# Gillian McIver Portfolio

selected projects

As part of my Swedenborg House residency, I<sup>1</sup>m working on developing a contemporary art version of Loutherbourg's Eidophusikon. This 18thC sensation combined cutting edge tech, art and theatre in a new way, and was a forerunner of cinema.

I<sup>1</sup>m also working on a graphic novel about Loutherbourg - painter, stage designer an alchemist - and his astounding life.



### current projects



writing a play,
Cagliostro's Apologia,
about the magus,
adventurer and mystic
Count Cagliostro, who
created havoc in
London in the 1780s.

(actor Maurizio Molino)

Putting together a new limited edition photo book, ENARGEIA.





### Most Recent

Curator and Producer of Exhibition 'Alchemy!' London 2022 Exhibited video Trans-States group show, curated by Elizabeth Tomos 2022 Exhibited photography "Last Orders" The Steamship PS, London 2021 Exhibited video and spoken word performance "Timeless Thames" The Steamship PS, London 2020

Exhibited photography "Invisible Cities" The Steamship PS, London 2019 Curator and Producer of Exhibition and Film Festival, British Film Institute, #timetoact PSVI Film Festival 2018

Exhibition "Bon Collage" at Galerie Kottishop Berlin, 2018 Several Video works were featured at Casablanca Bienniale autumn 2016 Profile in Stigmart01 Videofocus Summer 2014 Interview on Monocle Radio Sept 2014

2014
Sheffield Docfest
Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, Exeter
Teatro Alexandria, Egypt
Trispace Gallery London
Portobello Film Festival London
The Mayflower, Rotherhithe
Nightpiece Film Festival, Edinburgh Fringe
2013
Espacio Enter, Tenerife, Canarias
2012
Whitechapel Gallery, London. Film screening Tarkovsky's River.
Digital Landscape – Espacio Enter, Tenerife, Canarias.
CeC'12 India – Parallel Visions | Global Art Video, Uttarakhand, India
2011

\* Co-founded Studio 75 artist run space in London\*
Intervalos Lúcidos – Espacio Enter, Tenerife, Canarias
"Keeping Afloat – Gallery La Clinica Mundana, Valencia
ARTSIDE Southend on Sea (a Parallel Project production)
Revolution Now and Forever – Gallery Mavena, Croatia
HOST 02 – Art Funkl Manchester
Unfolding sequences – Montreal
CeC'11 India Global Art Video – Uttarakhand, India



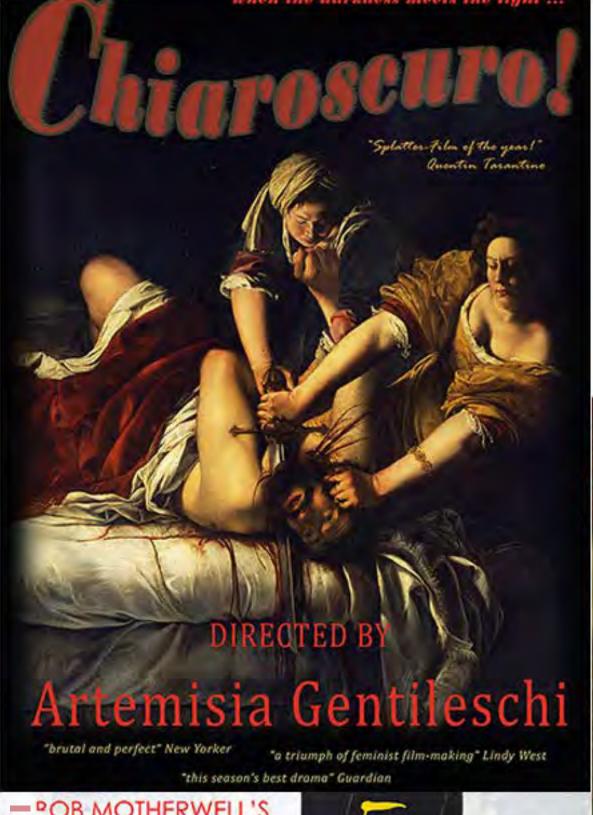
The deep role of time and change is the basic subject matter for all of my work. I'm interested in the "reintegration of fragments" or what Anselm Kiefer has described as "bringing together what has come apart."

I am interested in revealing images which are very strong; that offer a glimpse of past worlds and indistinct realities; where the boundaries between fiction and documentary blur, and memories take on a life of their own.

I'm interested in exploring 'magical locales' (ret Ivan Chteglov) and liminal spaces, in real life and in the mind.

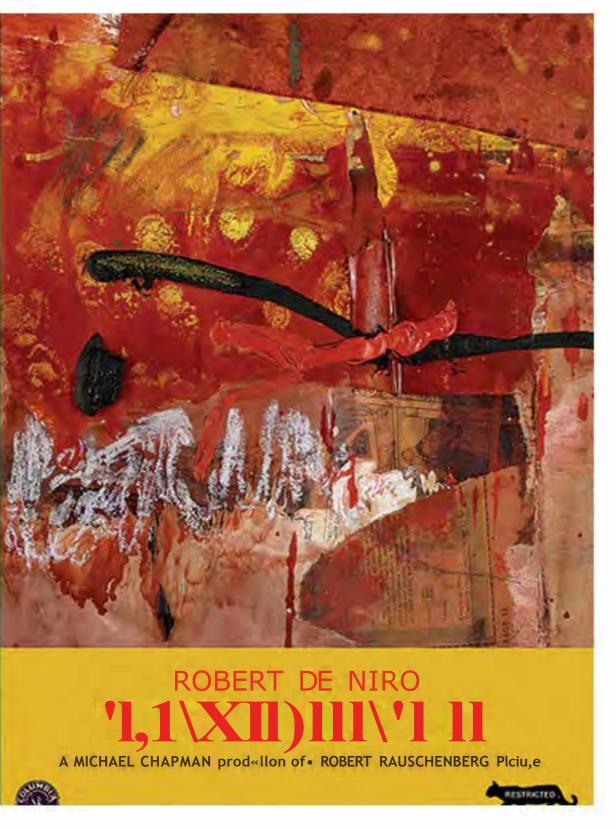


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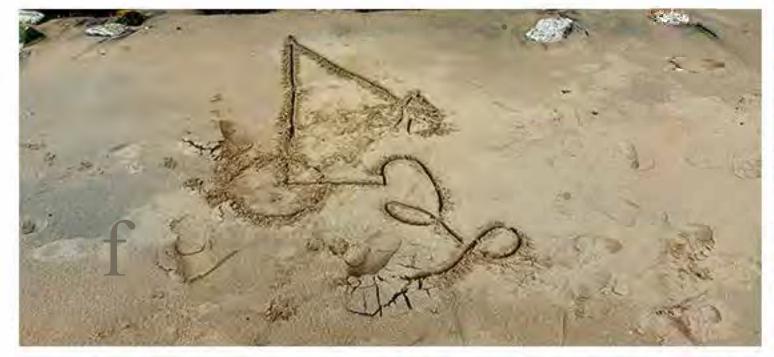
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### Digital Collage Exhibition "Imaginary Movie Posters"











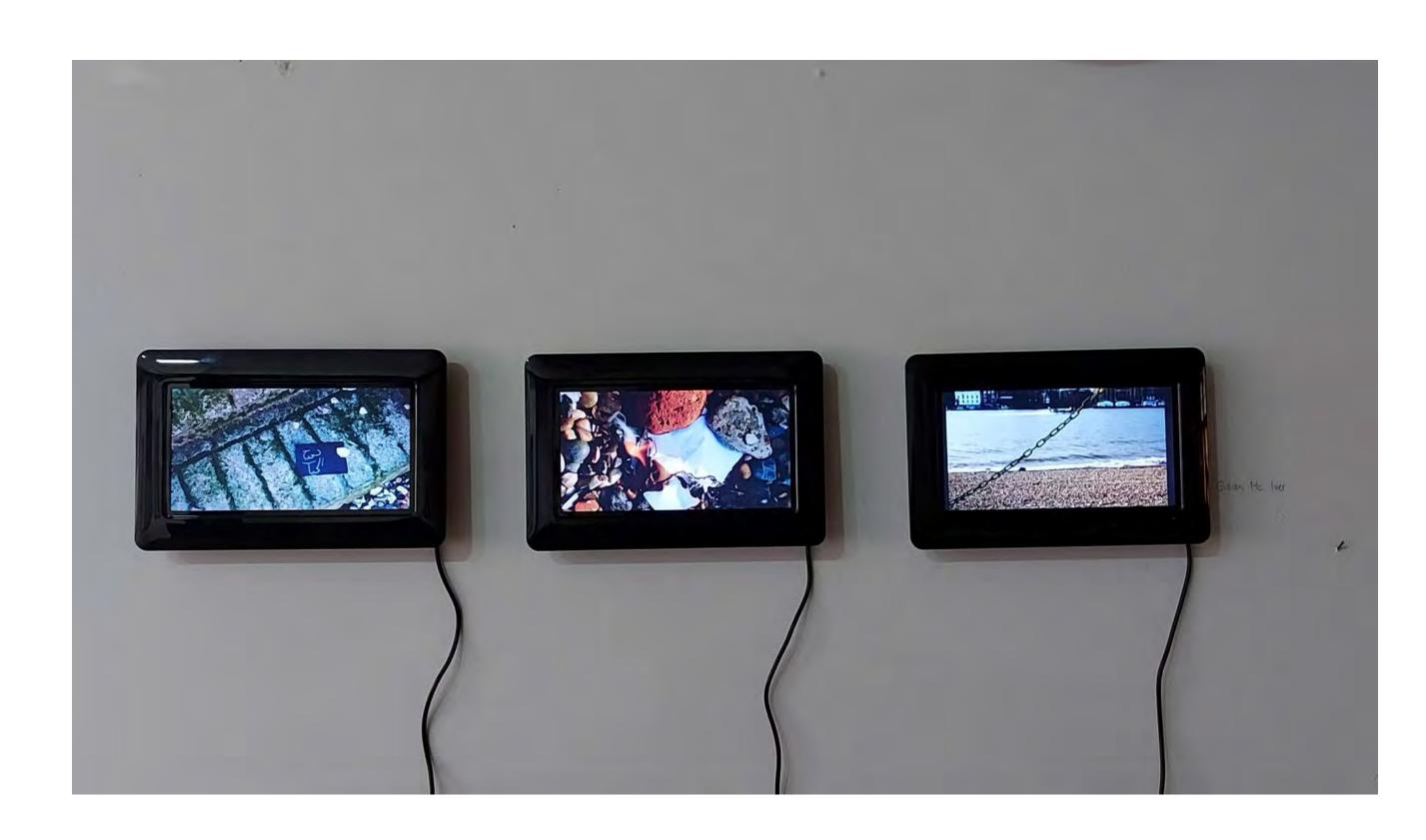
Calling the River: the 72Angels of the Shem HaMephorash. Performance and photography.



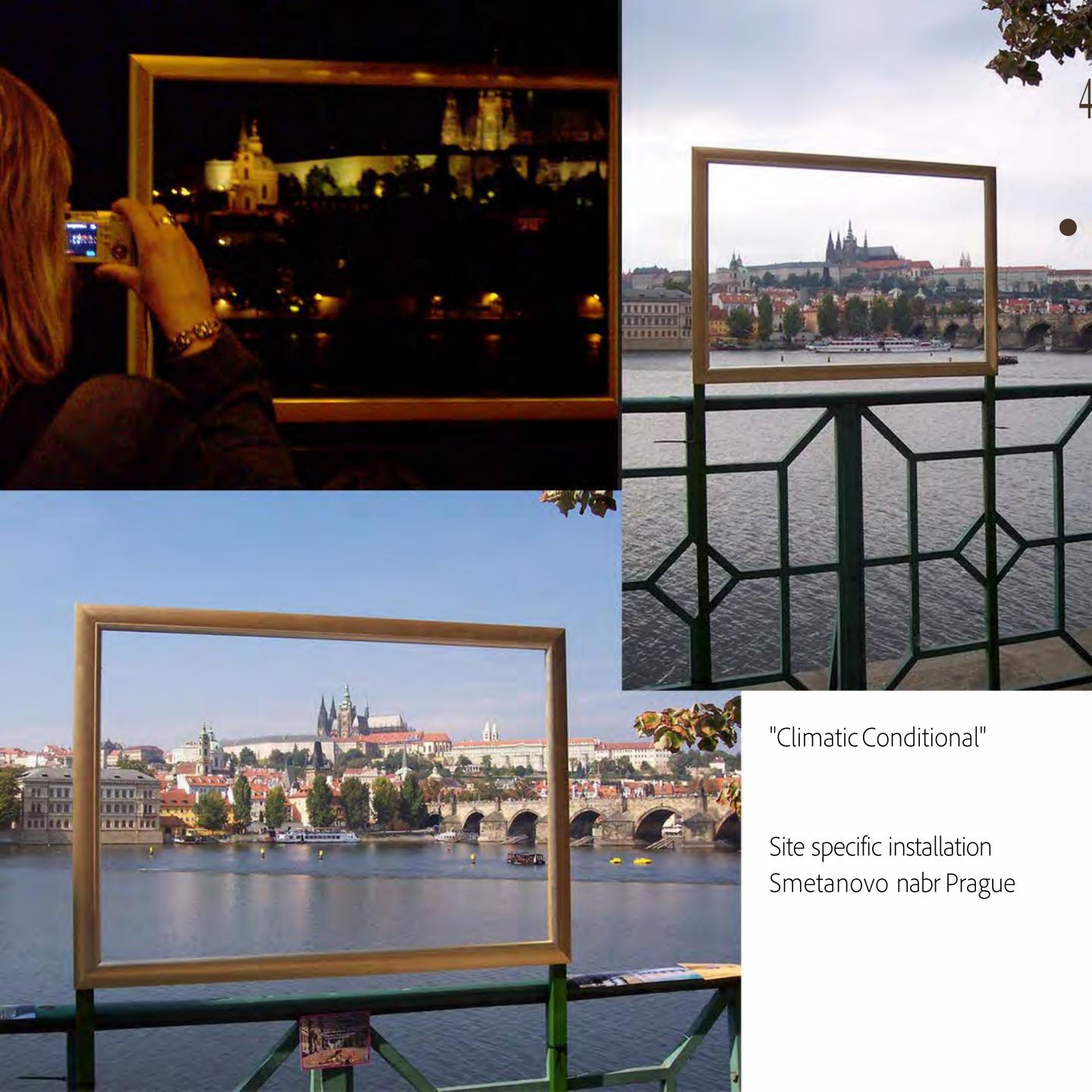




The River is a conduit, not on/y physical travel from the source to the sea and beyond but a metaphysical journey where past and present blend and echo each other. Last Orders exhibition

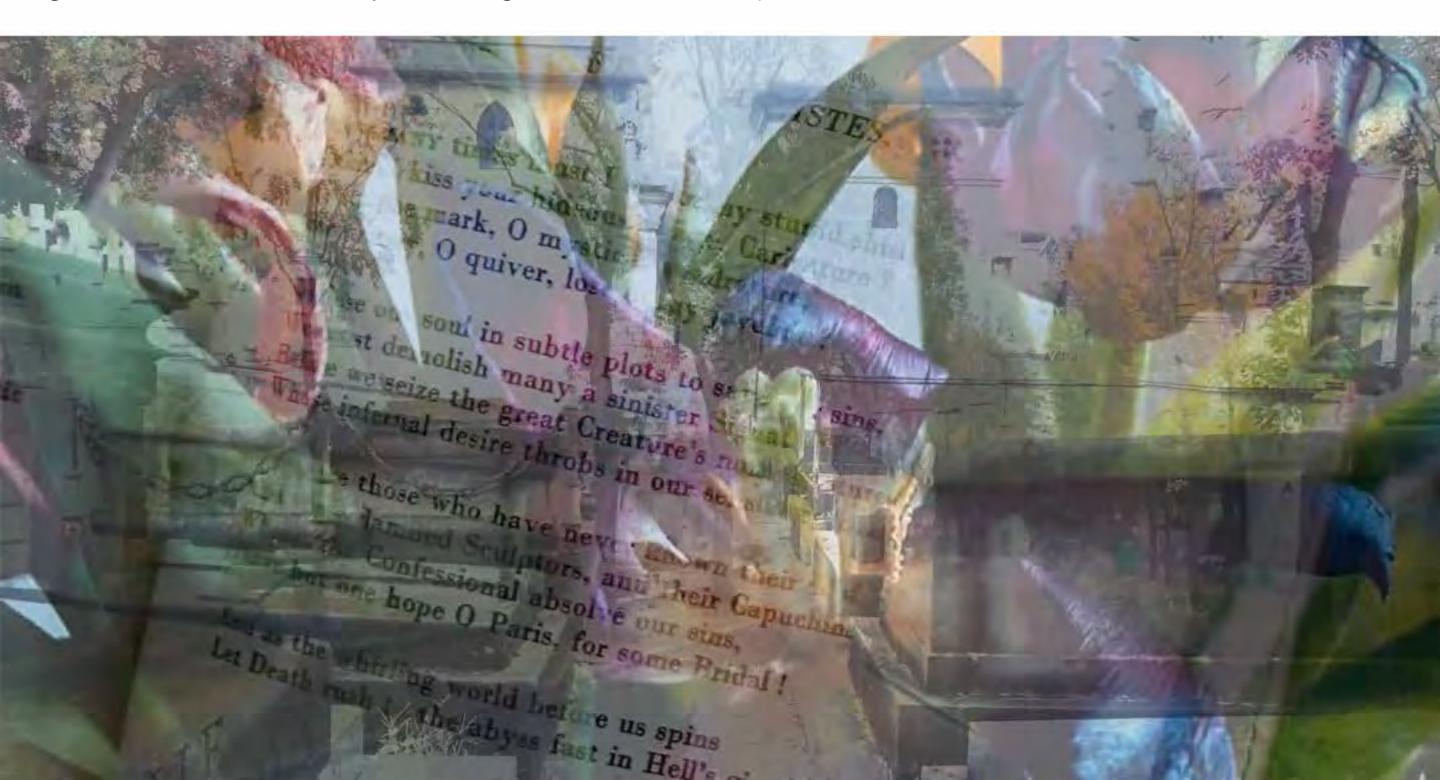


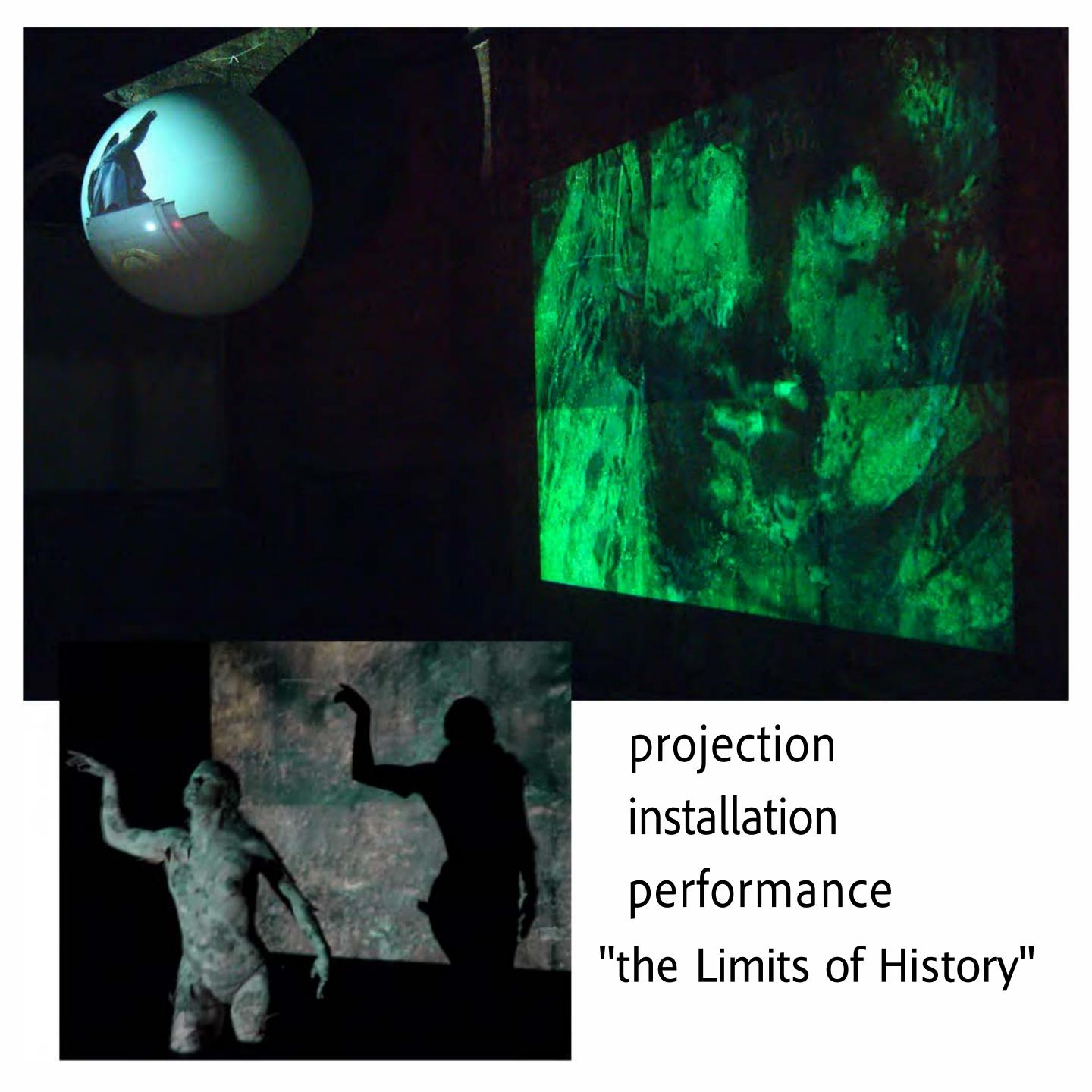






Night of the BlackMoon top; Reading Baudelaire in Montparnasse, bottom. Video.







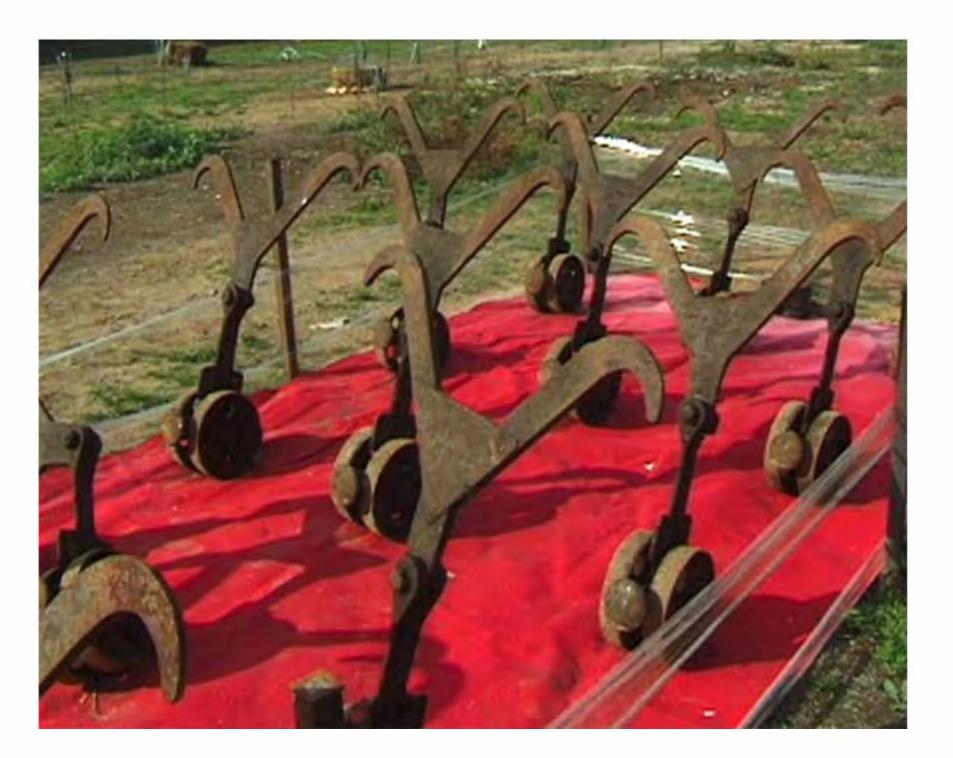
Installation
"Narratology"











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"The Thames-Oka Project'; London and Russia (top);

"Herd" Mattatoio di Testaccio Roma MACR03

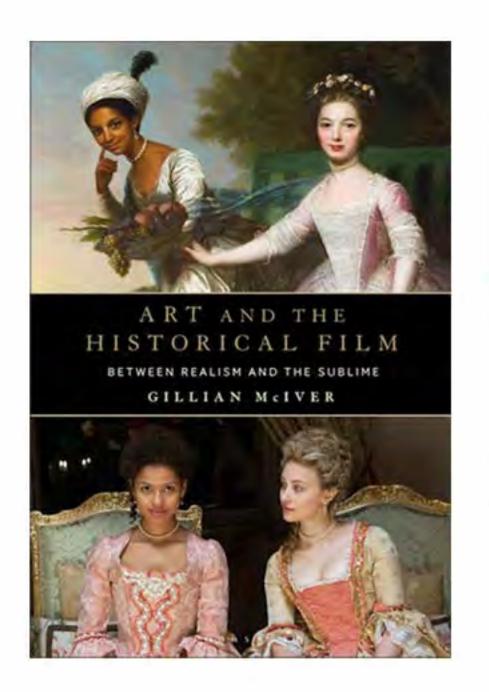


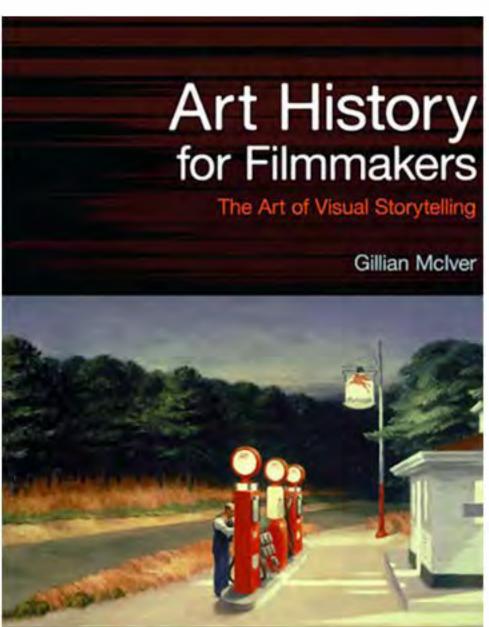
### 'Painting Machine" Performance with Video

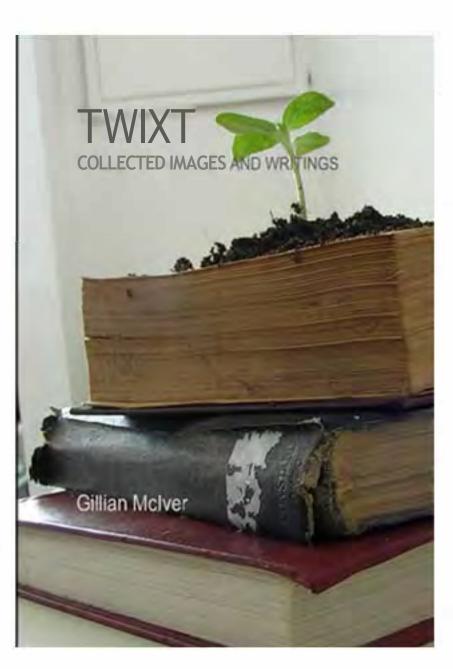
"Pain[ting] Machine"was a live art work based on ideas developed by Tristan Tzar a and Raymond Roussel.

The "Pain[ting] Machine" exploresTzara's idea of the human machine. Using found/waste materials sourced mainly fiom the factory: the group created a large machine that takes blood from a person (simulated) and pumps it into a machine which them "paints" onto prepared canvases. Performers: Gillian Mciver, Sandrine Albert, Valentina Floris, Milo Taylor, Julian Ronnefeldt













photobooks Tarkovsky's River, Anatomies of Space