

2005 - 2007

Video triptych filmed in six cities of the world.

Filmed in Auckland, Cape Town, London, Mumbai, New York and Singapore, cutout invokes the sensory overload of today's urban civilization. Figures swirl against deconstructed images of their cities, each with its unique palette of light, colour, sounds and semiotics.

This video unfolds a dialogue between the urban fabric and new cultural influences, and plays with the private sphere, the expression of the human body and public space. cutout is a video triptych, shown as an installation in galleries; cutout II is a single screen version, shown on BBC Big Screens in urban centres in major UK cities and television broadcasts. In September 2006 cutout II was selected by the Mayor's Thames Festival as the only outdoor large-scale projection onto the National Theatre's Lyttelton flytower. Streams of images and blasts of colour from the flytower reached out to Londoners and was visible from many locations. The view from Waterloo Bridge was spectacular!

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**Concept**

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**In Collaboration with**

dbox

**Video**

Ali Zaidi, dbox

**Animation**

dbox

**Sound Composition & Design**

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**Fixers and Participants****Auckland**

Fixer: Genevieve Hooker-Snell

Participants: Aamir Bohra, Penny Cassie, Esther Davis, Eunbee Lee, Piripi Menary, Phil Ta'ase.

**Cape Town**

Fixer: Jacky Lourens

Participants: Nicholas Acker, Tamarin Carlson, Peggy Champion, Sarie Jacobs, Ayanda Makuzeni, Abby Malamba, Zulfah Otto-Sallies, Leonard Solai.

**London**

Driver/Runner: Anthony Barnacle-Best

Participants: Andreas Demetriou, Samantha Hammer, Sonia Kent, Lovemore Magombedze, Shashank Tripathi, Amelia Parillon-Samuels.

**Mumbai**

Fixer: Sujata Venkateswaran

Participants: Chaya Mathew, Karen Menezes, Abbas Moontasir, R S Ramchantran, Aunindo Sen.

**New York**

Fixer: Gloria Kim

Participants: Fabian Bedolla, Brandi Chaney-Giles, Peter Chong, Renee Ann Del Percio, Vincenza Del Percio, Nicholas Gray, Vincent Marcellino, Ritasue Siegel, Roy Woo.

**Singapore**

Fixer: Jacinda Chew

Participants: Puran Advani, Juliana Ong Siok Kim, Chia Chin Siang, Gene Sharudyn, Rosalind Chew, Felicia Tay Hui En, Goh Wen Kai.

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cutout II (single screen): BBC Big Screens in Birmingham, Hull, Liverpool and Manchester (2005); Bradford, Leeds (2006); projection on the National Theatre tower for the Mayor's Thames Festival, London (2006); Performance Channel (2006).