

ARVIDA BYSTRÖM

BRIGITTE SKELETON ON HER KNEES, 2024
SKELETONG, 2024

La práctica de Arvida Byström examina las diversas modalidades a través de las cuales se produce y representa la hiperfeminidad, con especial atención a los nuevos medios y los sistemas de aprendizaje automático.

En esta serie, Byström ofrece un estudio material del "sextech." La piel y el esqueleto de una muñeca sexual con inteligencia artificial han sido separados de su cuerpo original. Esta muñeca fue adquirida en un foro online de compra y venta. Como muchas muñecas sexuales de segunda mano son abandonadas y a menudo confundidas con cuerpos humanos, la instalación de Byström hace un guiño a la estética forense de la televisión criminal para cuestionar dónde comienza y termina la vida —o no— de una muñeca sexual.

La descontextualización de sus partes, y las preocupaciones éticas que surgen de su desecho y desmembramiento, nos invitan a cuestionar las paradojas asociadas a la erótica digitalizada y al "sextech." Estas piezas son elementos físicos de intimidades entre lo humano y lo no-humano, donde las abstracciones del eros se presentan no para ser juzgadas, sino para ser confrontadas y consideradas.

IN THE CLOUDS, 2024
En esta obra, Byström ha generado desnudos de sí misma a partir de fotografías existentes usando la herramienta de inteligencia artificial "Undress. app", una plataforma que elimina digitalmente ropa. Entre el 13 de diciembre de 2023 y el 1 de abril de 2024, estas imágenes fueron vendidas bajo la apariencia de ser reales en una aplicación similar a OnlyFans, donde las personas podían chatear con "Arvida Byström" y comprar sus desnudos a cambio de "rayos de sol". La voz de "Arvida" en la app fue generada por una IA, entrenada con entrevistas de la verdadera Arvida Byström para aprender lo mejor posible sobre su arte y sus preferencias.

Recogida por múltiples plataformas mediáticas como el canal franco-alemán Arte, la pieza fue reconocida por Artnews entre las 10 obras más importantes de 2024.

Arvida Byström works with analyzing the aesthetics of hyper-femininity. Her practice examines the various modalities through which femininity is produced and represented, with particular attention to new media and machine learning systems.

In this series, Byström offers a material study of sextech. The skin and skeleton of an AI sex doll have been dissected from their original body. This doll was purchased by the artist on an online platform where these dolls can be sold second hand and purchases. As many secondhand sex dolls are dumped in nature and often mistaken for human bodies, Byström's installation nods to the forensic aesthetics of crime television shows to propose the qualm of where sex doll life—or non-life—begins and ends.

The doll's skin and skeleton, and the ethical concerns raised by their disposal and dissection, call to question the paradoxes attached to digitized erotics and sextech more broadly. These pieces are physical elements of human to non-human intimacies, where immaterialities of the eros are placed for us not to judge, but to confront and consider.

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ANDREA MUNIÁIN

GOES MAGNETIC!, 2025

'Goes magnetic' rescata un truco de ilusiónismo urbano popularmente conocido, los dancing magnetic puppets, para físicamente recrear, a través de diversas simbologías relacionadas con procesos de reconocimiento de imagen, esa sensación de incredulidad y desconcierto que aparece cuando un algoritmo opera, lejos de los códigos del lenguaje social. Los distintos caracteres matemáticos en conjunto configuran la fórmula del Perceptrón, el primer algoritmo desarrollado para el reconocimiento de imágenes por probabilidad. El reconocimiento de imágenes computacionalmente es una fórmula matemática que responde a la pregunta ¿qué tan probable es que este píxel forme parte de un cuadrado? La probabilidad escapa de la definición cartesiana. Y dará, por tanto, una solución difusa de las cosas.

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MILK NO. 1, 2025

Un flujo lento, un bucle suave. La leche burbujea en un estanque circular de lábido, ergiendo un altar al placer tecno-somático, la dependencia y el exceso. Inspirada en el gooning, los procesos de producción de granjas industriales, y las salas de meditación, esta fuente escenifica un circuito de retroalimentación. El cuerpo es invitado a re-programarse bajo el hechizo del ruido blanco y los circuitos húmedos: a sentarse con el borboteo y sentir su sistema vibrar.

El gooning es el arte de entrar en un estado de trance de placer absoluto a través de la estimulación prolongada. Aunque a menudo se descarta como simple hedonismo, el gooning guarda afinidades sorprendentes con prácticas espirituales como la meditación trascendental o el tantra. A diferencia de la serenidad higienizada de la cultura del wellness, el gooning no busca la pureza. Aquí también se alcanza la disolución del ego, a través de la hiperstimulación y la repetición erótica.

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