



BLIND IN PRAGUE

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Hello my name is
Stefan!
Please describe me
what you see at
this place I want
to show this blind



Concept

The world famous Czech capital, shines daily with endless visual attractions for his foreign visitors and the inhabitants. Prague, a pleasure for the eyes!

For my project »Blind in Prague« I worked daily in the public space. Blind by wearing a sleeping mask I visualize my imagination and my acoustic perceptions with white pencils on black paper directly in the public space.

With the help of the people on the streets, I create a blind portrait of my imaginary Prague in numerous drawings. I present these in combination with the recorded sounds of the city in a room installation.

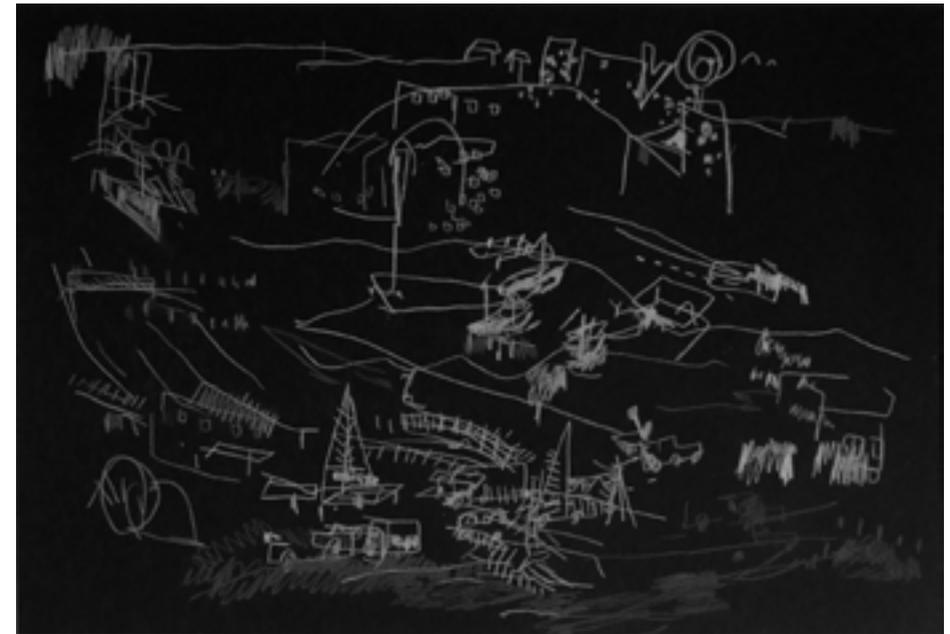
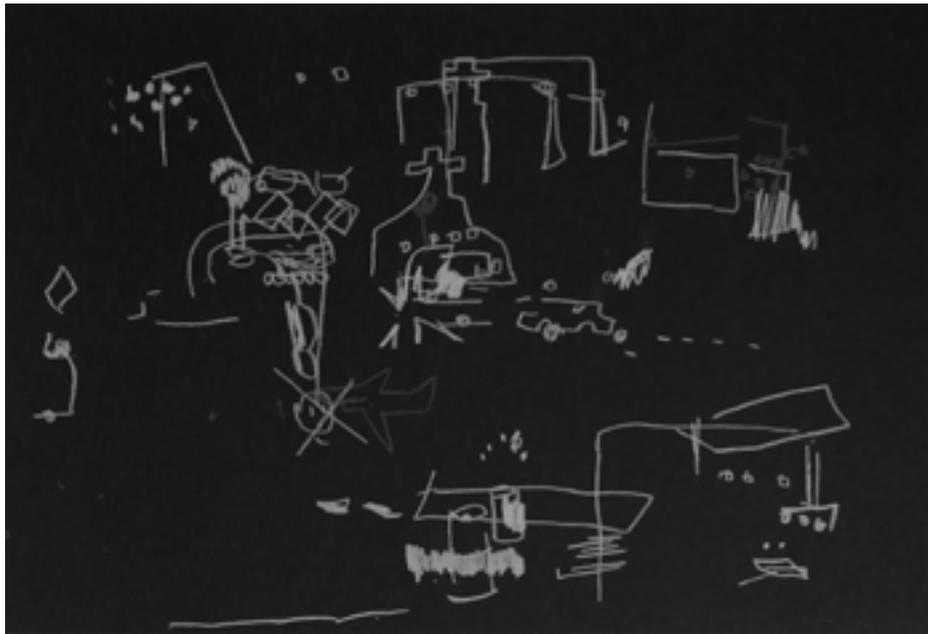




Blind Places

Apparently aimless I walk with a drawing board, paper and colored pencils through Prague. Spontaneously I stop at an interesting place put my sleeping mask on and everything will be black. Now I am looking with my inner eye on a three-dimensional picture of memories, sounds and smells. I document these inner pictures of the place with a drawing on black paper. Instead of seeing what I draw, I feel it. I grope with my hands over the sheet of paper to calculate the dimensions of my drawing.

When I decide to finish my work, I put down the sleeping mask and ask a randomly selected person to write down a description of the place on a white sheet of paper. Then I walk again seemingly aimless through the city.



Kostel + duše, Notopj, měsíc, klid
 Ruše, lásky, cit, Náděj + boznaděj
 škola, Ruše, skvarky, Pouty
 Minulost

Žemé na kpci na veskch' linnarém. naposled jsem tady
 byl se sním jiném ověřeti. Tímto místu je kouzler
 od mého Atehearu v meefactory, která je teď přímo pod
 náma. Je tady krásná výhled na velkou část Prahy,
 za ~~se~~ zády je park, kde jsou pěstovány různé stromy a
 za ním vystupuje výhled parandonské stolice. A když to
 vezmu zleva tak vidím za malozemská strahovský stánek,
 pak Petřínskou pozklesnu, za Petřínkou forci pak vikoude
 kus Pražského hradu, pod ním je staré město, je vidět
 zata stěna národních divadla a od něho se pak stěhují
 k máti line čára řeky vltavy. Soutěže vlady, tak si to
 koprací přes železném most na šhickovské nábřeží.
 Konejšte osudu vřpadá jako věže jako na vnu jsou tady další
 místa - mšerad, panuic, židovská věž, podou, panuatic, a další
 pak moderní, židov, vinnaradi. -- ATO. ATO. ATO. KRÁSA POKUŠET.





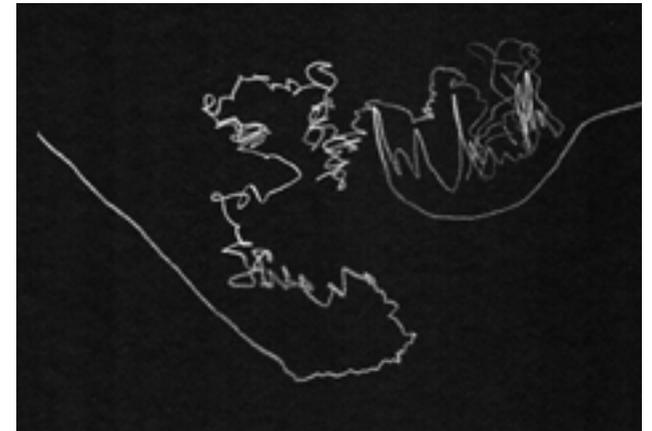
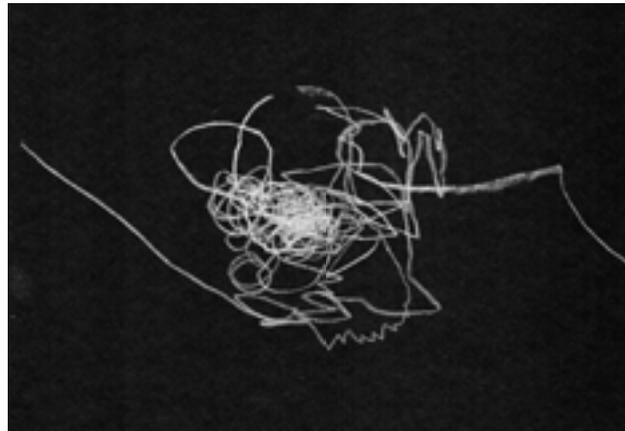
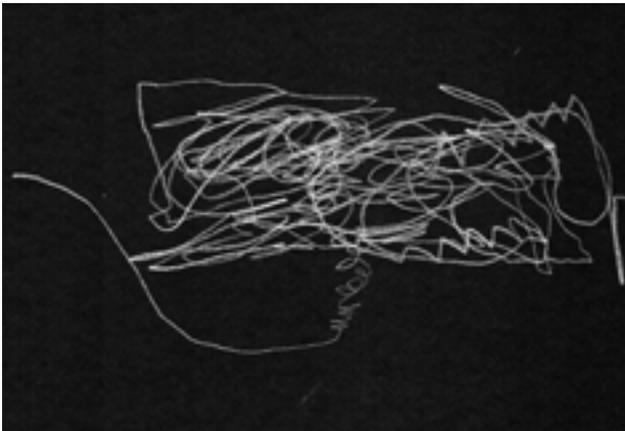
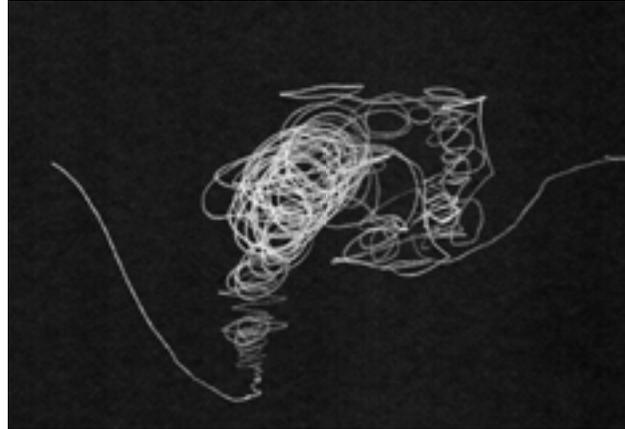
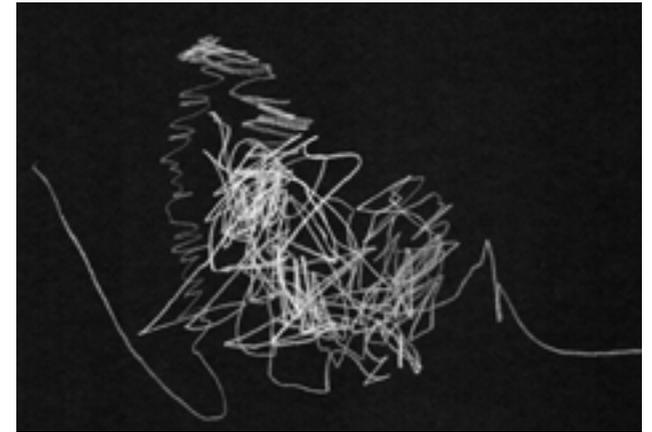
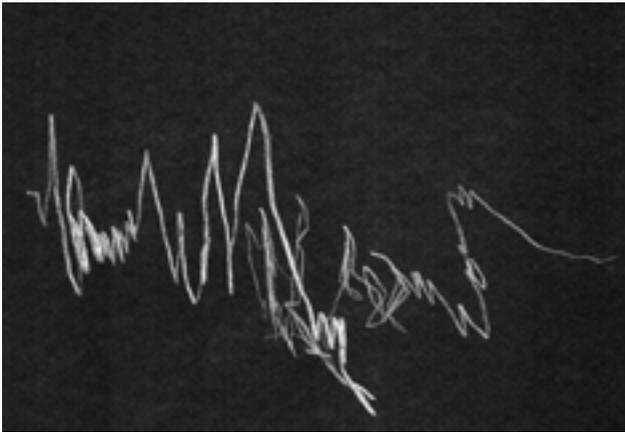
Hump Dump Tracks

From final stop to final stop, I drive blindly all the stations of the subway lines in Prague. My drawing begins as soon as the subway starts and I will be pushed by the acceleration into my seat shell.

I let go, let the transfer control my movements and senses and I capture the ride with colored pencil on black paper during the journey. More and more I fall into a sort of trance and become a seismograph of my perceptions. My pencil is moving like a dancer making tracks on the sheet.

I finish my drawing when the subway reaches the next station and I get pushed out of the seat.

As soon as the subway starts again, I take a new sheet of black paper and start with the next drawing.





Public Inspiration

During my several-week long excursions in Prague, I selected four particularly famous and busy public places, for the production of performative blind drawings.

At the place for example at the »Křižovnické náměstí« I have rolled out a large-format black canvas on the pavement and put it next to the information board. On this was written my call for the passers in Czech and English to describe me by acclamation the current place.

Blindly through my sleeping mask I documented the place over a longer period only by the comments and descriptions of the passers with oil crayons on the black canvas.



Karlovo most of the series of drawings *Public inspiration* | crayon on canvas | 160 x 120 cm | 2017

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