

Kurt Ralske

1967

Born in New York City, U.S.A.

2003

First Prize at the Transmediale International Media Art Festival, Berlin

2004

Programmed and co-designed the 9-channel video installation that is permanently in the lobby of the MoMA in NYC

2006

BA in Computer Science, Hunter College, CUNY The City University of New York, New York

2007

Rockefeller Foundation Media Arts Fellowship

2010

Artist-in-Residence, Rhode Island School of Design

2012

MFA Art Criticism and Writing, School of Visual Arts, New York

2014

Chair, Department of Media Arts (Digital Media / Video / Film / Animation / Sound) at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

The artist currently resides in New York City. He is Professor of the Practice in Digital Media at Tufts University's School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Alongside his art practice, Ralske is active as an improvising musician and composer. He is also the author/programmer of Auvi, a popular video software environment in use by artists in 22 countries.

Exhibition history – selected solo exhibitions

2016

Jean-Luc Godard Dataset, SIA Gallery, Chelsea, NY, USA.

2015

Faceness, Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium.

2013

Rediscovering Futurism 1920–1929, DUMBO Arts Center, NY, USA.

2012

The Mechanical Bride, Paul Young Projects, Los Angeles, USA.

2008

Zero Frames per Second, MFA Computer Art Gallery, NY, USA.

2004

Next Time, Location One, NY, USA.

Exhibition history

– selected group exhibitions

2017

INTUITION, Axel & May Vervoordt Foundation, Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy.

Tristis est anima mea by Kurt Ralkse and Giulio D'Alessio, audio-visual in situ installation on the occasion of *INTUITION*, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy

2016

In Finis Terrae, 15th International Biennale of Architecture, Venice, Italy.

Getting to Know the Middleman, SIA Gallery, Chelsea, NY, USA.

2015

Proportio, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy.

2011

Memoria Variabile, Galleria Milano, Milan, Italy.

2010

Cymatics, AMUZ, Antwerp, Belgium.

About Time, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, USA.

2009

In-finitum, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy.

2008

La Lumiere Antigone, La Monnaie, Brussels, Belgium.

Shimmer, Transversales Festival, Mexico.

2007

Timecoded, Magazinni del Sale, Venice, Italy.

For Phillip Guston, LMAK, New York, USA.

2006

Times Square Timeshare, Armory Show, NYC.

Atom Heart Mother, De Bijloke, Ghent, Belgium.

Triadic Memories, Diapason Gallery, NYC, USA.

2005

Darkness (Not Darkness), Watershed Media Arts Centre, Bristol, UK.

White-Out, USF Verftet, Bergen, Norway.

2004

Elektropoesia, Malmo Konsthall, Sweden.

Motion Graphics (as 242.pilots), Guggenheim Bilbao, Spain.

Atom Heart Mother, Palais des Beaux Art, Brussels, Belgium.

John Cage Program, De Singel, Antwerp, Belgium.

Pilot Error (as 242.pilots), Theatre Mercelis, Brussels, Belgium.

2003

Grey Exploitations (as 242.pilots), Haus der Kunst, Berlin, Germany.

SelfWare (as 242.pilots), Listhalle, Graz, Austria.

242.pilots (as 242.pilots), American Museum of the Moving Image, NYC, USA.

Petrograph v1.0, Site Gallery, Sheffield, England.

Sonic Architecture (as 242.pilots), Theater Kikker, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

242.pilots (as 242.pilots), Podewil, Berlin, Germany.

242.pilots (as 242.pilots), Black Box Theater, Oslo, Norway.

2002

Soundlab, Experience Music Project, Seattle, USA.

242.pilots (as 242.pilots), Museum Of Contemporary Art, Montreal, Canada.

2001

Zpin, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA.

242.pilots (as 242.pilots), Impakt Festival, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Awards

2007

Rockefeller Foundation Media Arts Fellowship.

Experimental Television Center Finishing Funds Grant.

2004-2005

National Science Foundation Scholarship Award in Computer Science.

2003

First Prize at the Transmediale International Media Art Festival, Berlin

2002

Honorary Mention at Transmediale International Festival of Media Art, Berlin.

Artist Residencies

2006

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, USA

2000 / 2002 / 2004

STEIM, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2004

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, USA

iMal, Brussels, Belgium

2003

Location One, New York

Artist talk & Workshops

Columbia University - USA Brown University - USA
Parsons School of Design - USA
Bard College - USA
Cooper Union College - USA
New York University / Tisch School of Art - USA
School of Visual Arts, NYC - USA
Rhode Island School of Design - USA
Praz Institute - USA
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - USA
American Film Institute - USA
Brooklyn College - USA
CUNY / Hunter College - USA
Massachusetts College of Art and Design - USA
Harvestworks, NYC - USA
Utrecht School of Art - Netherlands
STEIM - Amsterdam, Netherlands
V2 - Rotterdam, Netherlands
Tesla - Berlin, Germany
Bergen Kunstakademi - Norway
Bergen Senter for Elektronisk Kunst - Norway
Chicago Max User's Group - USA

Essays and publications

Rediscovering *German Futurism* (1920-1929) [book, co-authored with Miriam Atkin]
Draw It with Your Eyes Closed: The Art of the Art Assignment (Paper Monument, 2012)
Multiple reviews at ArtCritical.com (2014-present)
Art Papers (June 2010) Review: August Venemiglia at Judi Rotenberg
MediaModes Conference (November 2009) Data and Time: Information Storage and Paradigms of Temporality

Teaching

2013 to present

Professor of the Practice, Media Arts

Tufts University, School of The Museum of Fine Arts / BFA / MFA Media Arts

2010-2013

Visiting Faculty Rhode Island School of Design / MFA Digital + Media / BFA
Film, Animation, and Video

2006-2010

Full-Time Visiting Faculty

School of The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston / Video and Sound Departments

2005-2013

Faculty School of Visual Arts, NYC / MFA Computer Arts

Other professional experience

2004-2005 Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

Video Artist / System Architect / Software Engineer for MoMA Display Screens project. Designed and programmed the software for 9-channel HD video installation display in the museum lobby from 2004 to 2015.

2000-present

Auvi Software

Software Engineer / Image Processing Research + Design.

Designed and programmed media art software for audio-visual interactivity that is distributed by Auvi (www.auv-i.com).

The software is in use by artists and educational institutions in over 22 nations.