## Process Mary Nocher



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# introduction



I grew up in a musical family.

My mum was a classically trained flaughtist, my dad and brothers self-taught guitarists, and countless members of our extended family fluent in multiple instruments.

I took lessons in flute and and tried to learn guitar, but always struggled reading sheet music or guitar tabs and lacked the intuitive musical skills to pick it up naturally.

I remember feeling a mixture of sadness that I didn't fit in, awe at those that did, and most simply, an ongoing love for music.



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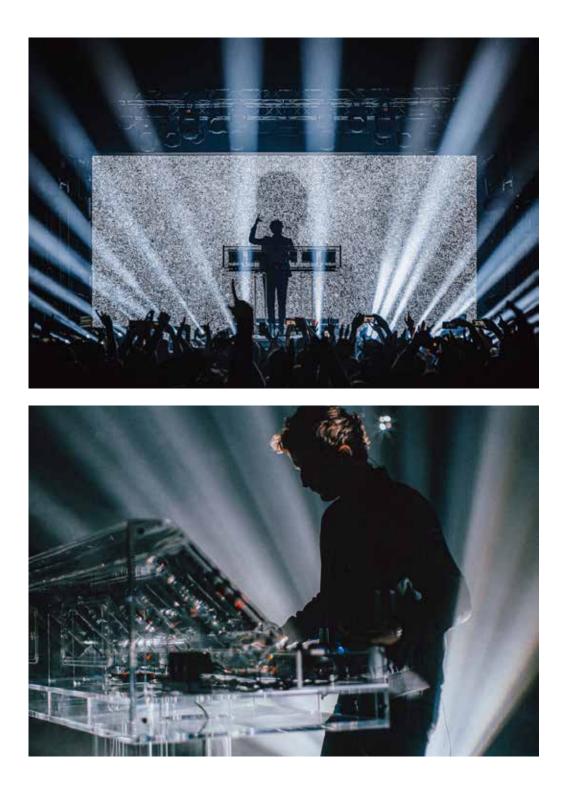
As I got older I found a new way to connect to music. Maybe I couldn't make it but I could experience it.

Concerts, festivals and raves offered an experience which listening alone couldn't provide.

Although they stimulated every sense, what stood out to me was the way the visuals enhanced the sound.

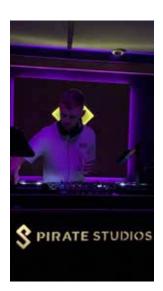
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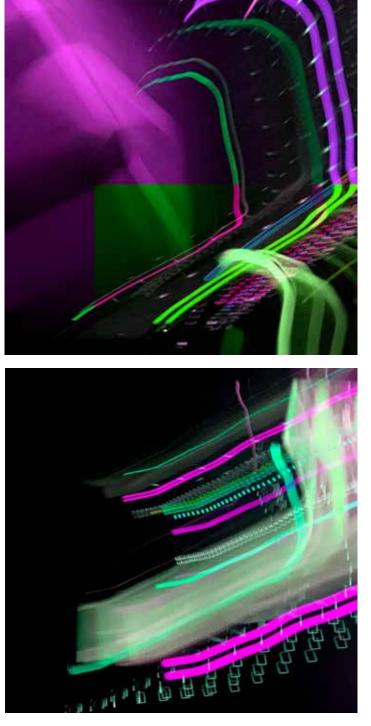
Dimension LIVE was the pinnacle of these sensory experiences. A custom built transparent synthesiser, reactive lighting and video design and even scent technology all allowed an unprecedented connection to the music.



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The final major inspiration for wavey. forms was slightly lower key. In a small studio in Digbeth, I saw the visuals involved in electronic music production and performance directly from the creator's viewpoint.

The waveforms and spectograms in DJ and production software made sense to me in a way which sheet music never did: the shapes, forms and colours illuminating the rythym, frequency and volume of the music rather than confusing or clouding it.

I knew I wanted to find away to capture and share those images, and the strange combination of comfort and excitement that they brought me. Where by happy chords, the colour that glitters Has a tone it follows and a tone that follows it,

Where by the effect of an invisible and supreme art This hue is no more and still seems the same,

Where, displaying everywhere its imperceptible rapports, The contrast of tones appears only at both edges;

In the meadows of the sky ocular harmony Shows you the genius of the concert of colours

Lemierre, 1769

CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow and Black) are the four colours used in most printing processes. In their pure individual form they are simple, bold colours, yet together they can create any colour imaginable. This relates closely to sound and music: singular sounds (eg instruments or voices) combined can create something of far greater depth and complexity.

CMYK is also the opposite to RGB:

CMYK is subtractive - the colours removed from light: when all are layered it creates pure white RBG is additive - red, green or blue light are added: when all are layered it creates pure white

One is used for digital images, the other physical.

That is why wavey.forms uses CMYK as it's signature colour theme: representing the translation from digital to physical, as well as audio to visual.





What rapid course of shades! What accord in their differences! For my charmed eyes what a voice!

Stances sur le merveilleux clavecin oculaire Descazeaux, 1739





T-Shirt Bad Monday



T-shirt blink-182



T-Shirt MTV



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Shoes Vans



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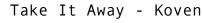


Street Art Fokawolf

[...] go in a record store and just try and guess what the music sounds like by looking at the album cover. DJ Spooky



Angles - The Strokes





See Through You -A Place To Bury Strangers



Abacab - Genesis



Commonwealth Games 2022 Colour Theme



Lighting - Bullring & Grand Central

Today, Birmingham is the most culturally mixed city in the UK, a fact which is reflected in many of the region's strengths.

The people of the West Midlands take pride in their cultural heritage, the continual fusion of cultures in the region has created a unique community - our diversity is our strength.

In the first, colour is made out to be the property of some 'foreign' body – usually the feminine, the oriental, the primitive, the infantile, the vulgar, the queer or the pathological. In the second, colour is relegated to the realm of the superficial, the supplementary, the inessential or the cosmetic.

Colour is dangerous, or it is trivial, or it is both.

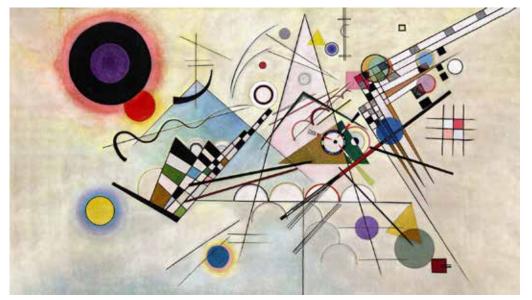
Chromophobia David Batchelor

Colour has the capacity to work in myriad ways, representing opposing psychological states, from exuberant joy to crushing despair. Like music, brilliant colour can lift our spirits or stimulate memory; and artists have often turned to synaesthesia to develop their work.

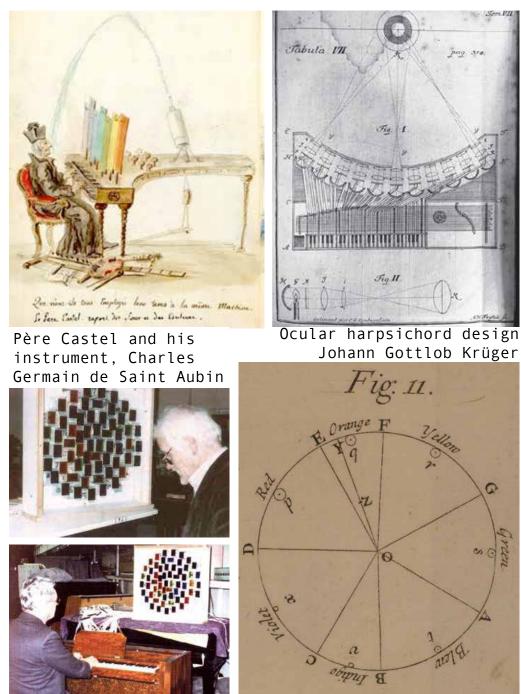
> Chromophilia Hauser and Wirth exhibition text

The idea of music appears everywhere in Kandinsky's paintings. He believed shades resonated with each other to produce visual 'chords' and had an influence on the soul.

Wassily Kandinsky: the painter of sound and vision Gerard McBurney for The Guardian, 2006



Composition 8 Wassily Kandinsky, 1923

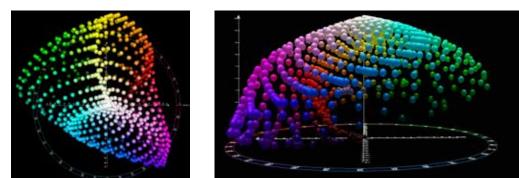


The Coloured Piano Daniel Paquette

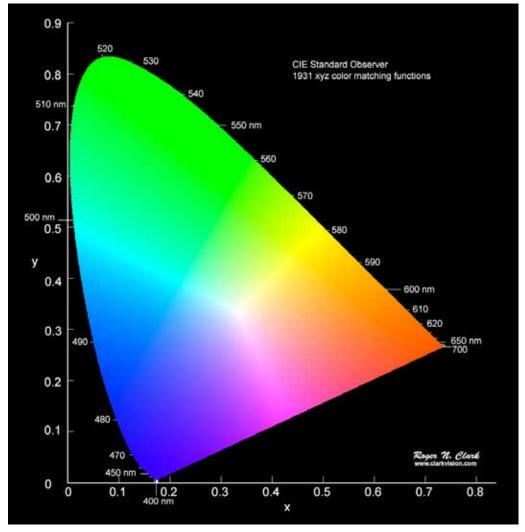
In this letter, Castel set out to prove that there was an analogy between the phenomena of sound and light, and between tones and colours, such that what had up till then been performed only with sound, that is, arranging different tones in such a way that we appreciate the effect as a form of art, should be equally possible by arranging different colours, so that a whole new form of art would emerge, a music of colours.

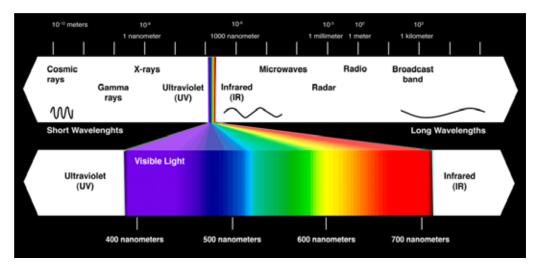
Castel motivated the analogy between sound and light by the supposition that both were vibrational phenomena. By way of a rhetorical question he wondered whether "sound and light do not equally consist in the insensible wigglings of the sonorous and luminous bodies, and of the media that transmit them to our ears [and to our eyes]?" And as tones are modifications of sound and colours are modifications of light, this implied an analogy between tones and colours.

The Ocular Harpsichord Of Louis-Bertrand Castel The Science and Aesthetics of an Eighteenth-Century Cause Célèbre Maarten Franssen



CIE Colour Space / The Chromaticity Diagram





Comparing sound and colour wavelengths - VCU wavey.forms colour code with the CMYK model





all seemed possible in that union of art and sound

Playing pictures: the wonder of graphic scores Tom Phillips for The Guardian

## audio to image

The boundaries of visuality have never been more fluid. Superhuman vision, once a childhood fantasy of comic books and cartoons, is now a fact of life.

> Supervision Nicholas Baume

The obvious world that we know on gross levels of sight, sound, taste and touch, can be connected with the subtle world revealed by our scientific instruments and devices.

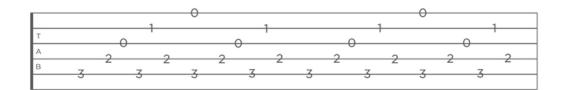
> The New Landscape in Art and Science Gyorgy Kepes, 1956

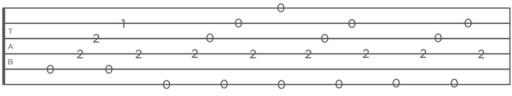
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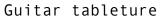
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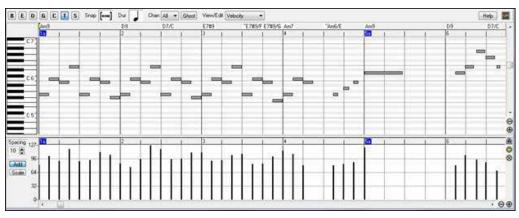


Notation on musical staves





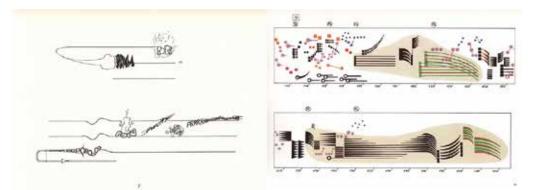




Bar-based MIDI notation

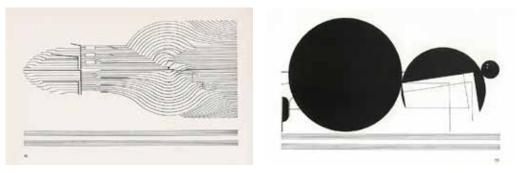
Playing pictures: the wonder of graphic scores - Artist and composer Tom Phillips for The Guardian

All notated music is graphic in the sense that there are signs to tell you what to do and when to do it.



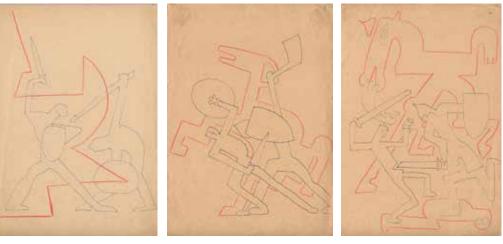
Stripsody, Cathy Berberian // Artikulation, Ligeti

Pure graphic notation grew out of this so that the guide for the performer is an autonomous drawing with little or no reference to orthodox notation.

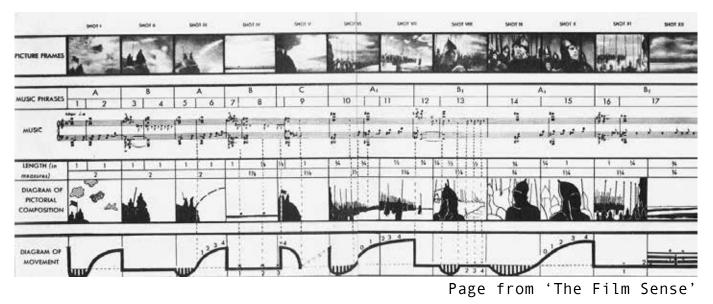


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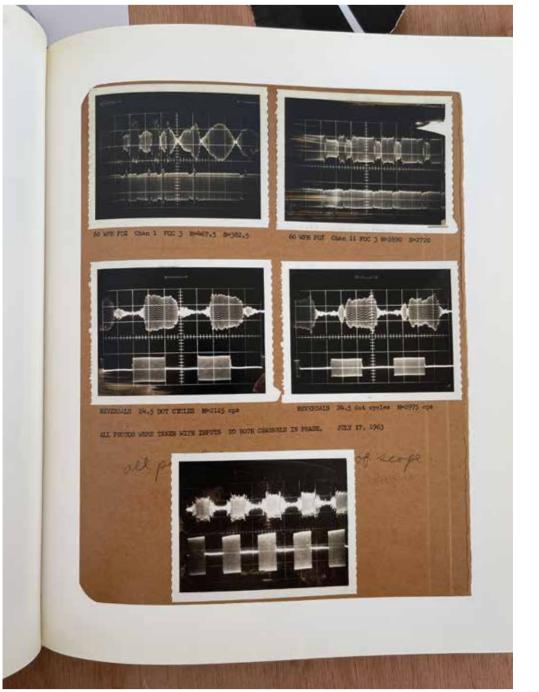
Although the graphic score must remain an intriguing byway in music history it helped redefine the possibilities of ordered sound.



Drawings from the series 'Thoughts on Music' Sergei Eisenstein



Eisenstein attempted to visualise the interplay between the visual and the aural, which he would later explain in an elaborate diagram produced for his book The Film Sense. Both elements, he believed, should exist in a new kind of 'audiovisual counterpoint', reinterpreting the principles of montage.Kino Klassika Foundation



Page from 'The Unphotographable' Jeffrey Fraenkel

#### Anybody here this old?



Windows Media Player Visualizations are colors, shapes, and patterns that move to the music in Windows Media Player Now Playing mode.

Microsoft



The development of available electronic means has enabled the proliferation of a creative multitude, a propagation of inventive abundance that builds on the various traditions of young people making their own music - the successive waves of folk, jazz, rock, punk. The difference this time is that technology means that music is connected instantly and globally. Sounds made on a laptop in Birmingham can be heard (and reconfigured of remixed) by someone in Brisbane or Bogota within moments.

That sound should shift to imaged notation (from the symbolic to the indexical) effects a wider music making process.

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The development of electronic sampling culture is manifest in Breakcore, an anarchic and fast-paced genre that stands as an electronic equivalent of punk music, cutting up drum samples into tiny fractions of a beat and drawing on sounds from movies, orchestras, rock, pornography, commerical pop - anything and everything is used without inhibition or hierarchy.

All sound is visual and equal.

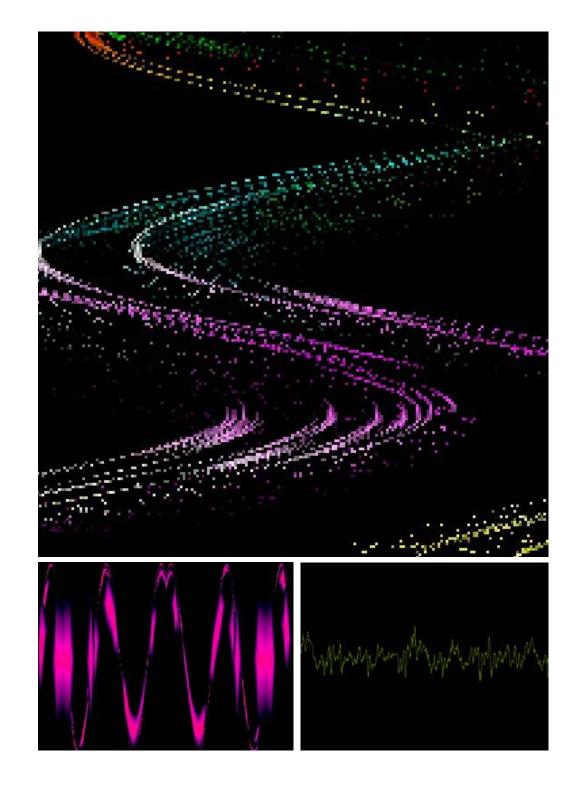
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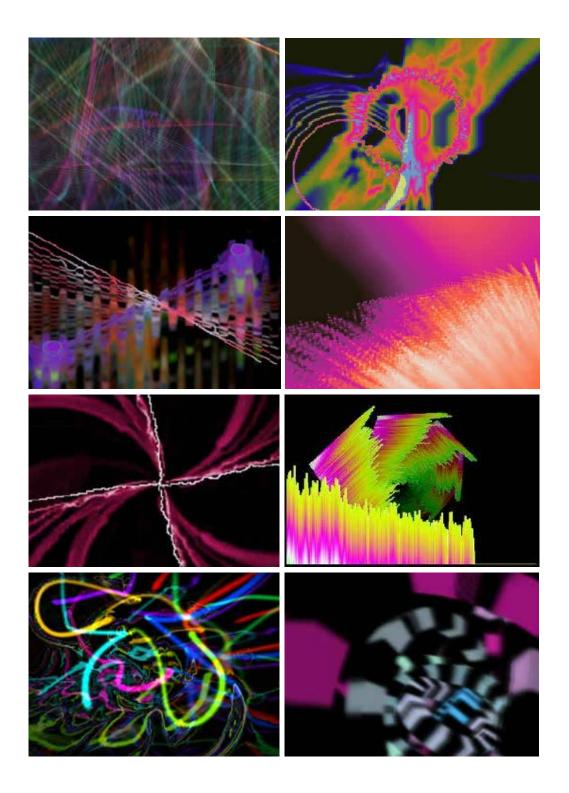
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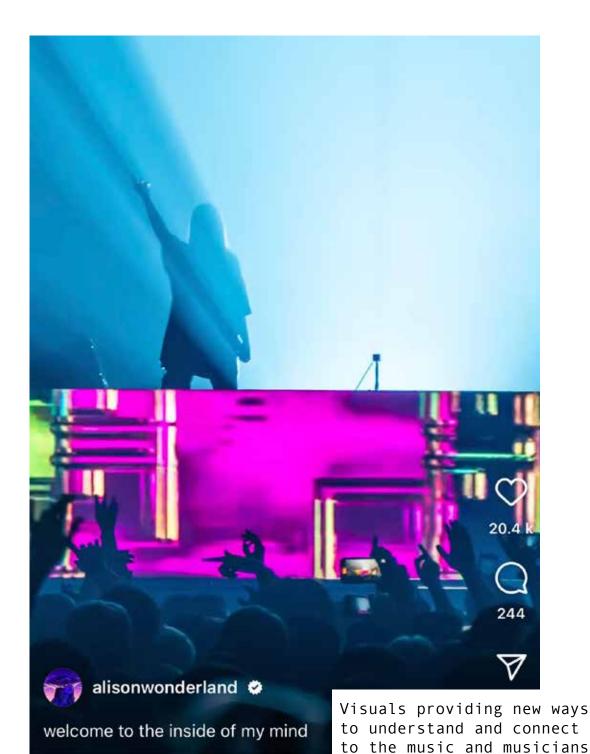




Midnight Movement



Boxcat Designs









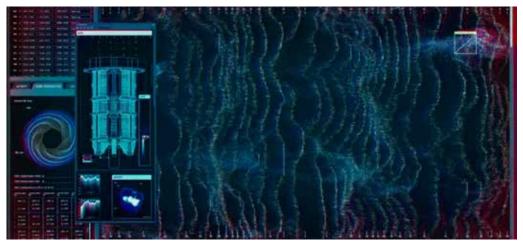




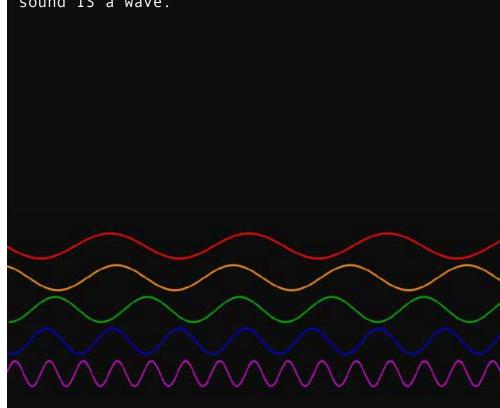








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sound IS a wave.

'Sound waves are longitudinal waves that travel through a medium like air or water.' NASA

Soundwave charts represent a sound as follows: Y Axis: volume: amplitude/intensity X Axis: pitch: frequency

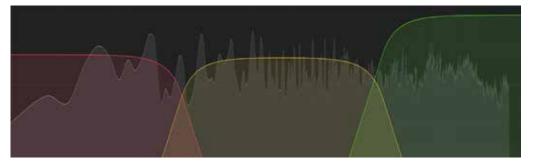
The taller the peaks the louder the sound. The closer the peaks the higher the frequency.

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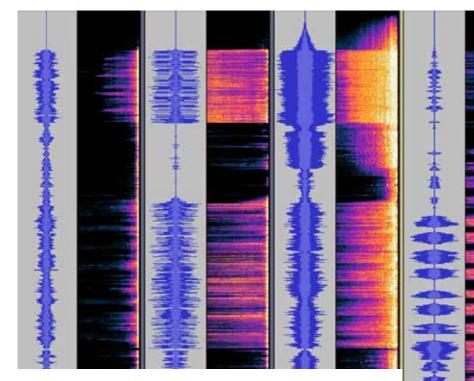
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FL Studio: inserting split stems: vocals/drums/bass/other

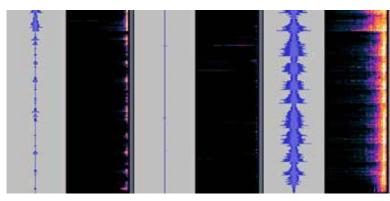


FL Studio: frequency splitter: auto-detects low/mids/highs



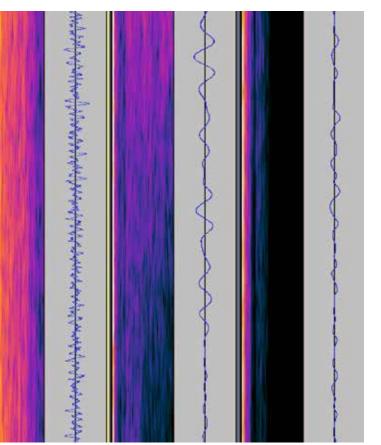
Scientific aesthetics will replace the ancient speculative and idealist aesthetics. Considerations around Beauty are no longer relevant. The metaphysics of Beauty have withered away. Now we have the physics of beauty.

Manifesto Invencionista, 1946 Tomás Maldonado & the Buenos Aires group



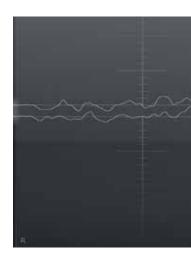
Hearing music depends on the recognition of the in-between of the tones, of their placing and of their spacing. Colors present themselves in continuous flux, constantly related to changing neighbors and changing conditions.

> Interaction of Colour Josef Albers, 1963



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The time-series plot is the most frequently used form of graphic design. With one dimension marching along to the regular rhythm of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, centuries or millennia, the natural ordering of the time scale gives this design a strength and efficiency of interpretation found in no other graphic arrangement.

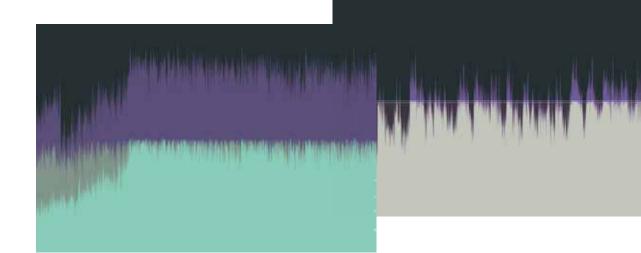


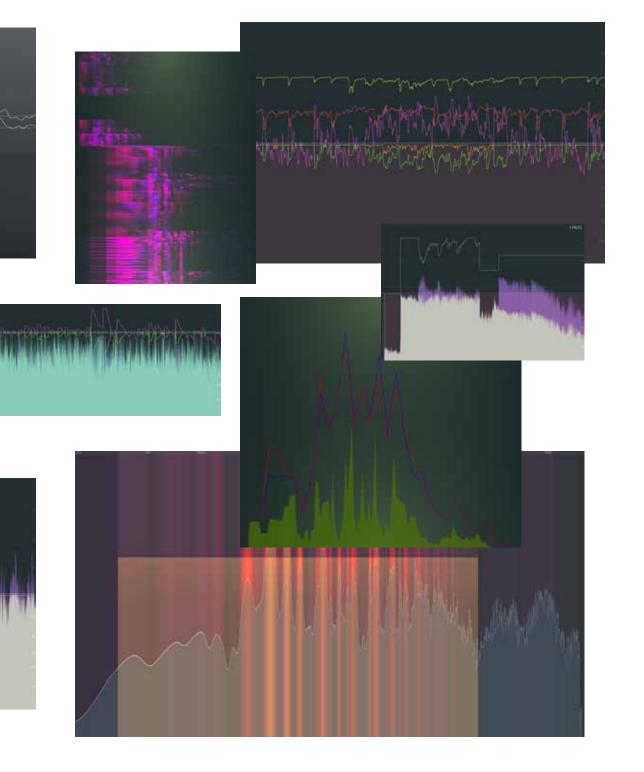
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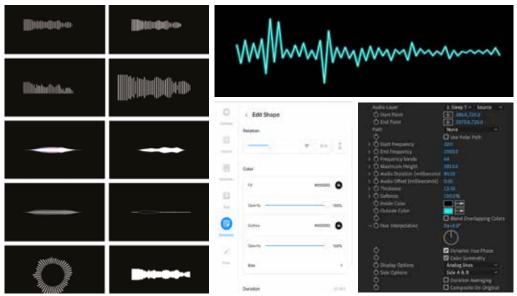
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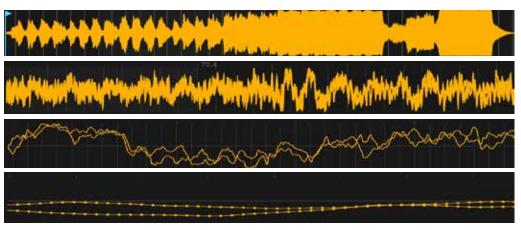
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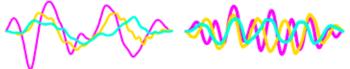
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### Adobe After Effects



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FL Studio screenshot: blurry or pixelated lines

Indesign: image trace & expand shaky, disconnected lines

Indesign: trace with curvature tool smooth, completely adjustable lines





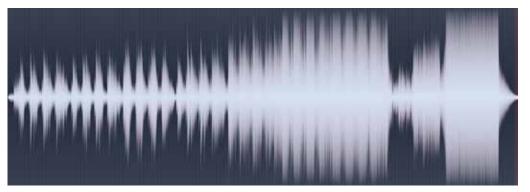




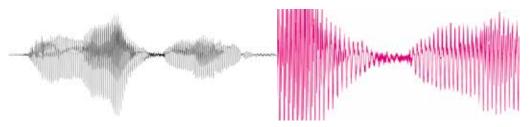
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FL Studio screenshot: edison: segment of speech [MN - I love you] 00:00:02



FL studio screenshot: edison: whole song [Sleep Token - Levitate] 00:04:24

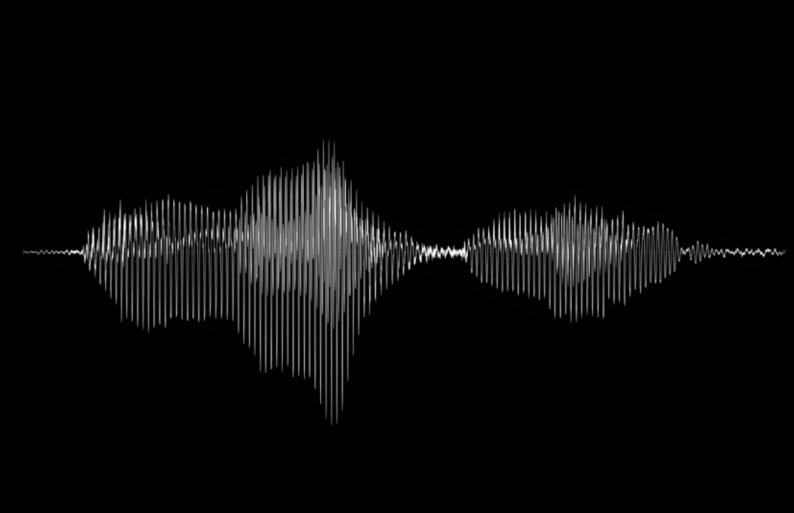


Solour change/background removal: Vectorising in indesign: - detail, + creative options Editing in photoshop: - options, + details maintained

Their method of composing becomes visual as they see the wave forms, recognise patterns, cut and paste to create a multi-track sound collage. This follows early film sound editors in the 1930s who cut films by watching the visual patterns of the optical sound tracks at the edge of the celluloid strip.

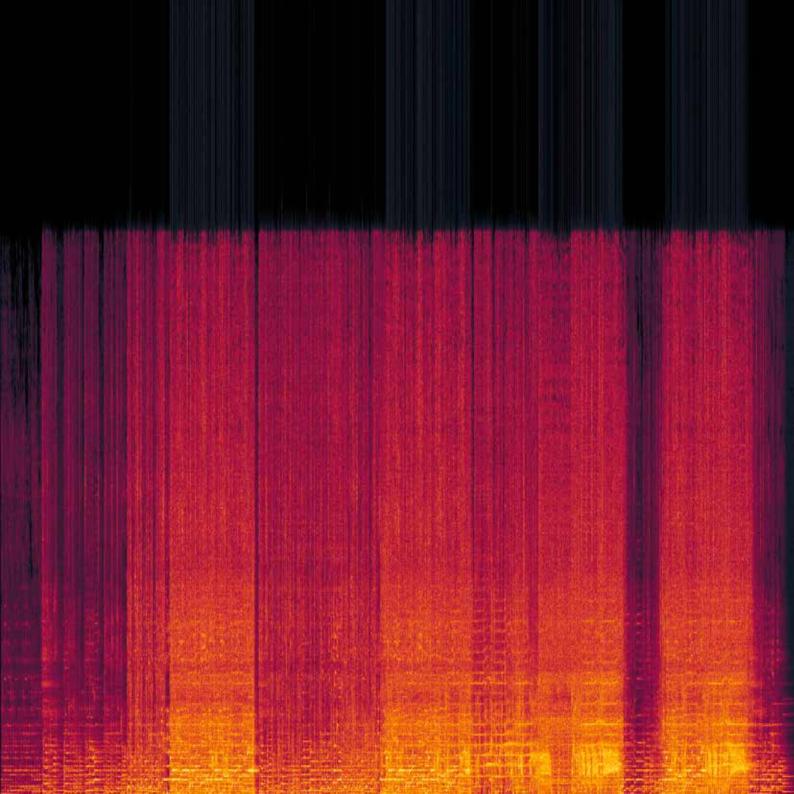
Now new indexical signs move into action as the waveforms of the sound being played (with) appear as a horizontal pulse running past a window, eliciting a response of improvisatory mixing.

Seeing is Believing: The Politics of the Visual Rod Stoneman



I discovered the charm of the line in and of itself - the line in space as well as the line drawn on a surface, and the nothing between the lines and the sparkling when they cross ... I discovered that sometimes in-between the lines is as important as the line itself.

> Sabiduros and Other Texts Gego



[...] flow into them, and the magic and ideology inherent within them are translated into the programmed magic of technical images [...]

Towards a Philosphy of Photography Vilem Flusser



Artists have been exploring the correspondence between the senses of hearing and vision for hundreds of years, during which time the work itself has mutated in step with the socio-political and aesthetic interests of its particular era.

The contemporary canvas? A landscape not only saturated by but literally built out of digitally driven, sensory sapping information. New technology enables these artists to create art that uniquely reflects our zeitgeist and, at the same time, is part of a long continuum. Paradoxically the art form in which these artists work involves highly technological strategies that inspire a renewed consciousness of highly un-technological experiences – physicality, human cognition and perception.

> What sound does a colour make? Exhibition publication introduction Kathleen Forde, 2004

# digital to physical

Thus the happening developed as an intermedium... It is not governed by rules; each work determines its own medium and form according to its needs [...] Of course a concept like this is very disturbing to those whose mentality is compartmentalised.

> Intermedia Dick Higgins, 1965

We imagine synthesis as the sum total of the physical elements: colour, sound, movement, time, space, integrated in physical and mental union. [...] The new art requires that all of man's energies be used productively in creation and interpretation. Existence is shown in an integrated manner, with all its vitality.

> Manifesto Blanco (The White Manifesto) Lucio Fontana et al, 1946

[...] audio-visual correlations, which have aesthetic, psychological and social content (origin) will serve as the basis for appreciation.

> Music-Kinetic Art Medium B. M. Galeyev, 1976

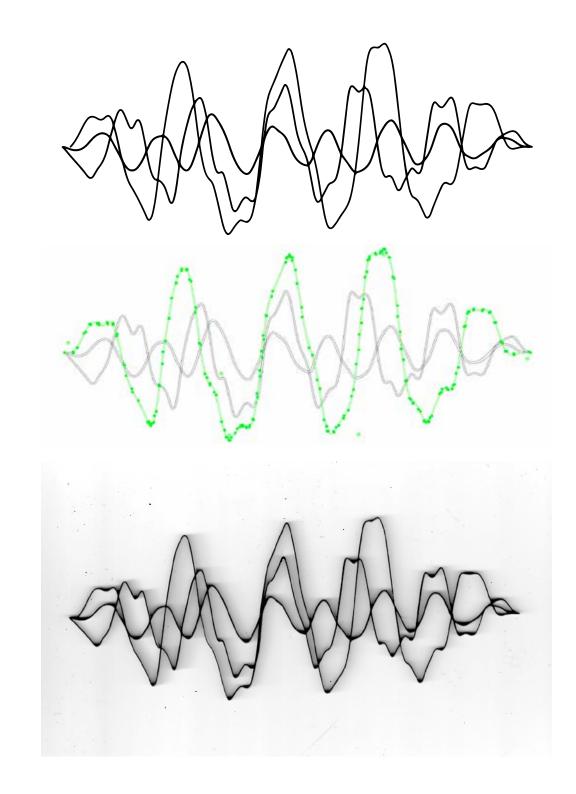


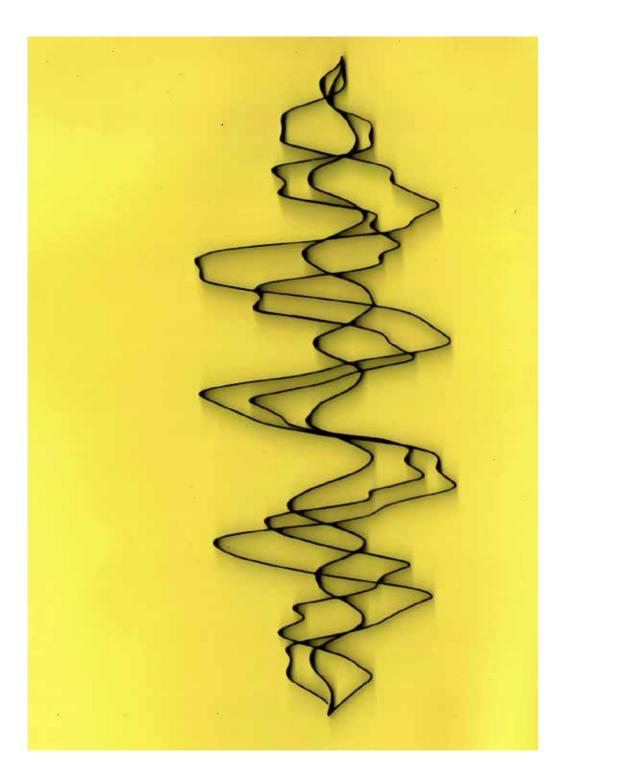




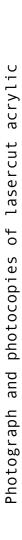
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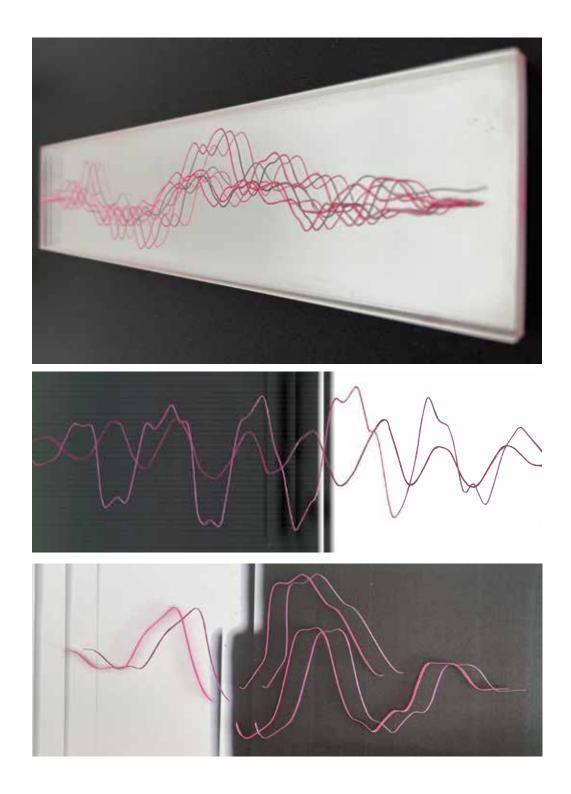


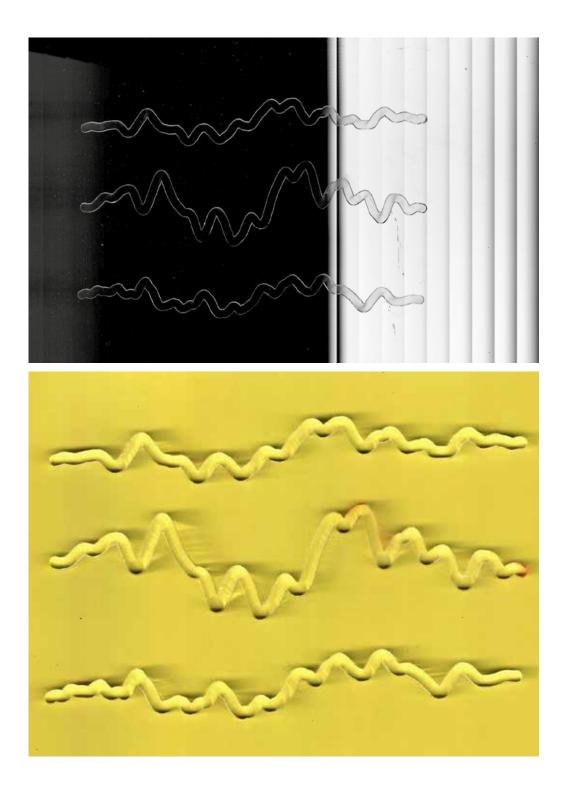


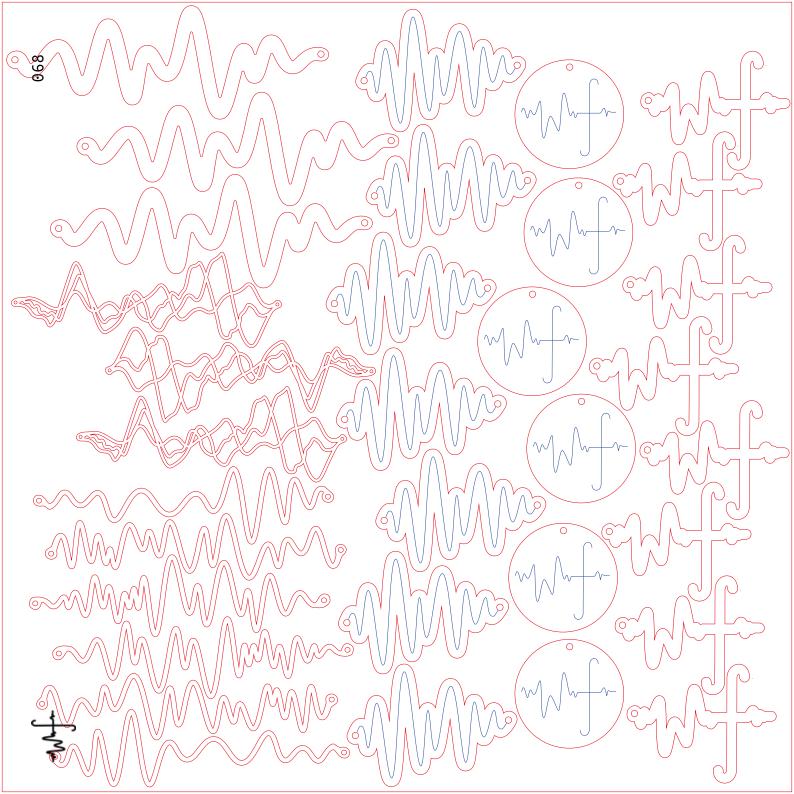


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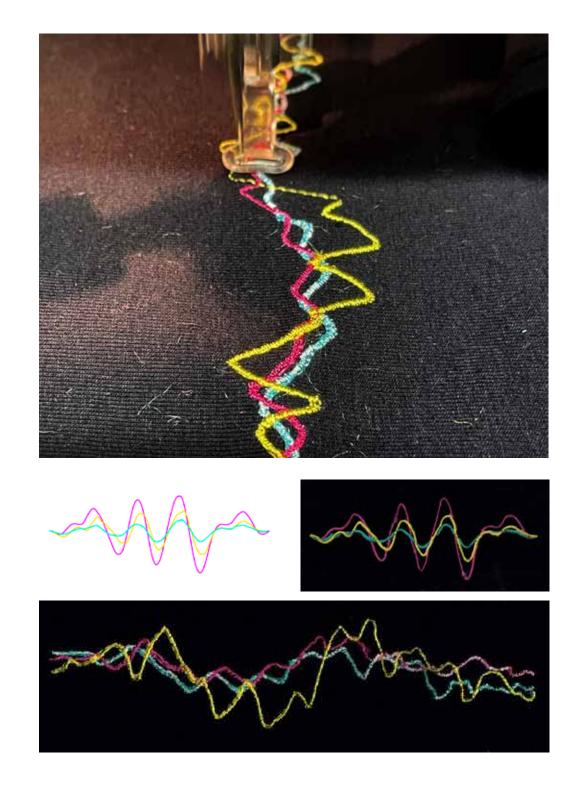




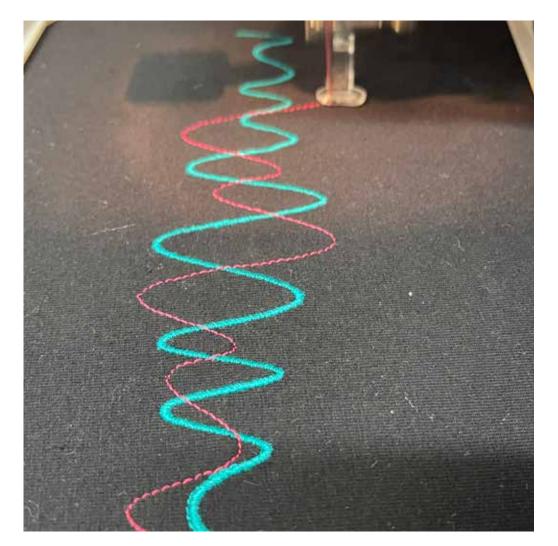
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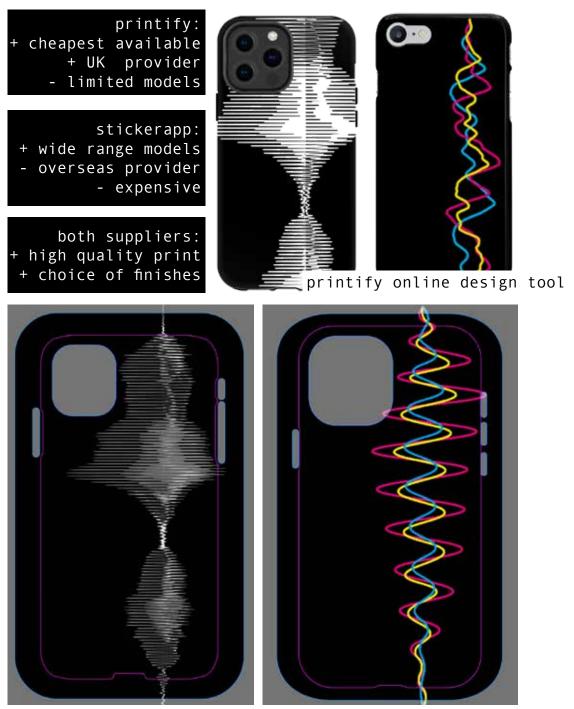
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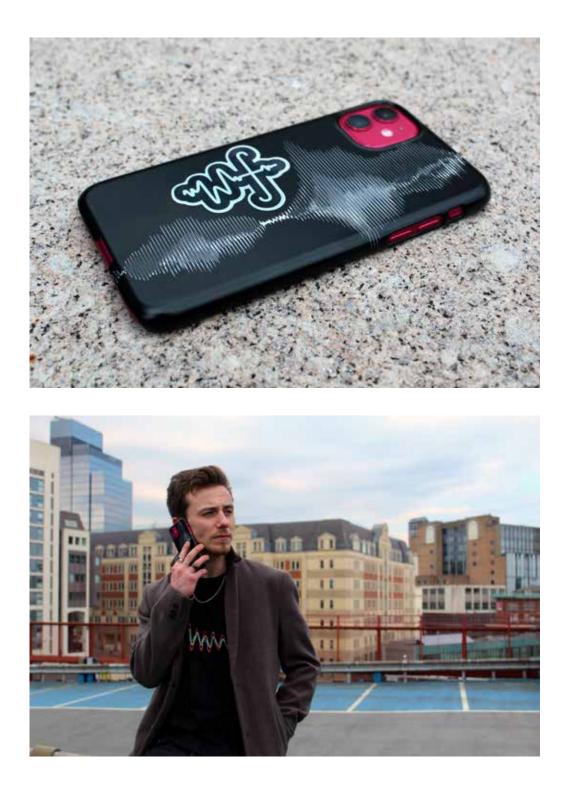
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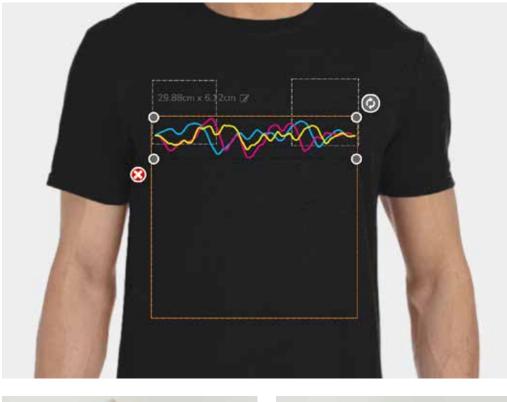


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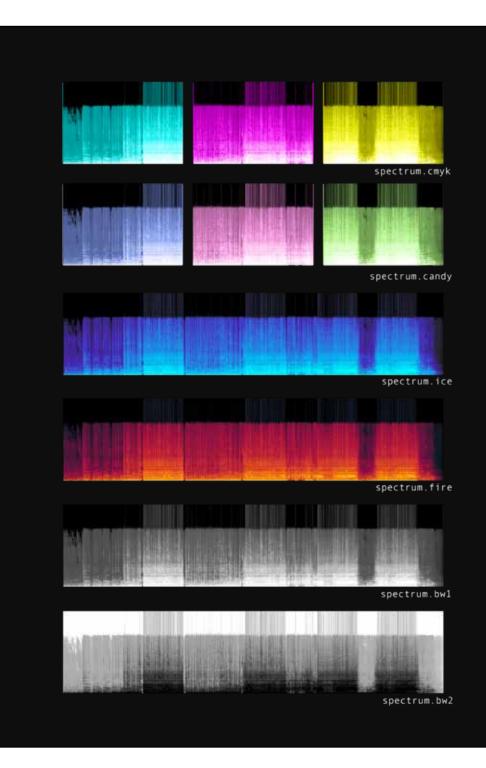






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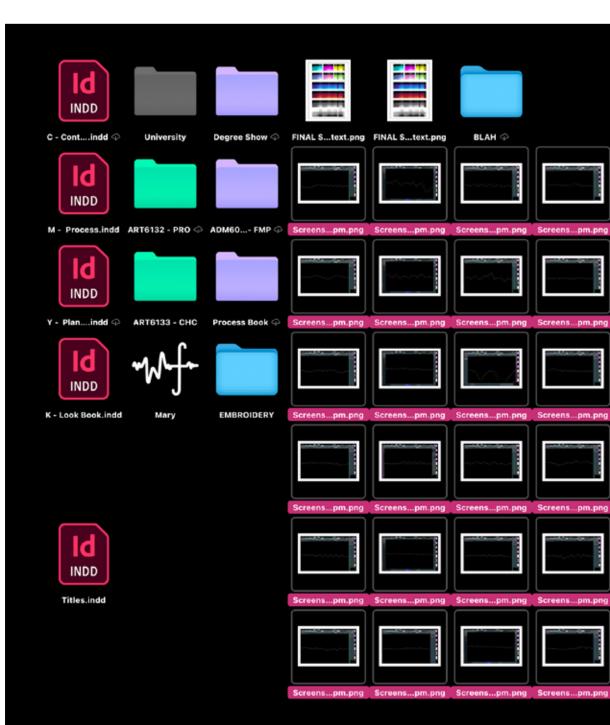
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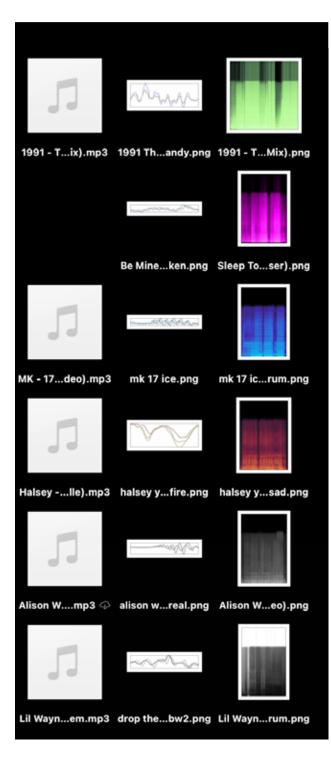
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untitled Gego, 1966

Split Gego, 1959





Prismatic, 2018 Hou de Sousa

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Quick sketch line-based sculptural idea



Carme Genesis Quintessenz, 2019



#2 Fabric Sculptural Installation - Shows Layering of sound - CMYK model \* Sheer fabric Movement upon encounter Waver. Quick sketch - fabric-based sculptural idea

Digital visualisations

Sketching thoughts



Distribute the Network, Alis Oldfield, 2019



The Fallowfield, Eva Rothschild, 2018



The Vanity of Small Differences, Grayson Perry

Ξ Studio Screenshot ı considering tapestries

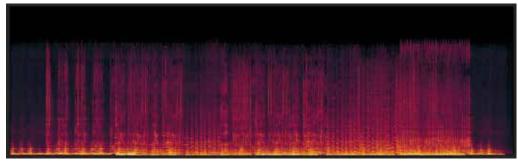


"[...] textiles also includes colour, and, as the dominating element, texture, which is the result of the construction of weaves. Like any craft it may end in producing useful objects, or it may rise to the level of art."

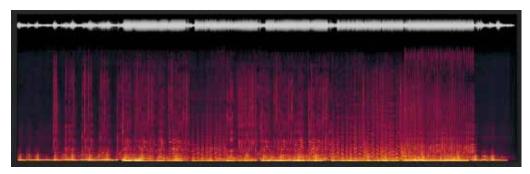
- Anni Albers

Intersecting, 1962

Knot, 1947 1947 Knet



Spectrum (no waveform) test



Spectrum (waveform in black area) test

"This is a soft woven poly-blend material constructed using a Pique knit. An acoustical fabric that you can attach to your speaker's grille panel. This woven, custom made Speaker fabric, UK printed, is constructed of an open weave build and has a meshlike quality. Weighing 140gsm this custom speaker grill cloth is of medium body, with a matt surface texture, it's also slightly opaque allowing sound and light to pass through allows the fabric to be breathable and the print to be visible. With an elastic body, custom speaker cloth has a fourway stretch quality that makes it perfect for manipulating around your speaker of choice."

Custom Speaker Grille Cloth Product Description Contrado



Thus culture divided into three branches: that of the fine arts fed with traditional images which were, however, conceptually and technically enriched; that of science and technology fed with hermetic texts; and that of the broad strata of society fed with cheap texts. To prevent culture breaking up, technical images were invented, as a code that was to be valid for the whole of society.

# [...]

They were to form the lowest common denominator for art, science and politics (in the sense of universal values, i.e., to be at one and the same time 'beautiful', 'true' and 'good', and in this way as a universally valid code, they were to overcome the crisis of culture – of art, science and politics.

Towards a Philosphy of Photography Vilem Flusser, 1983 "Branding is the act of giving a company a particular design or symbol in order to advertise its products and services."

Cambridge Dictionary

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# branding

"Branding is the act of giving a company a particular design or symbol in order to advertise its products and services."

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"Branding is the perpetual process of identifying, creating, and managing the cumulative assets and actions that shape the perception of a brand in stakeholders' minds."

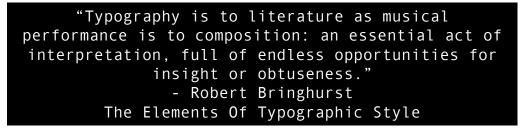
Branding Mag

"Design is the silent ambassador of your brand."

"Design is the method of putting form and content together. Design, just as art, has multiple definitions, there is no single definition. Design can be art. Design can be aesthetics. Design is so simple, that's why it is so complicated."



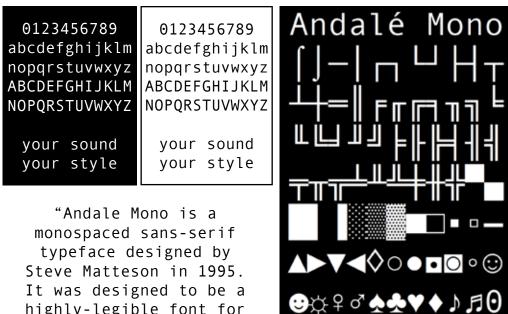
Screenshot of website: brand recognition through font - Supreme



# Andale Mono



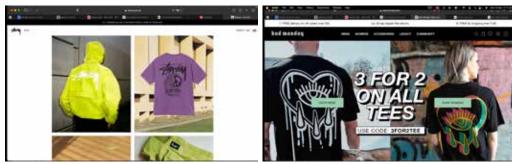
"Andale Mono is a favourite - mainly due to its legibility at small sizes for screen or print." - Luc Devroye



highly-legible font for programming usage."

- typewolf.com

Font Elements - wiki user 'Liebeskind'

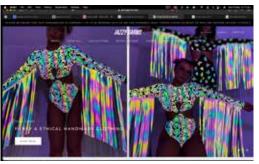


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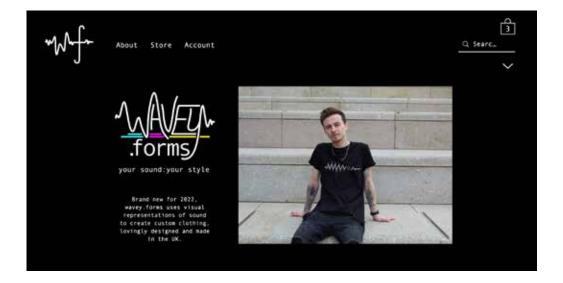
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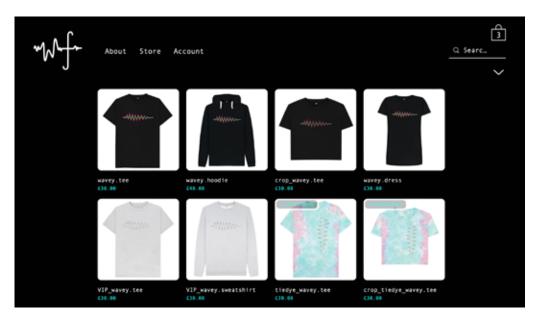


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"I strive for two things in design: simplicity and clarity. Great design is born of those two things." Lindon Leader



Screeshots of wavey.forms home page and store

#### About wavey.forms

Wavey.forms uses visual representations of sound to create custom clothing, accessories and homewares.

In providing alternative ways to represent music and speech wavey.forms offers new ways to connect to the sounds and people we love!

Whatever your sound or style, express yourself with custom garms, fill your space with personalised prints, or surprise a loved one with a gift as special as them!

Every wavey.forms item is unique, lovingly designed and made to your chosen specifications and sound in the UK.



#### Meet the maker

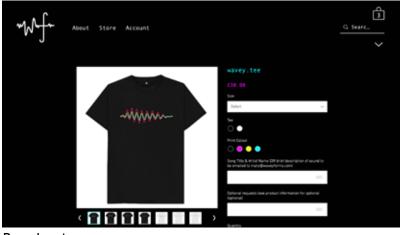
I'm a 26 year old soon-to-be graduate of the Arts, living and working in Birmingham, UK.

I'm mama to two amazing children, three completely bonkers cats and a whole lotte house plants!

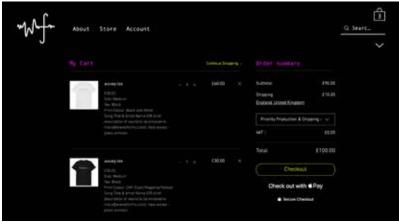
Wavey.forms started as a tipsy idea in a DJ booth and developed into a way to combine some of my favourite things: art, music and people!

I hope you love your items just as much as I've loved designing them for you! Much love, Nary x

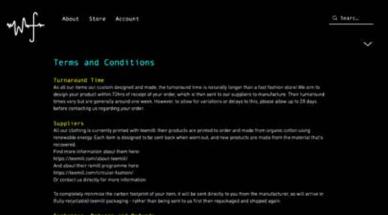




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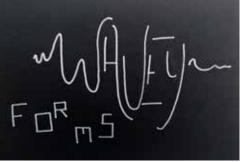


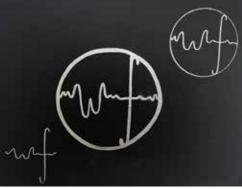
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Logos are the graphic extension of the internal realities of a company. Saul Bass



The strongest logos tell simple stories. Sol Sender

logo design with border for die cut



die cut: + custom, + visual appeal



circles: - common, + longer lasting

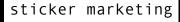


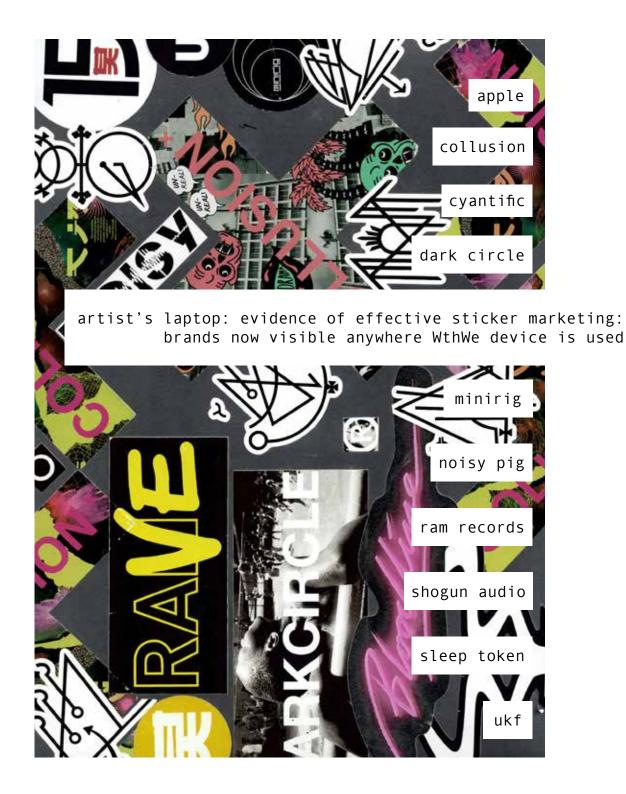
holographic: + hard-wearing, + wave-like-flux, + eye-catching



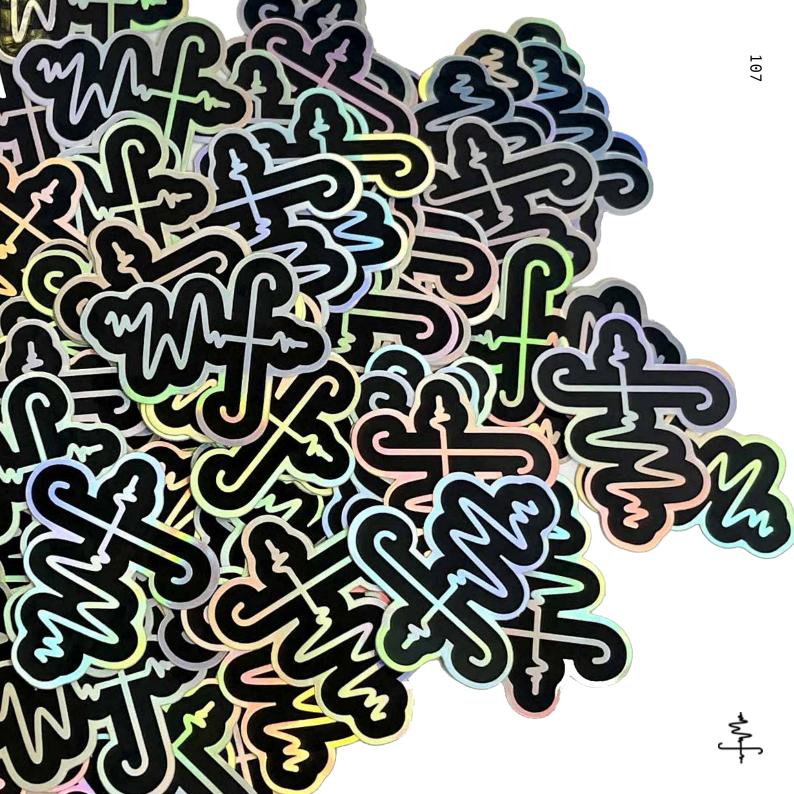


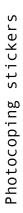
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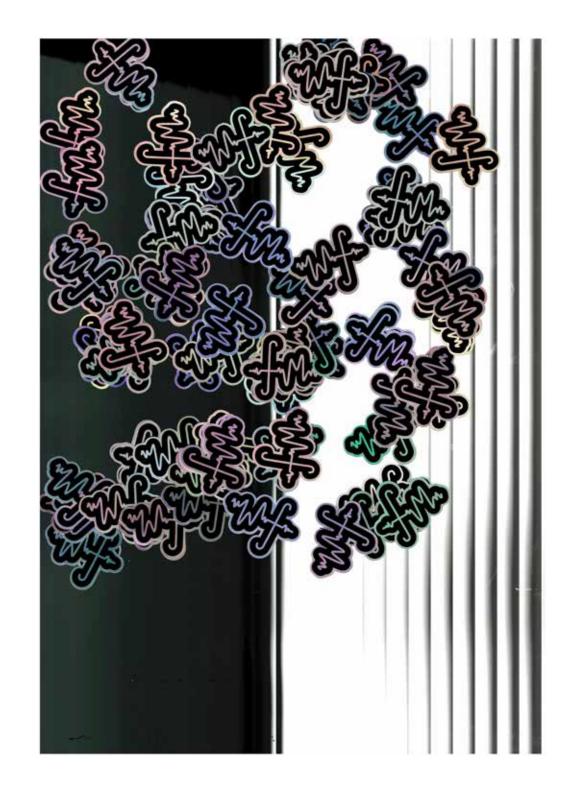














Shortly after the first Xerox copying machine was made in 1959, artists started experimenting with it, pushing its boundaries and developing a new art form. The technology was first used by artists involved in the International Mail Art Movement of the 1960s, as a quick and inexpensive way to produce spontaneous small-scale collages and works of art suitable for mailing.

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Our experiences and ideas tend to be common but not deep, or deep but not common.

Art and Visual Perception: A Psychology of the Creative Eye, Rudolf Arnheim, 1954

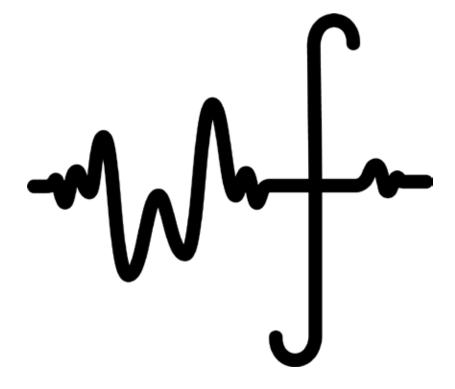
And one day he realised that very few people went to art galleries and museums but many people looked at books and magazines as he did and they got them through the mail as he did.

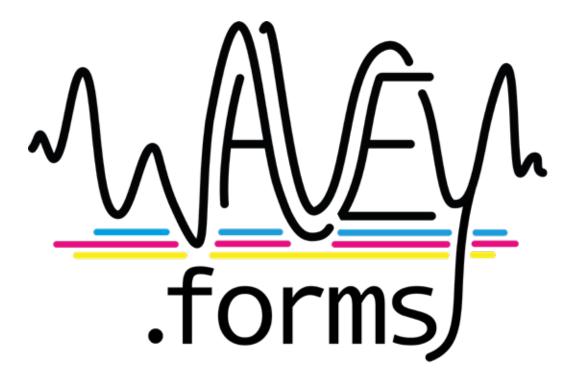
Moral: It's difficult to put a painting in a mailbox.

Extract from 'The Best Way To Do Art' Ingres and other parables John Baldessari, 1972

Go for the audiences that are easy to please, not for the ones who want to be impressed – they're bound to be disappointed (most of the time).

> Naut Humon Interviewed by Kathleen Forde, 2004









# baaad collaboration

The times we live in intensify the importance of unity, we have the collective responsibility to be more empathetic, listen and relate to one another because nothing flourishes in isolation.

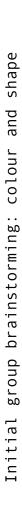
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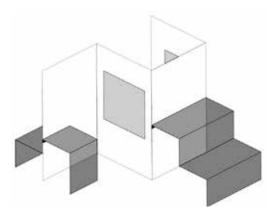




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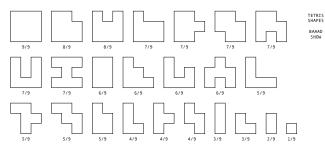


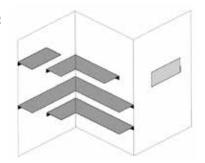


Design ideas for multipurpose modular display structures

Material development: wood? metal? perspex?

Colour development: colour coding/connections? cmyk? rgb? margaret st?





MDF and visible fixings for week 6 wip exhibition: speaks of progress, of making, of development



Model display stuctures: laser cut mdf/sawn metal



Title references 'it's nice that', placing the BAAAD course within the wider art & design discourse/world

Exhibition is open to ALL Birmingham School of Art, B3 3BU

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 6PM-8PM

Opening night with bar & performances WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 10-7PM Workshops, screenings & events THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 10-5PM

Artist shop open all three days: Every purchase supports us & our degree show!

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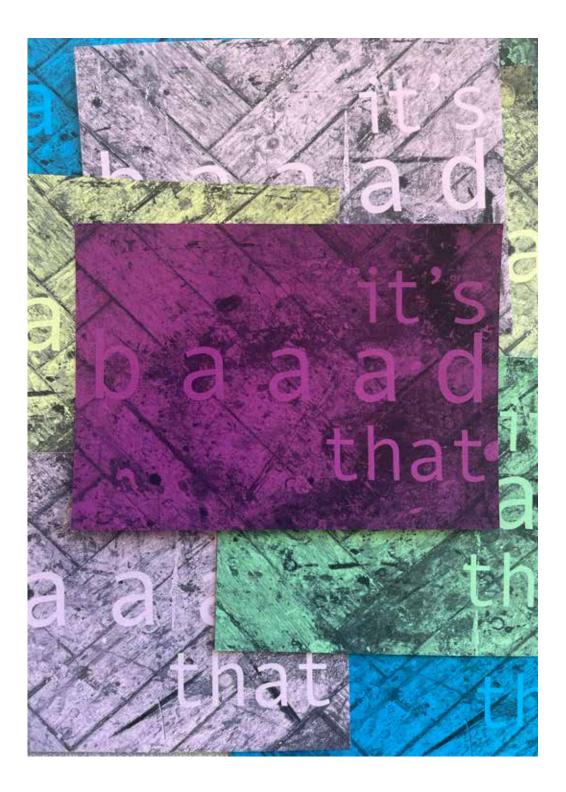
Colour through leaflet paper:

+ cost effective, + visually effective, + modern/fun!

- limited colour range initially, - less finish choice

information	design
who? what? when? where? why?	legible title eye catching relates to show clear information
encouraging engagement and access for *all*	front acts as print (something to keep)





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## wip shows

Exhibition design is often heavily reliant on space. A major challenge for exhibition designers and curators is to plan and fit in a limited space. Common barriers include working with old or listed buildings where décor is protected or limited by size and budget. A museum exhibition design must strike the right balance between style and practicality to ensure that the display delivers on its aim of public engagement.

The Workhaus

# & display development

[...] multifunctional and chill. it went from white cube to white pube ; a dream come true.

How I got a gallery Gabrielle de la Puente - The White Pube



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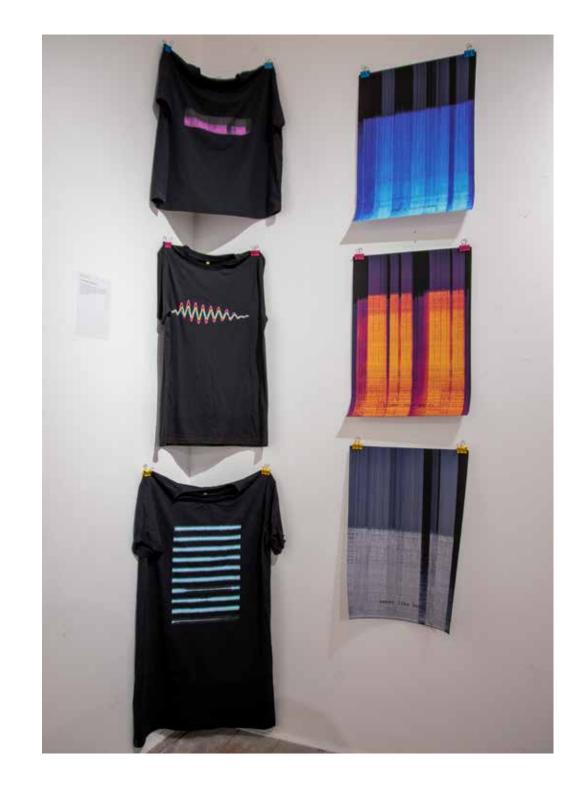




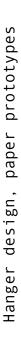




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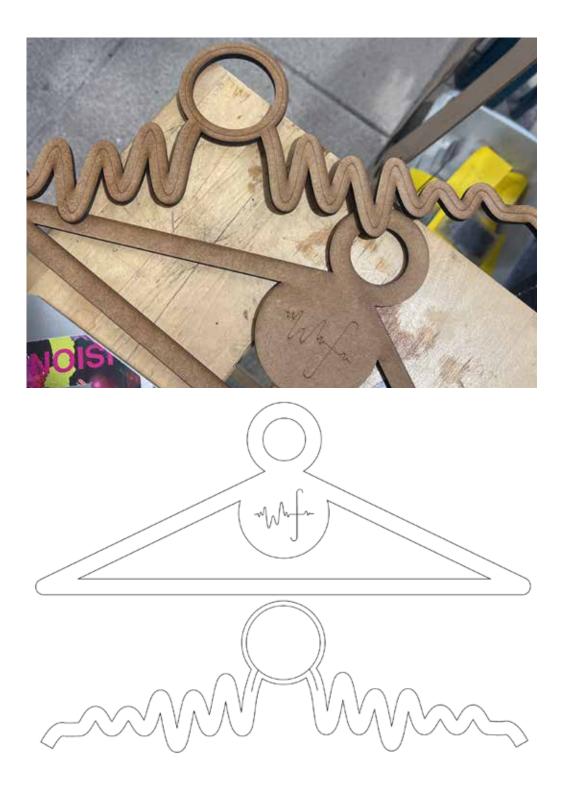


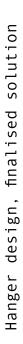


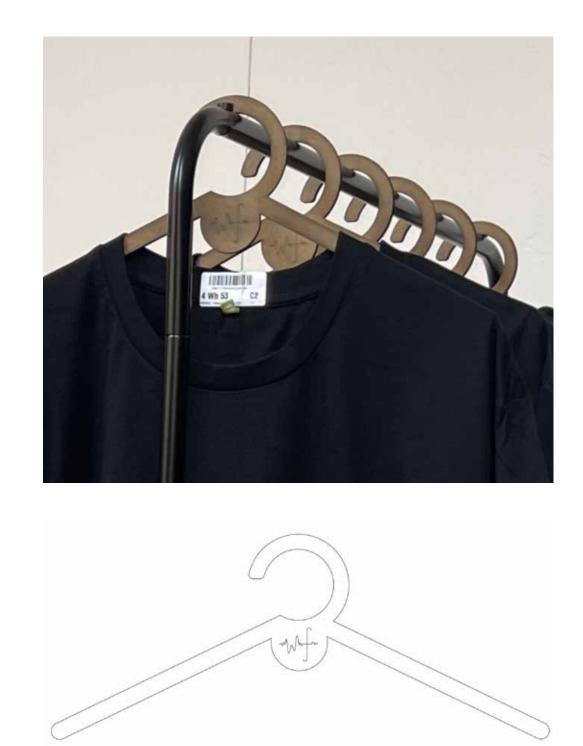


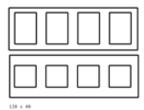
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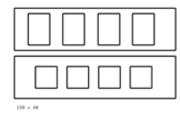


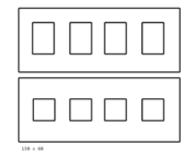














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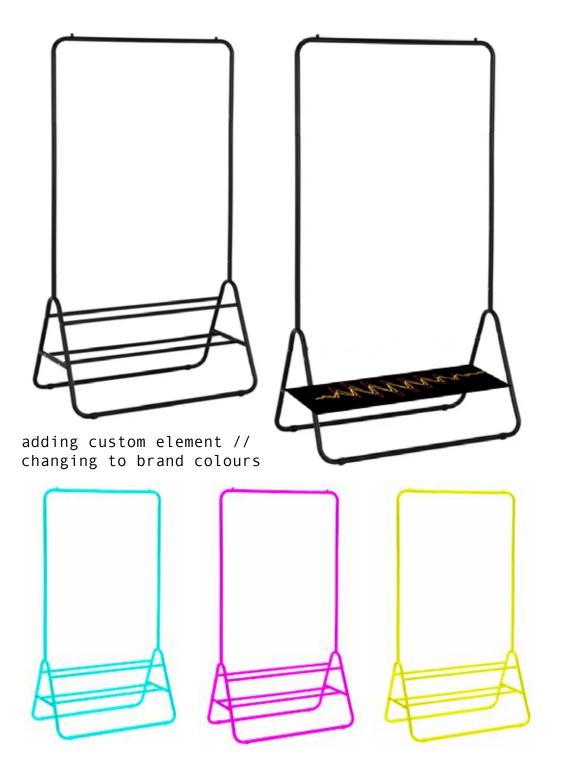


designer studio @ selfridges: black industrial metal



london fashion week: silver metal, grouped by colour

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# final outcomes

Music has always been a matter of energy to me, a question of fuel. Sentimental people call it inspiration, but what they really mean is fuel. I have always needed fuel. I am a serious consumer. On some nights I still believe that a car with the gas needle on empty can run about 50 more miles if you have the right music very loud on the radio.

Hunter S. Thompson

In terms of phenomenological questions, it [synesthesic/audiovisual artwork] can help us recall how we know the world; and in a broader context, the work can have psychological and spiritual ramifications.

> What sound does a colour make? Kathleen Forde, 2004

Heidegger, Stiegler, and the Question of a Musical Technics Michael Gallope, 2006

In Defense of the Poor Image Hito Steyerl, 2009

Something Real Alison Wonderland, 2022 It is precisely because of this necessary belief in recording that music's ontology can be reformed as the pure ideality of any sound, that in turn live performance can appear mediatized, and that our musical performances are ceaselessly haunted as less than ideal, as less than repetition.

> We recoil at the thought, tremble, and plead yet again: "the real."

[...] these works have become travelers in a digital no-man's land, constantly shifting their resolution and format, speed and media, sometimes even losing names and credits along the way.

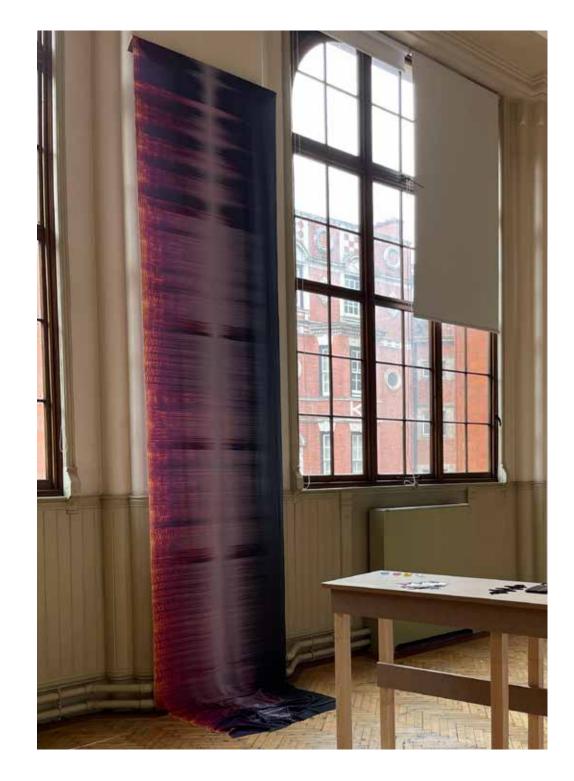
Now many of these works are back—as poor images, I admit. One could of course argue that this is not the real thing, but then—please, anybodyshow me this real thing.

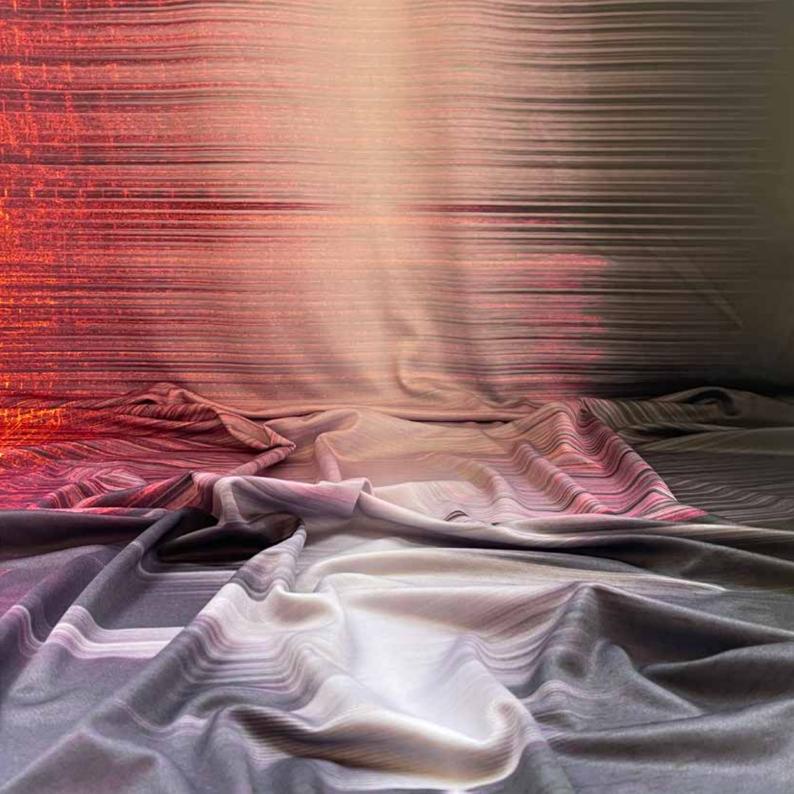
The poor image is no longer about the real thing—the originary original. Instead, it is about its own real conditions of existence: about swarm circulation, digital dispersion, fractured and flexible temporalities. It is about defiance and appropriation just as it is about conformism and exploitation.

In short: it is about reality.

And we're right here So give me something real And we're right here It's not in vain it's not in vain And we're right here

So give me something real

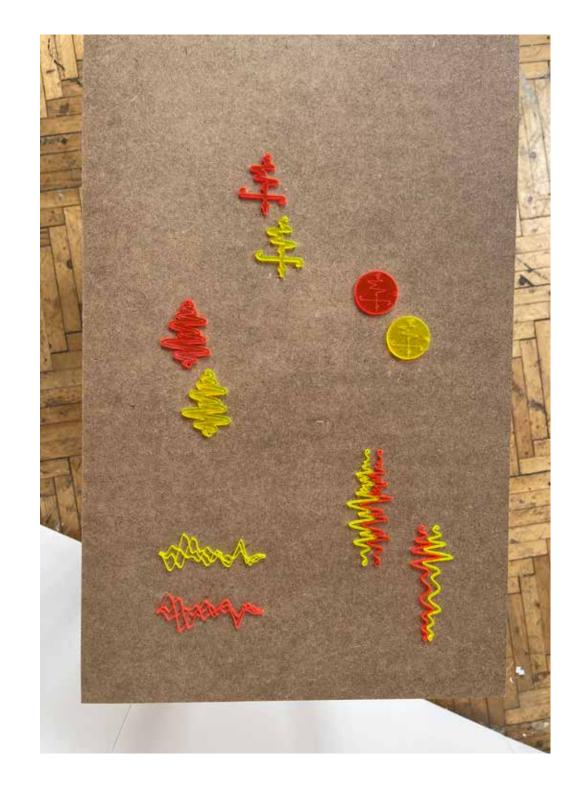








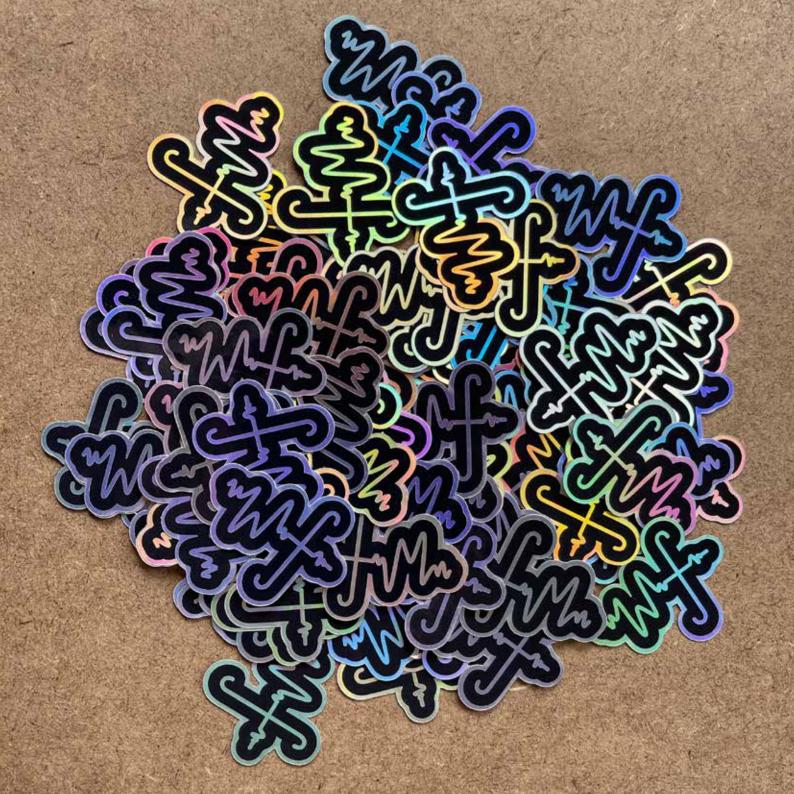








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