

PHOTOSYNTHESIS



a **CURLEW REPUBLIC** production by

Yilan Yeh: video artist | Colin Offord: musician-composer

PHOTOSYNTHESIS is a single channel video projection with recorded environmental music. The work plays cyclically from 6pm to 9pm on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th June accompanied by a recorded score of Colin's music featuring some of his original instruments such as the Earthharp, Great island Mouthbow and Windpipes. Photosynthesis is a natural process by which green plants and some other organisms use sunlight to synthesize foods from carbon dioxide and water. In this instance, the images and sounds of the artwork become food for thought and emotion

PHOTOSYNTHESIS is a meditation on how we occupy and move through the world. Implied in an abstract and sensitive way the work throws light on, elucidates and above all reveals the often overlooked beauty of our everyday world through the use of close ups, subtle changes of light, shadows and reflections and by creating mirror images and manipulations of time through the editing process.

In 2003, during her PhD research at the College of Fine Arts UNSW, Dr Yilan Yeh began filming the Australian landscape from a Chinese cultural perspective, exploring Taoist concepts of time, space and emptiness as seen in traditional Chinese scroll paintings. These concepts permeate all of her video work. At that time Yilan and Colin began an artistic collaboration that has seen them present performances and exhibitions throughout Australia, France, Switzerland and Taiwan. Colin Offord is a singer, musician, instrument inventor and visual artist who has spent the last 35 years touring the world performing his original music on his unique handmade instruments and giving exhibitions of his visual art and sound sculptures.

Colin and Yilan formed CURLEW REPUBLIC after moving to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands in 2007. Together they produce and present live performances, exhibitions, video art, animation works and graphic design.

We invite you to slow down, become still, look, listen and absorb the sounds and beautiful images of PHOTOSYNTHESIS.

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