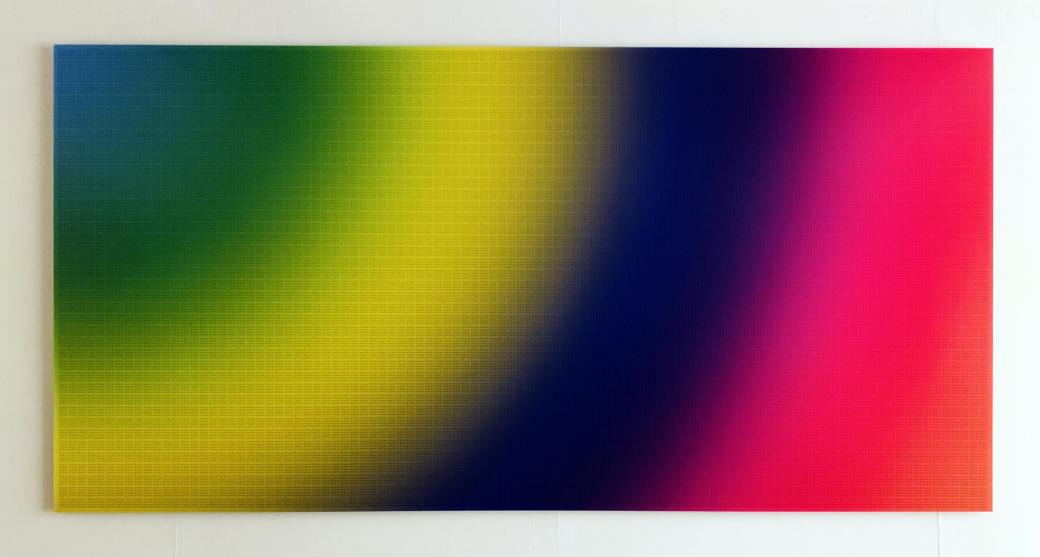
Archival pigment ink on smooth French paper, Unfolding all the frames of the entire movie of La La Land, w242 x h149 (cm), 2020

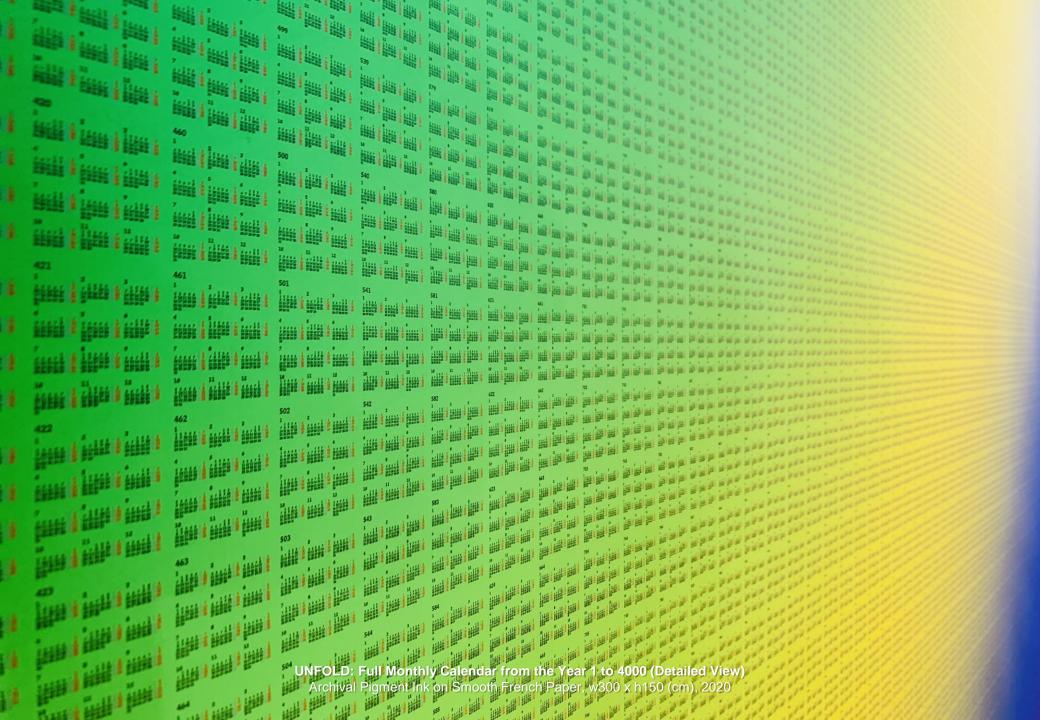


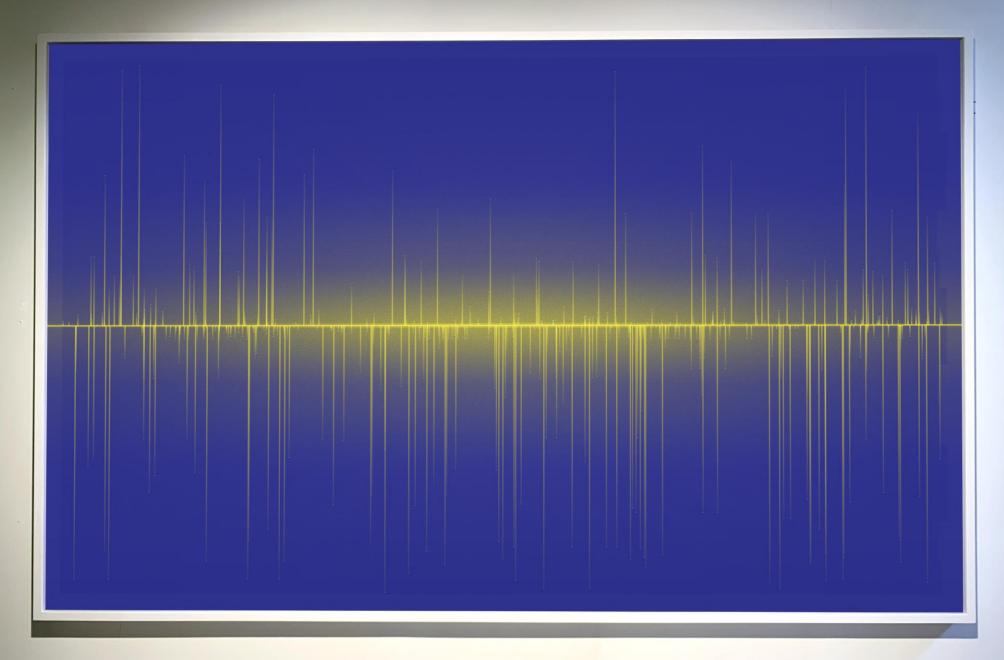


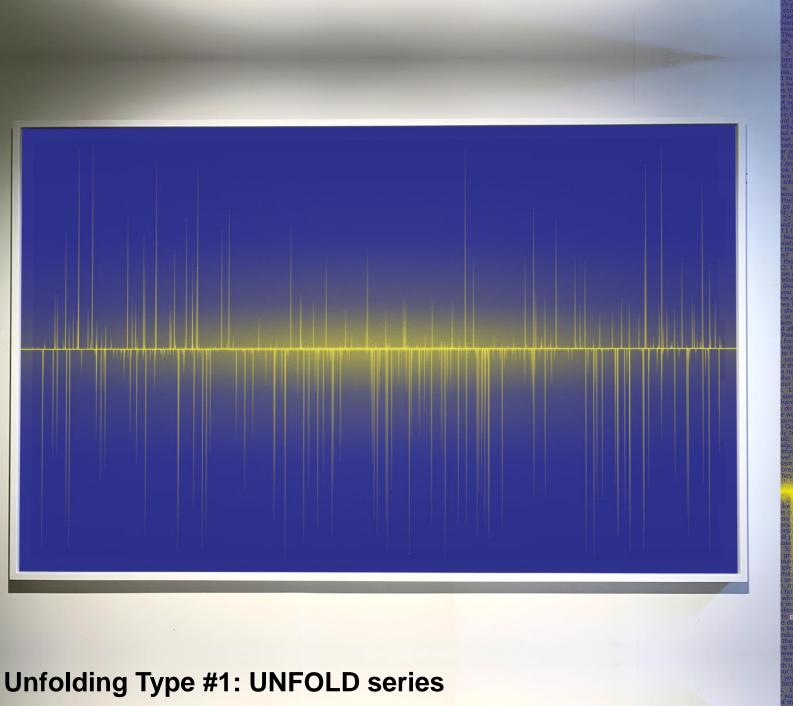










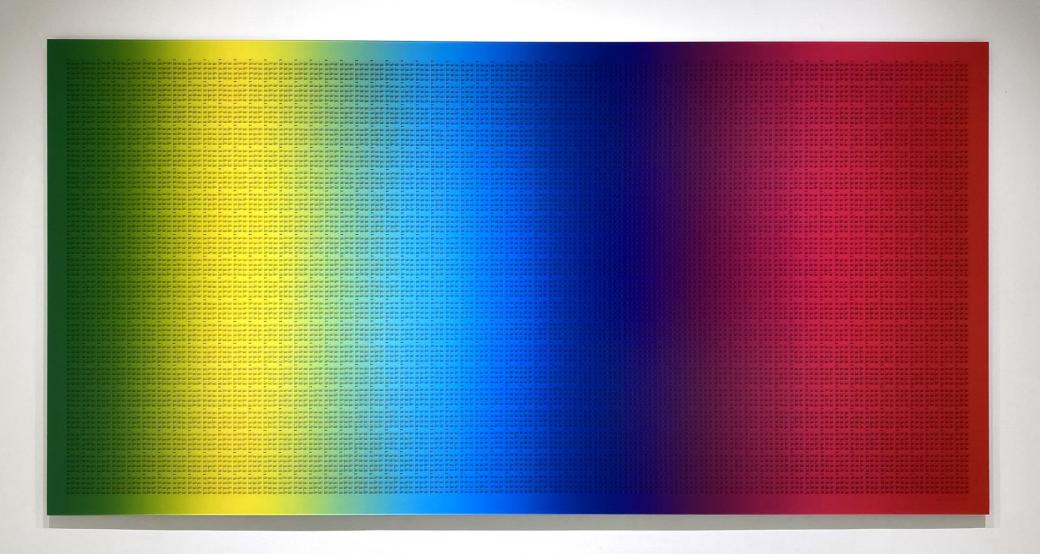


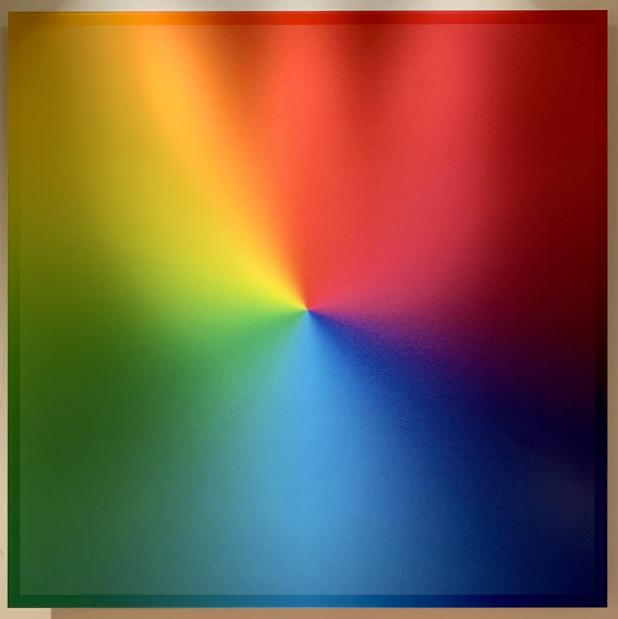
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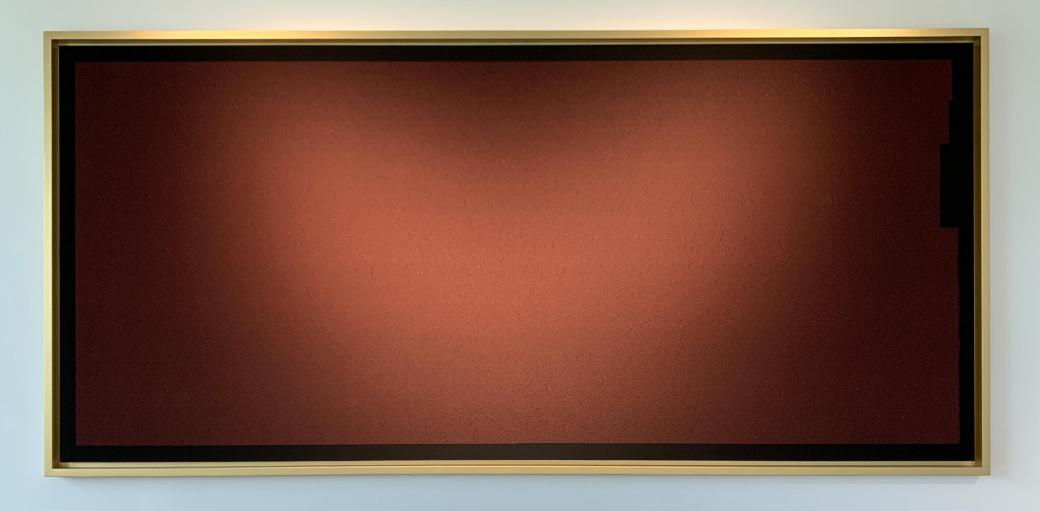


UNFOLD: One Million Digits of Pi Archival Pigment Ink on Smooth French Paper, w150 x h150 (cm), 2020

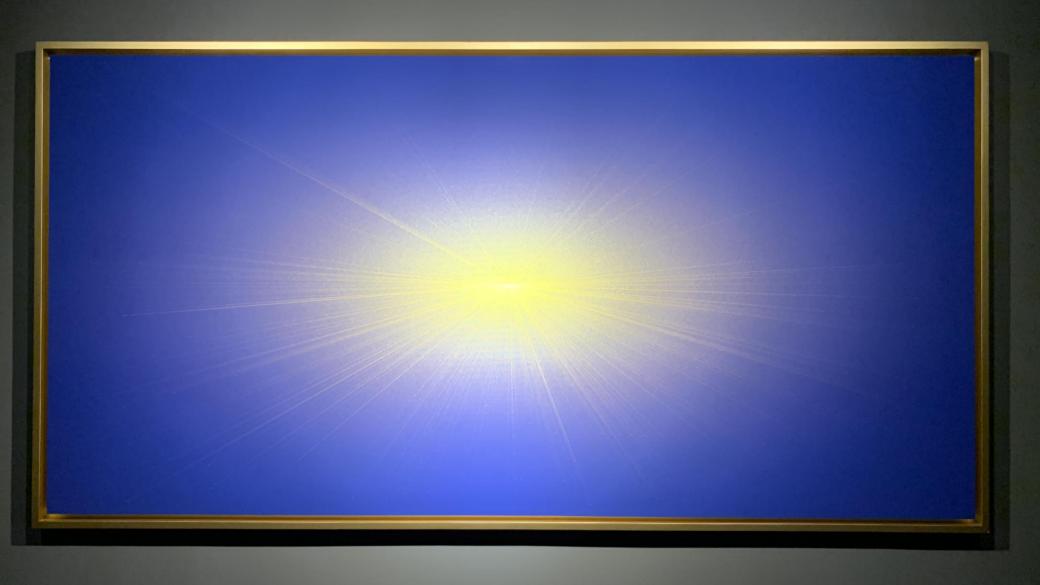
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UNFOLD: All lights in the Korean Bible
Archival pigment ink on smooth French paper, Unfolding the entire texts of the Korean Bible, and searching all the word 'light' in it, w244 x h122 (cm), 2019

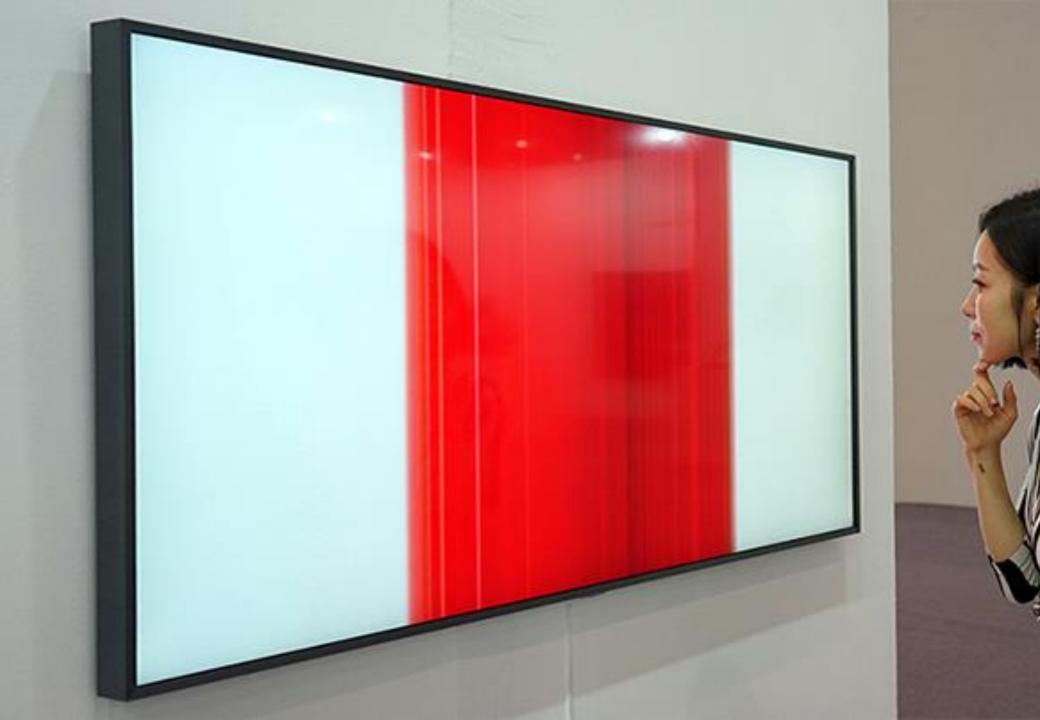




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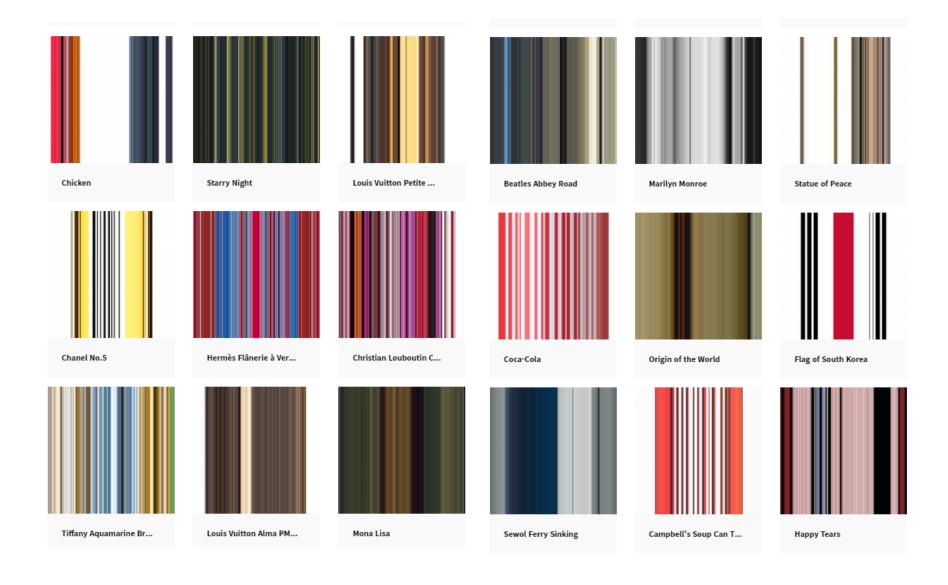
Deconstructing very moments, and Unfolding them in a virtual world





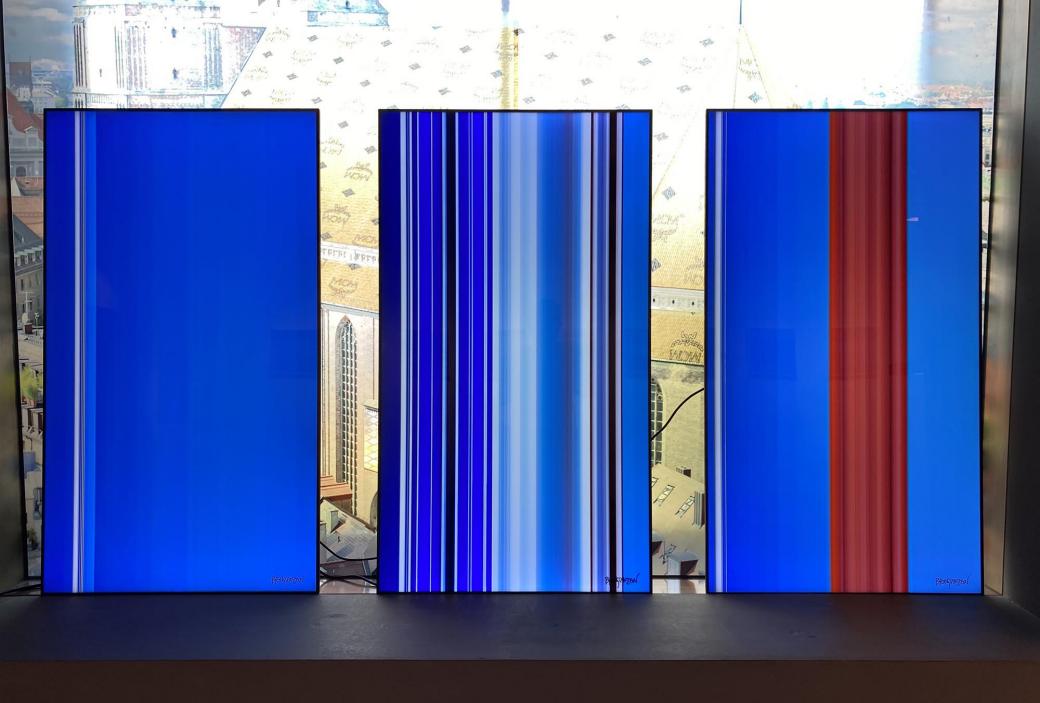


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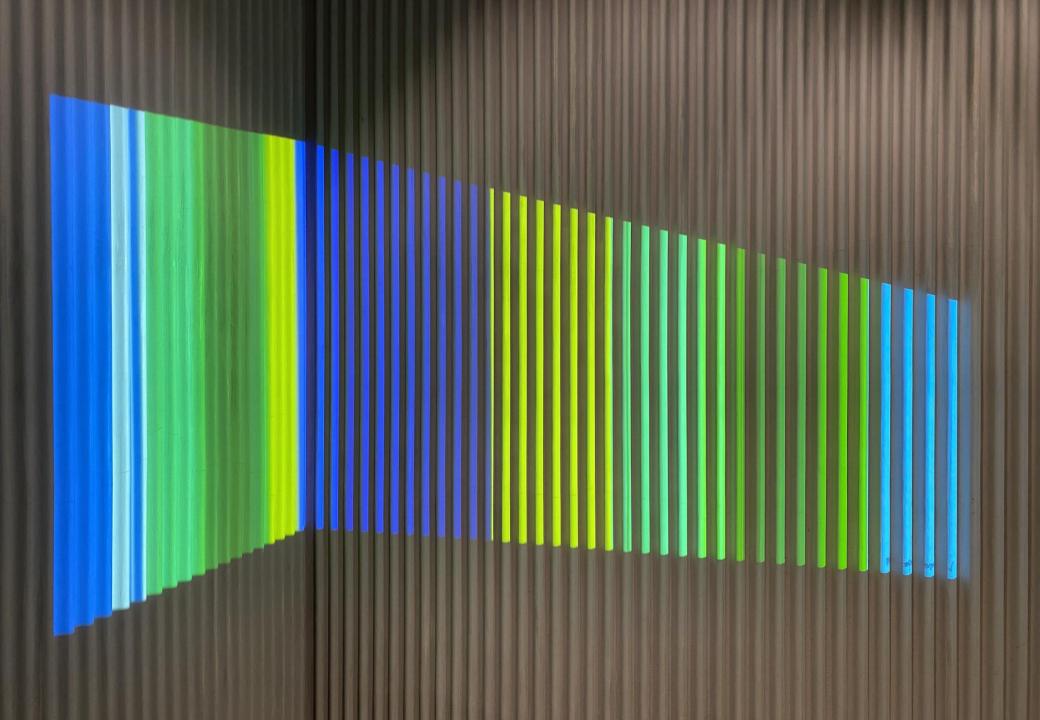












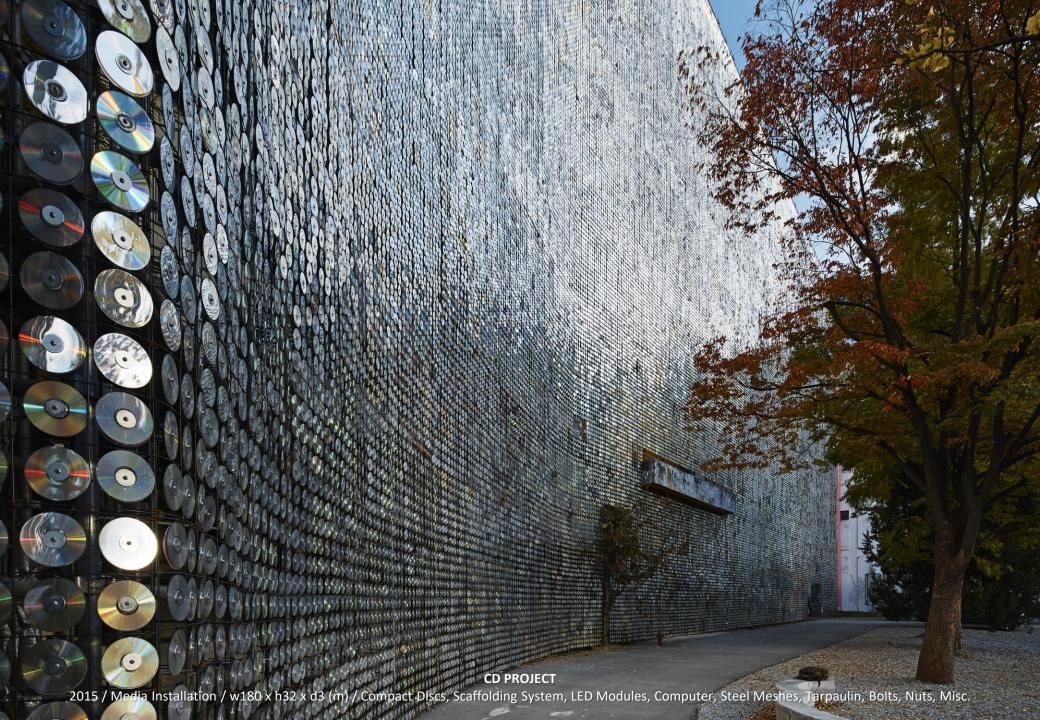


MIACRO

[Micro + Macro]: Uncertain possibilities constructed with a large number of certainty

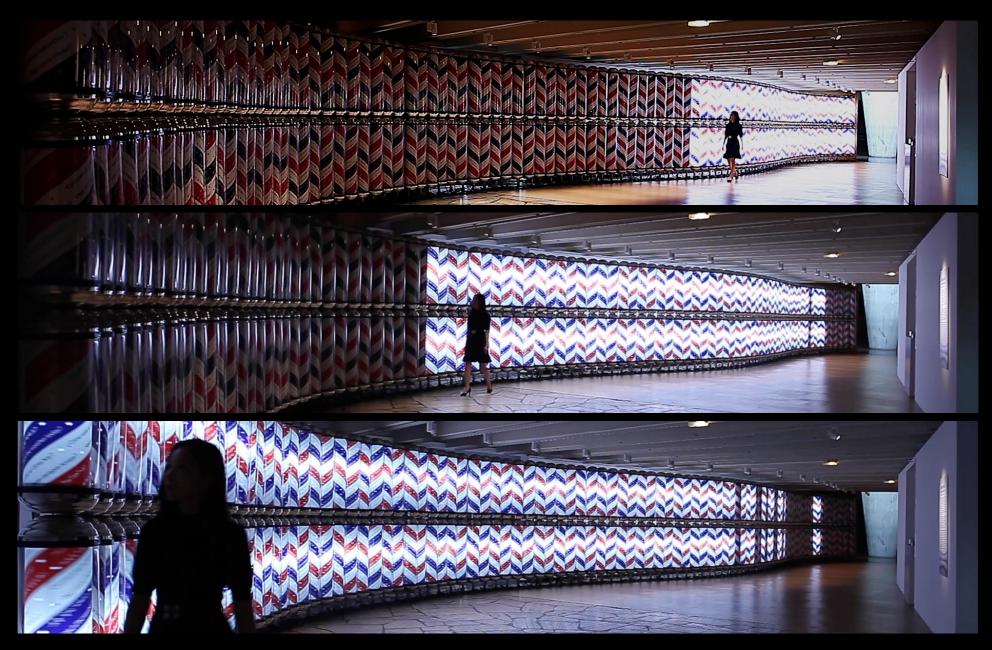






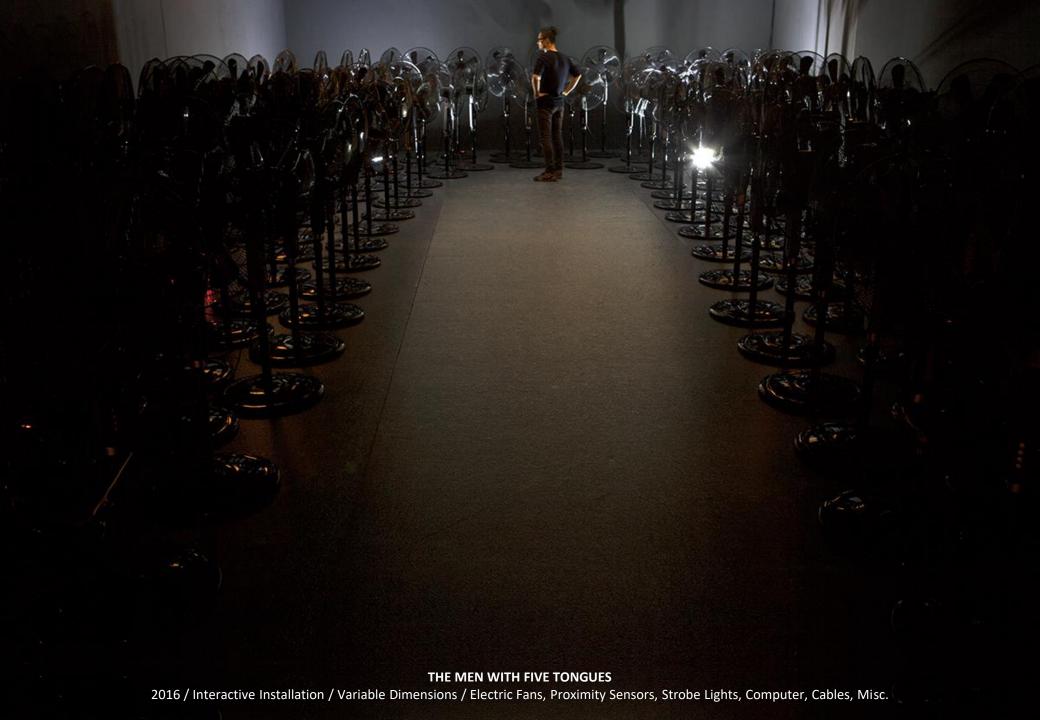






BARBERSHOP WONDERLAND

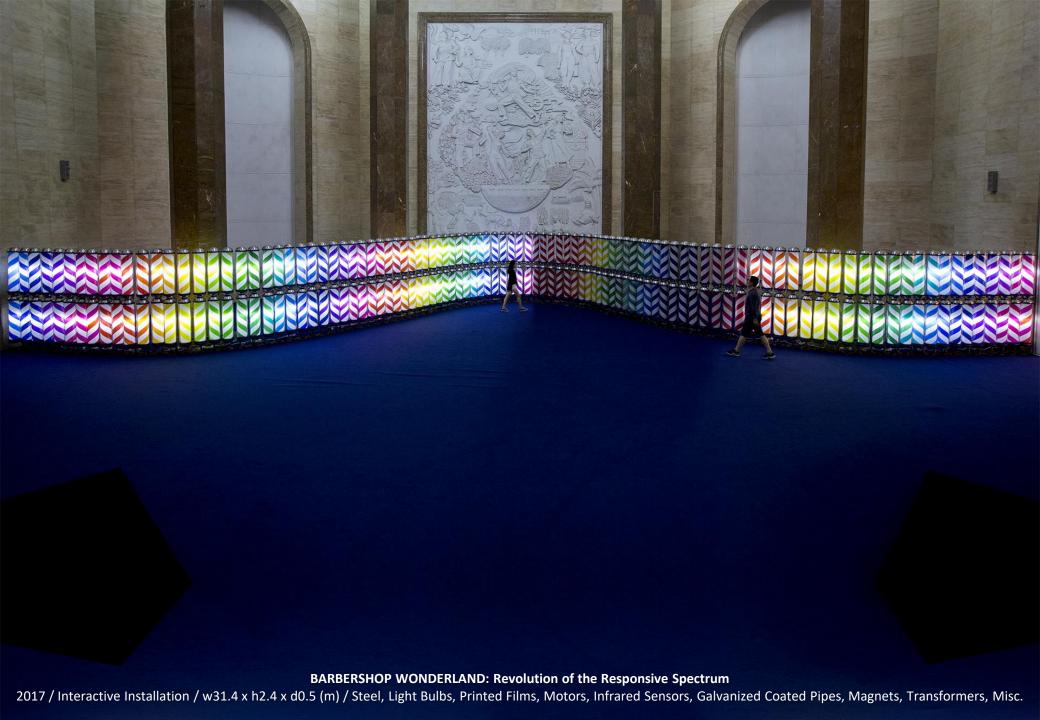
2016 / Interactive Installation / w31.4 x h2.4 x d0.5 (m) / Steel, Light Bulbs, Printed Films, Motors, Infrared Sensors, Galvanized Coated Pipes, Magnets, Transformers, Misc.





THE MEN WITH FIVE TONGUES

2016 / Interactive Installation / Variable Dimensions / Electric Fans, Proximity Sensors, Strobe Lights, Computer, Cables, Misc.





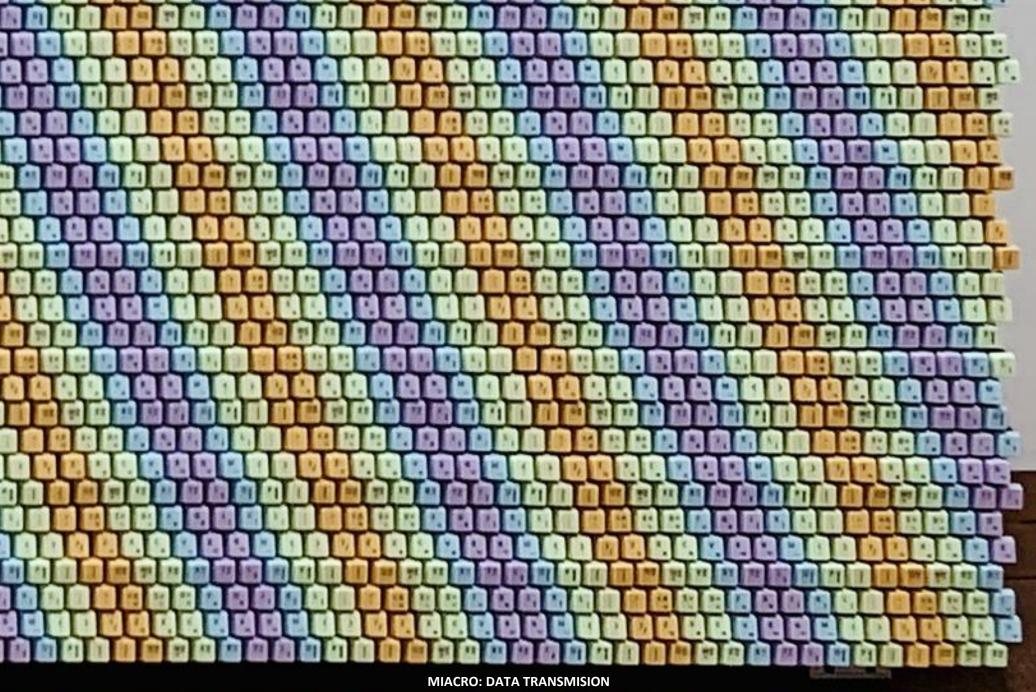








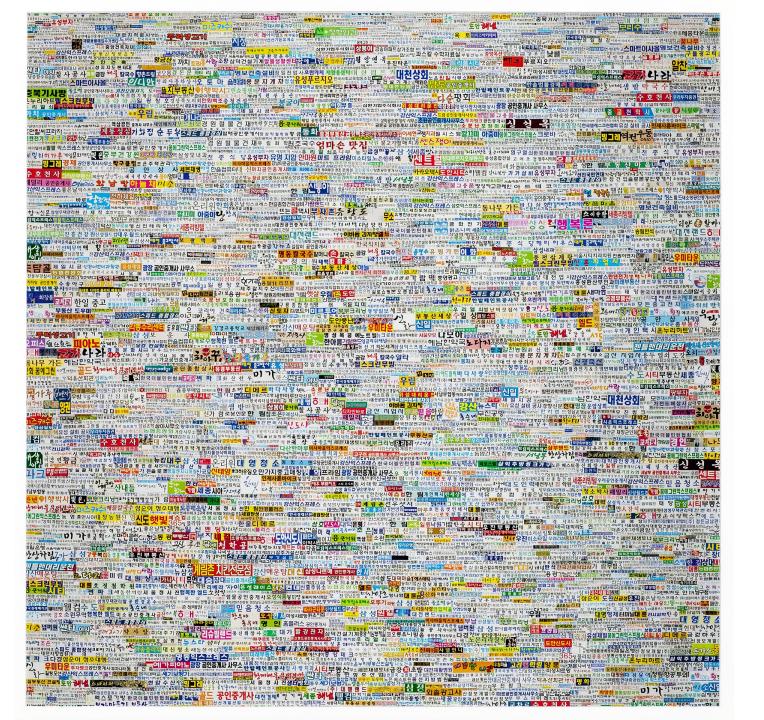


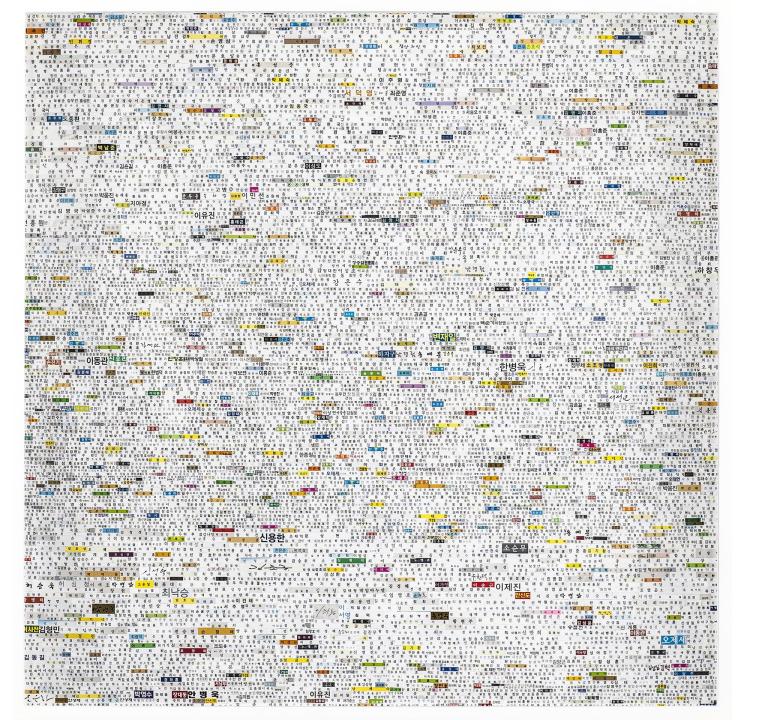


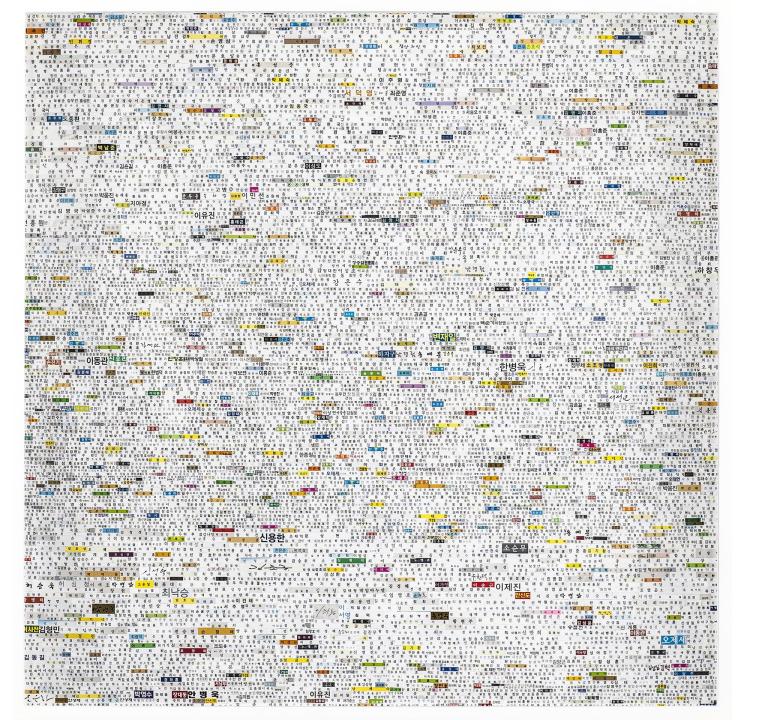
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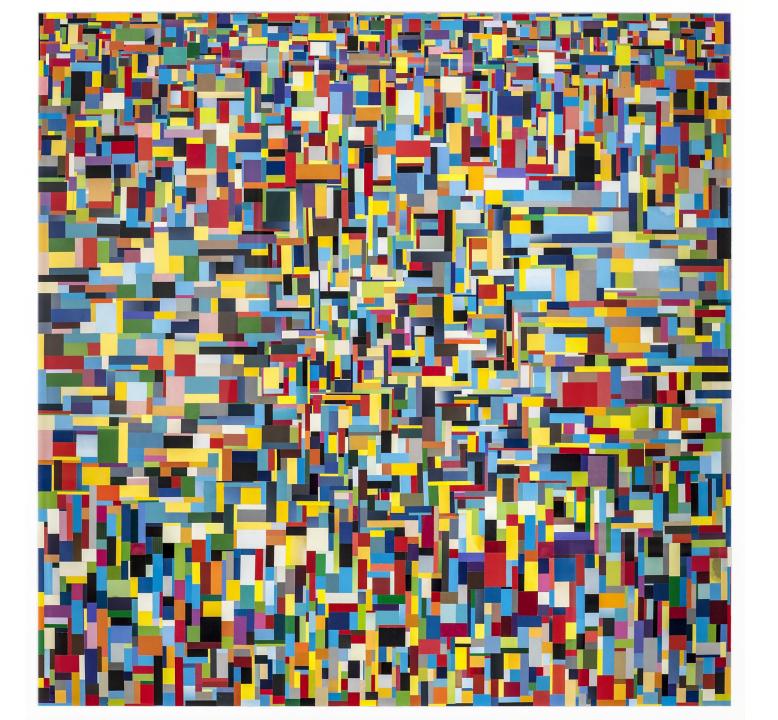
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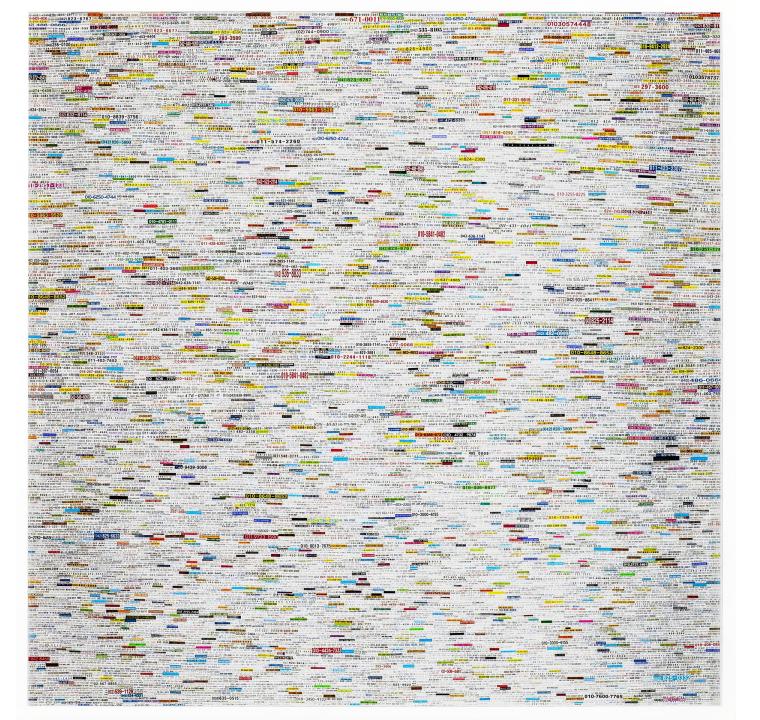












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