



GEOFFREY PUGEN

A graduate of OCAD and an MFA graduate in Film & Video at York University, Geoffrey specializes in photography & video, and shows internationally. With theatrical absurdity, he explores the relationship between the real & the perceived, the natural & the virtual, man & animal; all through altering and manipulating media. Insightful, yet humourous, Geoffrey asks us to question what we think we know, society's perceptions of us, and our preconceived notion of self, through fictitious constructs.

Born March 18, 1975 in Toronto, ON
Lives and works in Toronto, ON

EDUCATION

2004 MFA, Film and Video from York University, Toronto, ON
Integrated Media/Film Arts, Ontario College of Art and Design, Toronto, ON
B.A., Theatre Arts – Minor in film, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

EXHIBITIONS

2011 *Art Toronto*, Angell Gallery Booth, Toronto, ON
What Goes Around Comes Around, XPACE Cultural Centre, Toronto, ON
Ongiara, Trinity Square Video, Toronto, ON
Long Divisions, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
I'm Not Here, Drake Hotel, Toronto, ON
For Your Eyes Only, Kunsthalle New, Chicago, IL
Sahara Sahara, Special Project Space, Museum of Canadian Contemporary Art

2010 *Art Toronto*, Angell Gallery Booth, Toronto, ON
Bridge Kids, Solo Show, Gallery TPW, Toronto
Zipor, Ziporim, Ziporra, Galerie Lichtpunkt, Munich, Germany
When the Dust Settles, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
Transition, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON

2009 *Another Side of You*, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
Zenith, Scope Art Fair, New York, NY
Utopics Interactive Installation, Electronic Shamanism, Interaccess Gallery, Toronto, ON

2008 *4 Girls & A Tiger*, This One Goes Up to 11, Why&Wherefore, Monkeytown, Brooklyn, NY
The Institute of Utopics - Utopics.ca, FLEFF, Ithaca, NY.
The Institute of Utopics - Utopics.ca, i³ Interstitial Festival, Chicago, IL.

2007 *The Institute of Utopics - Utopics.ca*, 12th International Media Art Biennale WRO 07, Poland.
Summer Group Show, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
Zenith, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
Aerobia!, *Charming Beasts*, Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA), Glasgow, UK
4 Girls and A Tiger, Charming Beasts, Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA), Glasgow, UK

2006 *The Peel Region Photorama*, Gallery TPW, Toronto, ON

- Top 10 Show*, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
Utopics, Fabrica Features Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal
Faces, Video Installation, Pleasure Dome, Museum of Canadian Contemporary Art (MOCCA), Toronto, ON
Utopics Video Guide, Toronto New Works, Pleasure Dome, Toronto, ON
Retro Show, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
The Day Room, Nuit Blanche, Toronto, ON
Orange Clouds, Innis Town Hall, Toronto, ON
2005 *Photorama*, Gallery TPW, Toronto, ON
Aerobia!, Galapagos Art Space, New York, NY
Aerobia!, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
Utopics Video Guide, - ScopeHamptons, curated by David Hunt, Hamptons, NY
Pandy & Gruba, Polaver, Gallery TPW, Toronto, ON
Utopics Video Guide | Aturians & Shmera w/ Reito, Museum of Canadian Contemporary Art (MOCCA), curated by David Liss, Toronto, ON
Utopics Video Guide, 4X4, London, England
Aerobia!, Scope New York, Angell Gallery, New York, NY
Utopics Video Guide, Transmediale 05, Berlin, Germany.

FILM FESTIVALS

- 2011 *Bridge Kids*, Signal & Noise – Media Art Festival, VIVO Media Arts Centre, Vancouver, BC
Bridge Kids, European Media Art Festival, Osnabrueck, Germany
Sahara Sahara, International Film Festival Rotterdam, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
2009 *Signal & Noise* – Media Art Festival, VIVO Media Arts Centre, Vancouver, BC
2008 *Fictional Dance Party*, Moves 08, Manchester, England
Fictional Dance Party, Official Selection World Wide Short Film Festival, Toronto, ON
Fictional Dance Party, Dance Camera West, Los Angeles, CA
2007 *Aerobia!*, Victoria Film and Video Festival, Victoria, BC
2006 *Remeo*, Worldwide Short Film Festival, Sound : Site program.
2005 *Remeo* - Definitely Independent, Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, Canada Council, 2005.
Aerobia!, Photophobia, Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON
Remeo - Rehab Parkdale Film Festival, Toronto, ON
2004 *Remeo* - Vancouver dance film festival, Vancouver, BC | Montreal Film Festival, Montreal | Moving Pictures Festival, Toronto, ON
2003 *Aerobia! BETA V01*, Images Festival, Toronto, ON
Lucid, Montreal Film Festival, Montreal, QC

AWARDS | GRANTS | SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2009 National Film Board Grant (FAP)
2008 Ontario Arts Council Grant (Media Arts)
Toronto Arts Council Grant (Media Arts)
BravoFACT!, Macho Girls
2007 Canada Council For The Arts (Film and Video)
Toronto Arts Council Grant (Media Arts)
Ontario Arts Council Grant (Integrated Arts)
BravoFACT!, Fictional Dance Party
2006 K.M. Hunter Award for Interdisciplinary arts

- 2005 Ontario Arts Council Grant (Media Arts)
National Film Board Grant (FAP)
Ontario Arts Council Grant (Media Arts)
Canada Council For The Arts (Travel)
Meloche Monnex Scholarship
- 2004 Charles St. Video Award
Ontario Arts Council Grant (materials)
BravoFACT!, Aerobia!
Digital Art Awards (Finalist), Australia

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2011 "Slide Show: Growing Nuit Blanche Lines Draws 130 Art Installations, Long Lines." *BIZBASH*, October 4.
Murray Whyte. "Nuit Blanche Review: The Big Chill." *Toronto Star*, October 3.
Luke Fox. "The Tie Break." Wimbledon gets served the ultimate do-over." *The Cheap Seats*, September 30.
Gabrielle Moser. "Alex Kisilevich and Geoffrey Pugen." *ESSE Magazine*, Vol. 72, Fall 2011.
Tristin Hopper. "Artists bristle over copyright racket." *National Post*, September 6.
R.M. Vaughan, "Vigilante women and dancing queens," *Globe and Mail*, March 26.
Jen Hutton. "Critics Picks." *Artforum*, March 2.
- 2010 TPW Photorama. "TPW Staff Picks – Kim Simon, Curator." November 30, tpwphotorama.wordpress.com/2010/11/30/tpw-staff-picks-kim-simoncurator/
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- 2009 David Liss. "Hybrids." *Future Species*, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, pp. 12-13, 27-30.
Leah Sandals. "Subtle Pugen," *NOW Magazine*, May 13-20, Vol. 28 No. 37
Derek Flack. "CONTACT Report: Questioning Conventionality." *blogTO.com*, May 5
- 2008 Ben Kaplan. "Short Reviews of Short Films." *National Post*, June 10, AL4.
"Pugen 's Future of Wild," *Sketch Magazine*, May, pp. 18.
- 2007 Descant 139, *Utopics*, Winter 2007, Vol. 38, No. 4, pp. 135-45.
- 2006 David Jager. "Angel 10: Top 10," *NOW Magazine*, December 7-13, Vol. 26 No. 14.
"Aerobia! 7 Steps to True Love," *Broken Pencil Magazine*, Issue 29, pg. 83.
Robert Everett-Green. "Nifty Ideas Prove Elusive to Net." *Globe and Mail*, May.
- 2005 Ben Kaplan. "Art Imitates Life – Geoffrey Pugen's New Sport." *The Bayview Post*, August.
R.M. Vaughan. "The Big Picture." *National Post*, July 23, TO 14.
Peter Goddard. "Our Inner Animal." *The Toronto Star*, July 14, G1.
Betty Ann Jordan, Art. *Toronto Life*, July, pp 101.
Susan Walker. "Beast in Show: Seeing Our Animal Future." *The Toronto Star*, June 11.