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Select Live Art Actions

- 2011 *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
Mirror Mantra 2, Gang Clan Mafia, 57 Delle Space, Roxbury, MA
Coffin 4 2, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, QAU #1 MEME Gallery, Boston MA
Time Eaters Wedge, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Frord Box, Boston MA
8 DOORS, w/ NOX [O], 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
Electron City, Gang Clan Mafia, MEME Gallery, Cambridge MA
Shiny Object, Gang Clan Mafia, 381 Congress St, Boston MA
Campfire Story, Gang Clan Mafia, Magapolis Festival, Boston MA
- 2008 *Buddhey, Mobolize Series, mobius, Boston MA*
1440, Gang Clan Mafia [24 hr, sound-performance-installation] mobius Boston MA
Anthill of Mental Honey, Gang Clan Mafia, 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
Mirror Mantra, Gang Clan Mafia [performance-installation] Studio SOTO, Boston MA
GameShow The Game, Gang Clan Mafia [performance-installation] mobius Boston MA
Nothing, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, 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
Paradise Hell, Gang Clan Mafia, TEST, Boston MA
Ritual DATA, Gang Clan Mafia, Pulse Point, Boston MA
Trap #2, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Mobius International Festival of Performance Art Boston, MA
TRAP, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Seconds, Boston M.A.
Blacken, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, A Mobius night of Performance Art, Studio Soto, Boston MA
Interruption Zone, w/ NOX [O], Mobius International Festival of Performance, Boston, MA
Desert Hueyas, w/ NOX [O], 6th High Mayhem Emerging Arts Festival, Santa Fe, NM
Super S.W.A.T. Shamans from Alcion, w/ NOX [O], Tremor Bogotá, Colombia
- 2005 *Magic Chopping Hummingbird, Live Sound Art, Mobius Art Rages, Boston, MA*
Picnic 2005, w/ NOX [O], Test 6, MassArt, Boston, MA
Tlaltecuhlli Testament, w/ NOX [O], Tremor II, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ
- 2004 *Wind Tremor, MCH Tremor I, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ*
Tlaltecuhlli Transform/Transport, w/ NOX [O], Tremor I, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ
- 2003 *Dominate/Heal, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, TEST, Boston, MA*
Oracle Box, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Mobius Art Rages, Boston, MA
Tlaltecuhlli Transmission, w/ NOX [O], 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
Bloody Banana, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Pan9, Boston, MA
Sweeping Through Boston, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Downtown Crossing, Boston, MA
Day Of The Dead, W/ Jeff Huckleberry, Mobius Haunted House, Boston, MA
Operation Goddess II, w/ NOX [O], Looking Glass Gallery, Tuscaloosa, AL
Operation Goddess I, w/ NOX [O], 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 *Powdered Milk, w/ NOX [O], Guerilla Theater, Tuscaloosa, AL*
- 1996 *Samadhi, w/ NOX [O], Guerilla Theater, Tuscaloosa, AL*

Art Exhibitions 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 "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 Shaefer, 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 Southoff, Santa fe Reporter, Santa Fe, NM, October 11, 2006

Selected Grants/Awards
 Boston Phoenix's Best of Boston, Best Gallery , MEME Gallery, Cambridge, MA 2010
 LEF Contemporary Art Fund, Boston, MA 2008

Artist Talks 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

New York Per4mances #2, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2011
Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) John G. Boehme, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2011
New York Per4mances #1, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2011
"I've No Use For Flowers.", Andrew Neumann, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2011
MOLTENi NET WORKS, Maria Molteni, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2011
Temporary Ghetto, Exchange with Frontground Gallery in Merida, Mexico, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2011
Brain Stain: New Works by David Bodhi Boylan and Travis McCoy Fuller, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2011
The Bathers. Performance documentation in 3D, Art Container from Estonia, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2011
THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE!, Deva Eveland, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2011
Experience Economies #2: Class Warfare, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
I like Massachusetts and Massachusetts Massachusetts Massachusetts Me, Paul Waddell, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Quai #1, Quebec / Boston Exchange, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
5 Objects, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Nowhere [take me with you], Faith Johnson, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Maraña de Espacios Vacios, Martin Renteria, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Inspiron® and Unravelling, Edythe Wright, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Street Museum, MEME and the Wall in Central Square, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Husopathy, Crank Sturgeon, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
The everyday exchange [a celebration of our daily routines], Tim Devin, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Continuation Factor, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Store Show, MEME, Cambridge, MA, 2010
AUTOBEATACTION, Peter Dobil, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010

Control Y Control Z, MEME, Cambridge, MA, 2010
Kristina Lenzi - CLUMSY CAKES RETURNS, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
See, Eric Scott Nelson, MEME, Cambridge, MA, January/February 2010
8 Bitz per Pixel, A Animated GIF Show, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Real Time Weavings, Encontracosas, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
The World Famous Secretary in For You, Jessica Gath, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
Drawing Disappearance, FlexiB, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2010
"23 Actions", Daniel Deluca, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2009
Ten Fingers, Tim Baily, MEME, Cambridge, MA, 2009
"Very beautiful art show for you", Jeff Huckleberry, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2009
Gang Clan Mafia Electron City, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2009
What (of Me) Can Only Be Seen by Others, Jacob Ireland, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2009
The Wrong Wave, Travis McCoy Fuller, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2009
BUBBLERAFT2, Jesse Kaminsky, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2009
Declare Independence with REVOLT2DIE, MEME, Cambridge, Ma, 2009
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 , Festival of performance art, Midway Studios Space, Boston, Ma, 2006
TEST 2 - 10, Boston MA, 2002-2007
Tremor 2 - 3, Bogota, Colombia 2006

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