

Transforming the Museum

in a world full of opinion – differentiating content



AGHAST OFFENDED

AMAZED MARVELING

APPALLED POPEYED

ASTOUNDED STAGGERED

AWED STUNNED

DISMAYED SURPRISED

ENCHANTED TERRIFIED

FASCINATED UPSET

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10 Observations



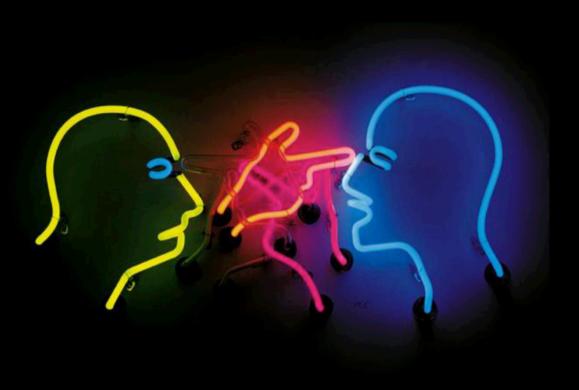
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Nothing is Certain



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a constant state of flux | perpetual uncertainty | nothing seems as clear or trustworthy as it (once) was



Observation 1 – a world of hurt / a world of crises

a serious crisis in confidence (in institutions)



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Crises | Hurt

failure of institutions

loss of trust

failure of ideal models

loss of ideals / heroes / heroines



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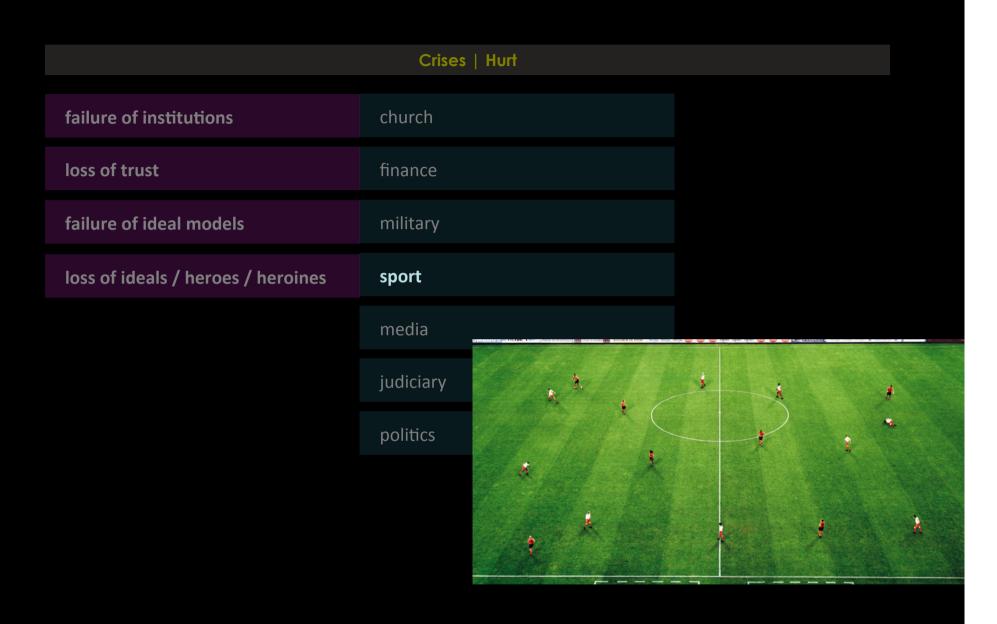
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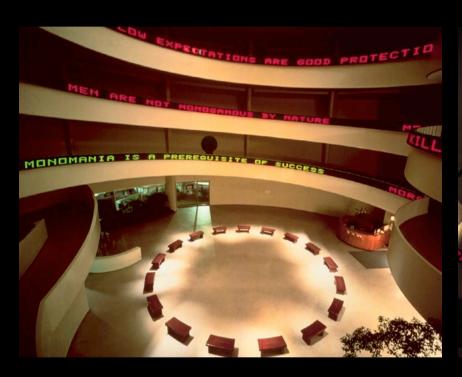
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Museums





functionalism + usefulness – knowledge, history, memory, identity, material culture



Observation 3 – the instrumentality of museums

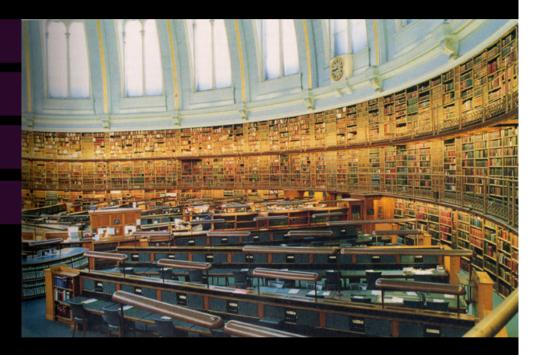
Instrumentality of Museums

archive

display

interpret

represent | construct civic identity



Instrumentality of Museums

archive	gathering space
display	reflection

interpret contemplation

civic identity private views / public discourse



entertainment

diversion

education

transformation

Instrumentality of Museums



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Observation 4 – what museums do do – many different things



Complex – but there are trends





mediated experiences

temporal experiences

tastes | little bites

stimulation/s

mini-narratives | cell phone logic

activated space | variability

originality - novelty

technology - gadgets

spectacle - mass/viral imagery

Observation 5 – what audiences want

new pedagogical conditions

mediated experiences

changing circumstances

temporal experiences

mutable contexts

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Observation 5 – what audiences want

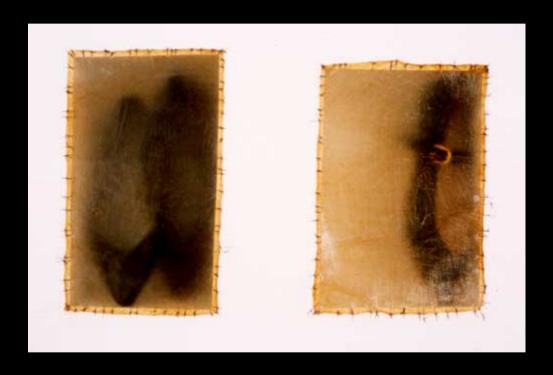
authenticity



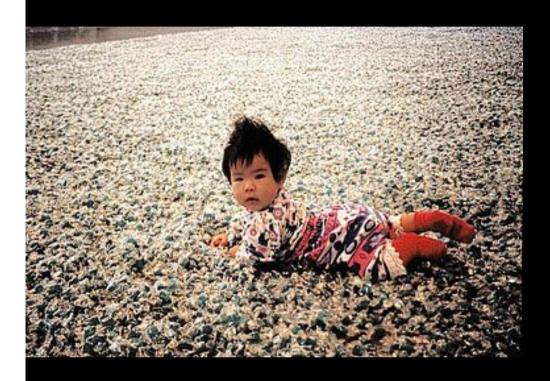


Observation 6 – what audiences want MOST

authenticity



limited attention spans



Observation 7 – the 90 minute threshold/challenge



Observation 8 – Institutions talk of outreach, but what they really mean is magnetism



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the documentary/archival project and the accumulation of material artifacts



Observation 9 – museums are conservative

Innovation as cosmetic tweaking – the art industry as a runway project





Observation 10 – a revitalized museum culture is now conditioned to biennial upgrades

The museum – In a world of constant streaming, dispersing infrastructure, and distributed culture

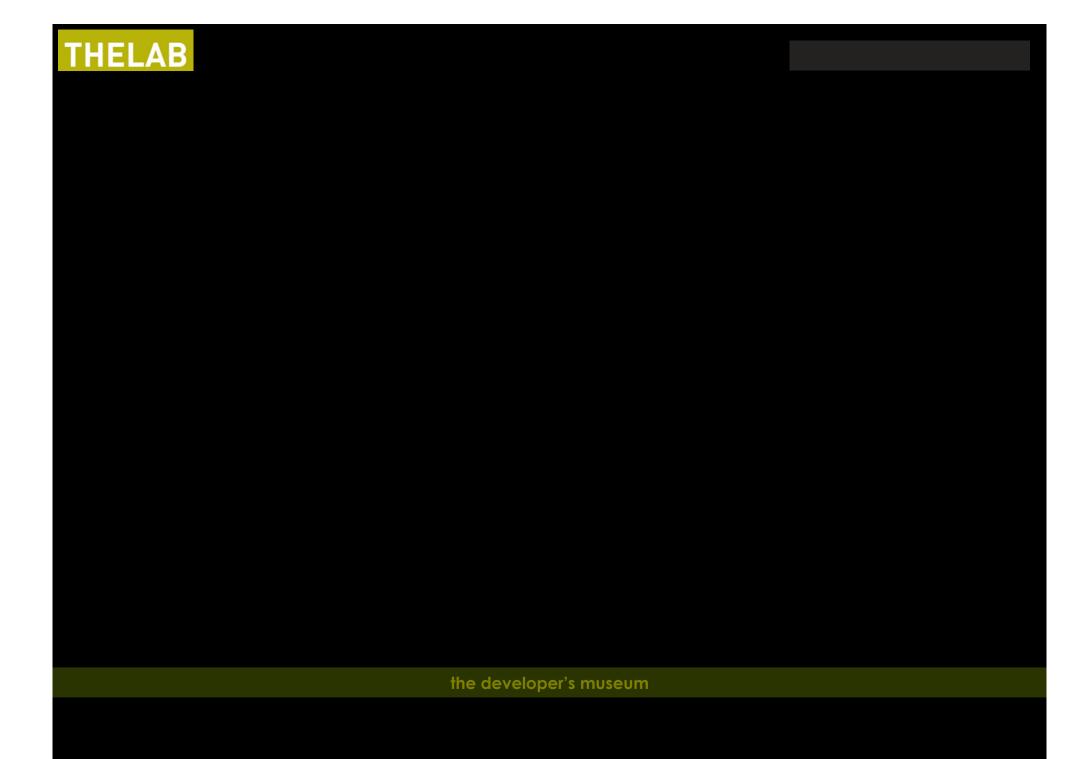


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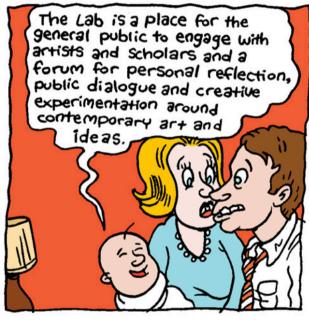
THE ANTICS

THE DOGS

(selected) models of (relevant) museum strategies + (new) practices

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Swiss Typography & TV Theme Songs Kurt Cobain & Solar Eclipses Practical Democracy & Deadly Jellyfish Carnivorous Plants & Color Field Painting

Earth Art & Goat Cheese

Capoeira & Le Corbusier Chinese Opera & Alfred Hitchcock Walt Whitman & Whole Hog Cooking Tequila & Dark Energy in the Universe Soul Food & Existentialism Prairie Dogs & Gertrude Stein

Marxism & Kittens, Kittens, Kittens

Silent Films & Counterfeit Currency Soda Pop & Extreme Death Rituals of Borneo Maya Astronomy & Stanley Kubrick Sun Ra & Southern Family Restaurants Tamales & Literary Memoirs

Wittgenstein & Hula Dancing

Motown & Gonzo Journalism
Dia de los Muertos & Gourmet Sauces
Outsider Art & A Superconducting Proton Collider
Craft Beer & Renaissance Polyphony
Roller Derby & Verismo Opera

Cover Songs & Giant Wombats



Belgian Chocolate & One Woman Opera
Mt. Rushmore & European Witchcraft
Wonder Cabinets & American Whiskey
Women Rockers & Martin Scorsese
USDA Meat Grading & Apparitions of the Virgin Mary
Mies van der Rohe & Brazilian Music

Cowboy Yodeling & Michel Foucault

Dada & Monster Movies
Chicano Rights Movement & The History of Pornography
Conceptual Art & The Family Vacation
Artificial Intelligence & The 1908 Democratic National Convention
Japanese Anime & Zora Neale Hurston

Surreal Cinema & Brunello Wine

Infused Olive Oil & John Coltrane

Harlem Renaissance & Domestic Artesian Cheese

St Augustine & The Marx Brothers

Grateful Dead & Fresh Cut Flower Arranging

Barbecue & Avant Garde Animated Film

Dizzy Gillespie & Single Malt Scotch

Concrete & Renaissance Prints

Bananas Foster & Emily Dickinson

Slave Narratives & Medieval Coins

Pinot Noir & Miles Davis

Video Art & Migratory Birds

Andy Warhol & Artificial Lighting

Flower Arranging & The Philosophy of Hannah Arendt

Raw Milk Cheese & Minimalist Art

Urban Trees & Domenico Scarlatti's Sonatas

Andy Warhol & Gin Martinis

Pirates! & Russian Conceptualism

Dubstep & the Napoleonic Wars

Aristotle & Nollywood

Archigram & Artificial Flavor

Walrus & Stereoscopic Photography

Judas Iscariot & Hissing Cockroaches

Beef & Edgar Allan Poe

Phantom Limbs & Flannery O'Connor

Thomas Jefferson & Giant Vegetables

Fingerprinting & Traditional Sumatran Architecture

Mongolian Gobi Bears & the Fourth Dimension

Psychic Animals & Vincent van Gogh

Urban Trees & Domenico Scarlatti's Sonatas



Cold Saki & African Art

Wild Birds & New Wave French Cinema

Piano Miniatures & Hearty Shrubs

Susan Sontag & Paint By Numbers

Tattoo Art & Ibsen's Medeas

Meat Sausage & T.S. Eliot

Mexican Muralists & Woody After Mia

Modern Origami & Native American Poetry

Clyfford Still & Cajun Cusine

Jacques Derrida & New African Music

Feminist Art & Burlesque Theater

Contemporary Opera & Murder Ballads

Punk Rock & Zen Buddhism

Contemporary Photography & Exotic Drums





exhibitions









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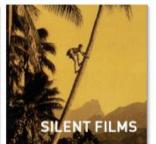






















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Wall labels are at once didactic and limited. They inhibit imagination. Squinted at through a dozen huddled heads, they are barely useful tools for learning, much less free thinking, or a private appreciation of the objects they describe.



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