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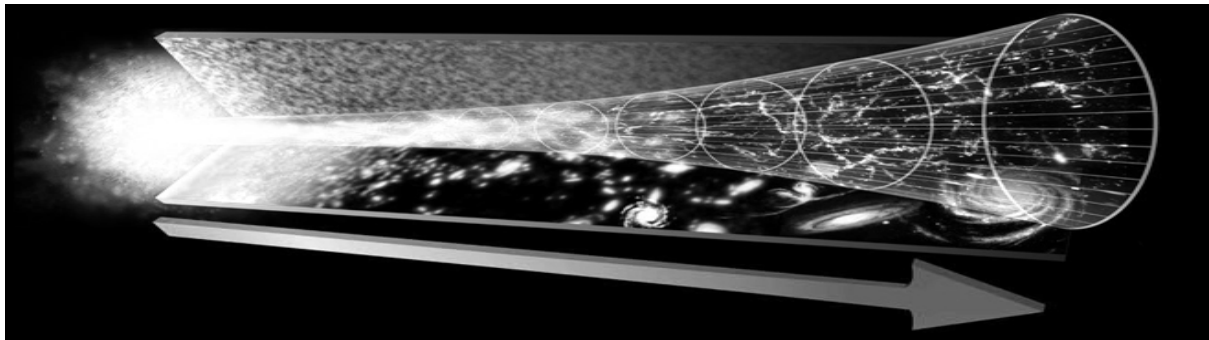
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#submergevillage, an online interactive meeting place created by Ruiz Stephinson, becomes an IRL group exhibition of works by all previous artists-in-residence in SURFACE. To coincide with show, #submergevillagev2 launches in parallel online with Sex Body Ache in residence.

... a contingent word, inseparably bound to its opposite, to the thing of which it is a part, impossible without its antonyms: inner, deep, full, solid, cover up, sink. There is the surface of something and there is what's below the surface: a thing's surface, water's surface, surface reading, surface meaning, surfacing ...¹



Surface, surface, surface was all that anyone found meaning in ... this was civilization as I saw it, colossal and jagged ...²

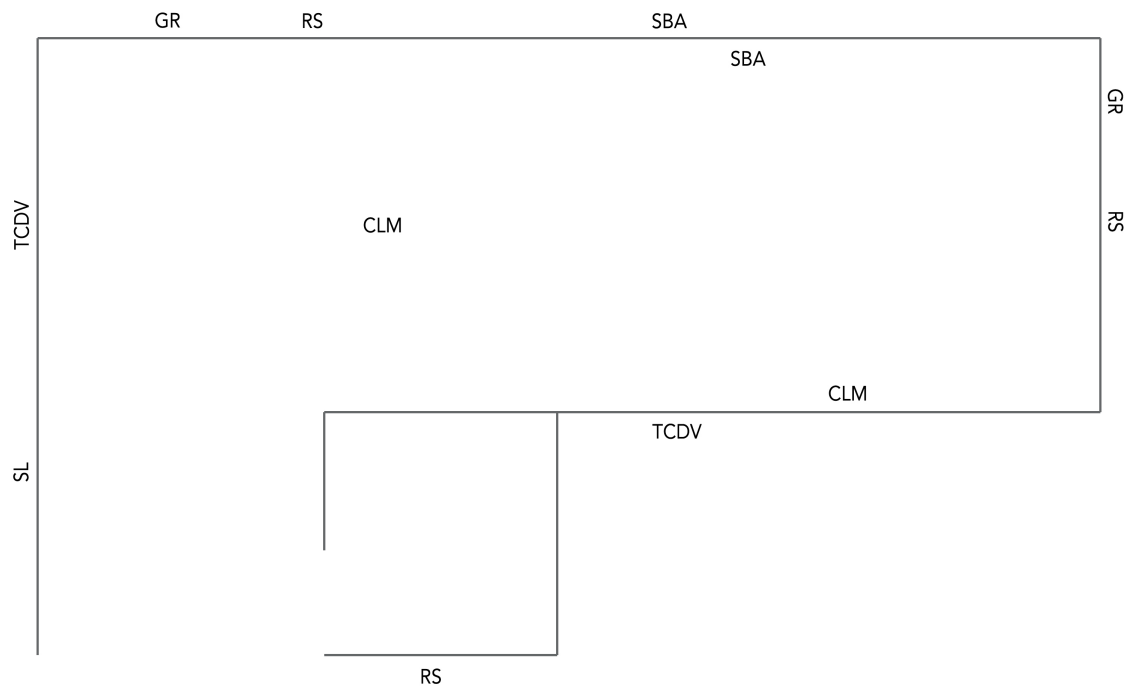
Artists

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¹ Christa Robbins, 2002

² Bret Easton Ellis, *American Psycho*

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The Artists in their own words:

TCDV is also known as Thomas Cap De Ville. He is a French artist living and working in Paris, France.

Simon Letourneau (b. 1982) is a French photographer and musician living in Toronto, Canada. His work consists of different series exploring the ideas of strangeness in the vernacular, blurred memory, the confusion of perception, nostalgia and posture, warped vision, the stream of consciousness drowned in time and space, while only kitsch artifacts will remain, for a little while longer... His photographic works has been shown in "Recollection" group show (Paris 2013), and his "Abstract Canada" series was published in the Vice Canada Photo issue 2014. He is a member of *GTP Photographers* collective, alongside Harvey Bengé, Nicolas Hosteing, Paul Kwiatkowsky and Damien Lafargue.

Charlie Le Mindu (b. 1986, lives and works in Paris) is inspired by themes such as deep sea floors, mythological bestiaries, historical monuments or even punk icon Nina Hagen. The founder of "haute coiffure" who sees in hair an element of clothing comparable to a garment earned his stripes in places such as the famous Berghain club in Berlin where he would tend to clubbers' hairstyles from night till dawn. The creator has worked together with a number of personalities such as the choreographer Philippe Decouflé, dancers at Crazy Horse and even pop icon Lady Gaga. He has recently exhibited at Palais De Tokyo, Fondation Cartier, La Base Sous Marine (BDX).

Giles Round (lives and works in London) Round's work encompasses sculpture, architecture, typography, furniture and functional objects. Through these various forms he engages with the discourse and ideas that dismantle the hierarchies between applied and fine arts and merge art and life. Since 2011, he has been working on a series of conceptually driven long-term and large-scale projects including The Grantchester Pottery, The Coniston Secession with Grizedale Arts and Design Work Leisure with London Underground.

Ruiz Stephinson (est. 2011) are an art collective based in Paris. Their research takes form through a diverse body of work - from object and installation to digital media - presented as parts of a much bigger whole. The individual works enrich this totality, which is constantly undergoing a myriad of evolutions and partial revelations, in relation to the contemporary human condition.

Sex Body Ache (est. 2013) have been developing their own Labyrinthine world which they call Dark Life since 2013. The hybrid entity is composed of synthetic voices, horns, and strobing texts. Sex Body Ache's three members assemble, forming a prism, putting traditional relationships models to the test, letting the images impregnate them and the musical engulf their bodies. With these lived – sung – spoken – danced – moments, Sex Body Ache reveals a toxic reality.

[The new site **#submervillagev2** can be seen online now at <http://submergevillagev2.ruizstephinson.com>.]

Ruiz Stephinson curate **SURFACE**, with the kind participation of **Plan8 Showrooms** and Rafael Jimenez.
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