MAJOR SITE INSTALLATION Installation Art arts 360 Prof. Claudia Esslinger

Many installations today are nomadic, that is, they can be moved from place to place. Others are site-specific, with the form and content relating specifically to the space they are built in as a temporal experience. Your major project for the semester will be housed in Horvitz Hall at Kenyon College and you should consider the context as you develop your project. You are not limited to being site specific however. You may consider a work that could be installed elsewhere in the future if you so desire, or one that only minimally refers to the site (you can never ignore the site).

Choosing and analyzing, Drawings or Maquette/

Choose/ negotiate for a space in the installation room that you will develop your major installation within. As you plan, work in 2D and 3D to develop your idea. Measure, draw, diagram and/or build a model of the space with an approximation of your idea in it.

Written proposal for final project:

Think through your plan more fully and create a written proposal. Present to the class along with fully complete drawings, photos, material elements.

Developing your idea: (write answers in your e-notes, blog or website)

What are your interests and abilities? What would you like to challenge yourself with?

What did you learn from the first projects?

Research Artists who share your interests.

Develop metaphors, irony, etc.

Discover the possibilities of material/ processes.

How do your limitations guide your choices and how can you over come them? Space/ Finance/ Location/ materials/skills/ knowledge.

How does time function in the idea?

What is the relationship of the idea to the specific space?

What skills do you need to develop to make this piece?

Be Curious and committed to working consistently.

Make it!

We will have a series of weekly critiques to give each other feedback. We will also have many workdays in class time and you should show progress between classes so that we can make the most of classtime instruction.

Gaining an Audience:

- a. Writing an artist's statement
- b. Documenting the work in Images (still and video)
- c. Making postcards/blog/website and publicizing the work:
- d. Hosting an exhibition

Decompression/ De-installation

De-install the work before grades are submitted (5 pts)

Intermittent skill development during class time: you will be expected to learn the basics from demonstrations over the semester and your grades for the above stages will include the skills you exhibit as well as the ideas and form they take. Here is a list of possible skills, but the exact skills will depend on what we need in the semester:

How to build a maquette. (alternative: use graphic software to design your space)

How to build a wall, of wood or sheetrock, (spackle and paint as needed).

How to do basic wiring for lighting.

How to do simple welding/grinding/mold making/sewing, etc as needed.

Choose a skill you already enjoy and develop it.

How to use available technologies to interact with the viewer as needed

(Isadora/ Arduino/ Raspberry Pi, Zach Poff, etc)

Graphic Design and PR:

How to write a proposal

How to give an illustrated talk on your research (PowerPoint, LightRoom or WebPage)

How to document your work with photos and video.

How to develop PR materials, including a postcard and blog or webpage.

Materials Brainstorming....add your own:

Paint Magnets Powdered pigment Glass bricks Pencils Sword	
Bark Silk organza Plexi-glass Picture frames Mercury Dinner tray	s
Cassette Foam insulation Scabs Make-up Chains Shot glass	es
Cans Toast Sillystring Bones Newspaper Mold plater	
(alum) Cotton Computer parts Old window shades Umbrellas BeesWax	
Marbles Rubber gloves Plastic bags Velour Saffron Parafin	
Rust Erasers Fishnet Cornstarch & water Honey Spandex-L	atex
Pig gut Fiber optic Gutter guard Domino Coffeebeans Copper	
Varnish Gears Chicken wire Clay nails pepto Rock candy Fiber Glass	;
Burlap Felt Leaves bismol Beef jerkey Soap	
Jello Kneadable eraser Toothpicks Finger nails Eggs Pacifiers (b	aby)
Pillows Matches Garden hose Stuffed animals Lampshades Caulk	
Old Lights bulbs Sponges Coated pills Cotton balls Glue	
shoes Old chairs Sand paper Saw blades Pulleys Galvainize	d fence
Asbestos Rawhide – leather Sand Pasta Antique typewriter Elec condu	it
Wire Tweed Stained glass Hot wheels Riding chaps Flags	
(copper) Pennies Ceramic Cork Bathtub mats Dry Grease	or Fat
Photos Straws Balloons Salt Dry corn on cob Diapers:	
Whole Foil Fringe Jars Gas mask Zippers	
milk Brass foil Records L.P's Moss Hood ornaments Solder	
Marshmal Gold leaf foil Tile Boxes Pantry door Earth worm	ıs
lows Silverware Laboratory hoses Coupons Confetti Fire fliles	
Hair Cardboard Traffic cones Hay Chicken skin	
(human) Water Ice Sugar cubes Disco balls	
Flour Pollen Tires Dung Bike chain	