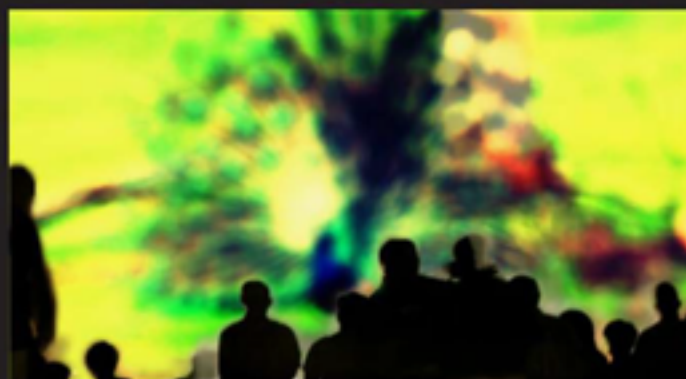


KINGDOM ANIMALIA



"An Abstracted Reverie" by Henry Jackson

A video and sound
installation in metaphysical
fantasy of animal behavior
and their ever-changing
environment.

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Kingdom Animalia: *"An Abstracted Reverie"*, is a large scale, eight minute video and sound installation piece created by San Francisco artist Henry Jackson. This metaphysical journey combines Jackson's observations of both those that inhabit and those who visit the San Francisco Zoo through alternative media, therefore creating a visual-audio-mind-play on the behavior of animals and their ever-changing environments. To create the piece, Jackson set out to explore the idea of emulating how the zoo's animals might look and react to a more animated changing of seasons, and how humans respond to these observations.

"Very few programs like this exist in zoos around the world," said Tanya M. Peterson, Executive Director of the San Francisco Zoological Society. "We're hopeful that Henry's work will inspire other artists to look at the Zoo differently as a place where they can express their creative points of view in relation to the animals we see each and every day here."

"I wanted to create a kind of mesmerizing imagery and sound that would encourage people to look a little deeper at the Zoo's animals, their behaviors and their origins," said Jackson. "Because animals tend to get the best of human curiosity, I think this is the last thing you'd expect to see at the Zoo."

Jackson plays upon that human curiosity by keeping the imagery and sound indistinct, almost dream-like through the manipulation of color, sound, speed, movement, size and landscape. However, he maintains a sense of the familiar to keep viewers intrigued while presenting a visual-audio fantasy that plays into the human desire of wanting clarification, resolution, and the need to understand. Jackson believes that when Zoo visitors leave the installation, they'll reflect upon real-life conservation and extinction issues that animals face in the wild today.

Kingdom Animalia: *"An Abstracted Reverie"* opens September 1, 2012 - November 4, 2012 and will play continuously inside the San Francisco Zoo's renovated Pachyderm Building between 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily.