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SETI AIR Newsletter - September 2021

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Greetings



As summer is drawing to a close, the fall cultural season is coming back to life. In fact, many of our SETI AIRs are already busy participating in major international festivals and are premiering live productions.

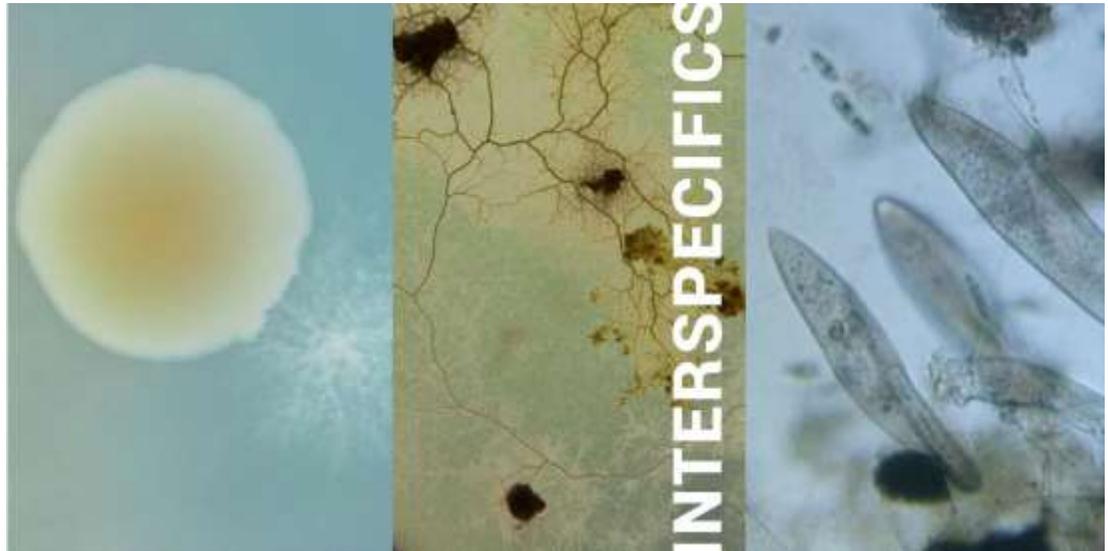
It's been a difficult year for artists of all disciplines. The challenges of lockdowns, limited access to studios and collaborators, and vastly reduced audiences meant that those active in the creative field needed to re-imagine how to make art and explore new ways to engage with their audiences. It has been an absolute delight to see our AIRs rise to this challenge. Highlighted in this issue of SETI AIR News are two projects that are on show this month. In New York, Theater Mitu has re-imagined what theater can be, creating a unique interactive project that exists both in the virtual world and in its Brooklyn-based performance space. In Linz, Austria, the Mexican artist collective Interspecifics has fused microbiology and AI technologies to investigate how Life may exist in extraterrestrial habitats. Discover more about both projects below.

I wish you a colorful start to cultural season!

Stay healthy and safe,

Bettina

Current Projects



SETI x AI: Ars Electronica festival Interspecifics: Codex Virtualis - Genesis

In person: September 8 - 12, 2021 in Linz, Austria, AI Lab Exhibition in Kepler's Gardens

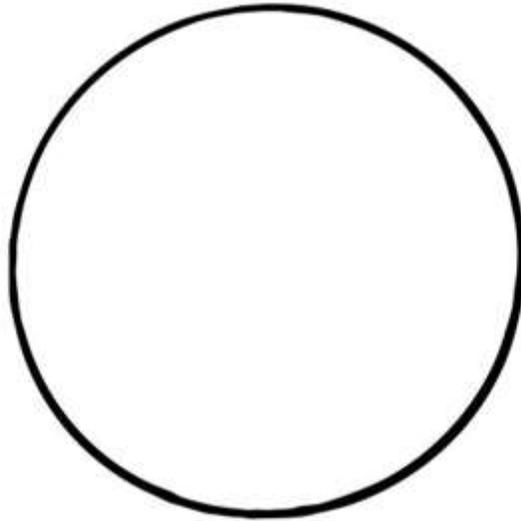
Online: Ars Electronica Home

Delivery: <https://ars.electronica.art/homedelivery/en>

Codex Virtualis is an artistic research framework oriented towards the generation of an evolving taxonomic collection of hybrid bacterial-AI organisms.

Read more about the project on the Ars Electronica blog:

[LEARN MORE](#)



Theater Mitu: *Utopian Hotline*

At MITU580: September 3 - 26, 2021

Utopian Hotline is a project that exists as a live, in-person experience, a vinyl record, and a telephone hotline. Go to utopianhotline.com and deploy an adorable robot avatar to explore a virtual landscape dotted with phone booths that let you listen to other peoples' messages to the future.

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Watch SETI AIR

SETI LIVE:

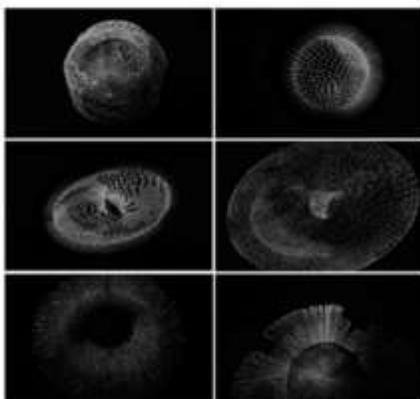
Theater Mitu: Utopian Hotline

If we were to send a message into the distant future, what message would we send?

SETI AIR Program Director Bettina Forget in conversation with Ruben Polendo, Founding Artistic Director of Theater Mitu.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

Exhibitions and Events



Scratch Space

Virtual Conversations on the Role of the Radical Imaginary

Scratch Space: Synthetic Life

September 23, 2021

13:00 - 14:00 PST

Montalvo Arts Center - Saratoga, CA, USA

How might Life originate in extraterrestrial habitats? Join us for an online discussion with the artist collective Interspecifics, Donna Conwell, Curator of the Lucas Artists Residency Program, Veronika Liebl, Director of European

Cooperation Ars Electronica and Bettina Forget, Program Director of the SETI Institute's AIR Program.

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MOMENTA Montreal Biennale

Jen Bervin: The Sea

September 8 - October 24, 2021

VOX, Centre de l'image contemporaine

*Jen Bervin presents her artist's book *The Sea*, a project that combines printmaking, poetry, and embroidery.*

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The banner features the Europlanet Science Congress 2021 logo on the left, the event title and dates in the center, and the Europlanet Society logo on the right. A portrait of Jonathon Keats is shown on the left side of the text area. The text on the right provides the title of the talk, the speaker's name, and the date and time of the virtual meeting.

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Europlanet Science Congress 2021
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13 – 24 September 2021

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Applied SETI: From the Fermi Paradox to the Library of the Great Silence
by Jonathon Keats

Monday, September 20, 2021
17:30 (CEST), (8:30AM PDT)

Europlanet Science Congress

Jonathon Keats:

Applied SETI: From the Fermi Paradox to the Library of the Great Silence

September 20, 2021

17:30 - 18:00 CET

In this ODAA Keynote talk, Jonathon Keats considers the potential for artists and philosophers to apply SETI and astrobiology for the practical benefit of society.

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