

## Blow Up 160

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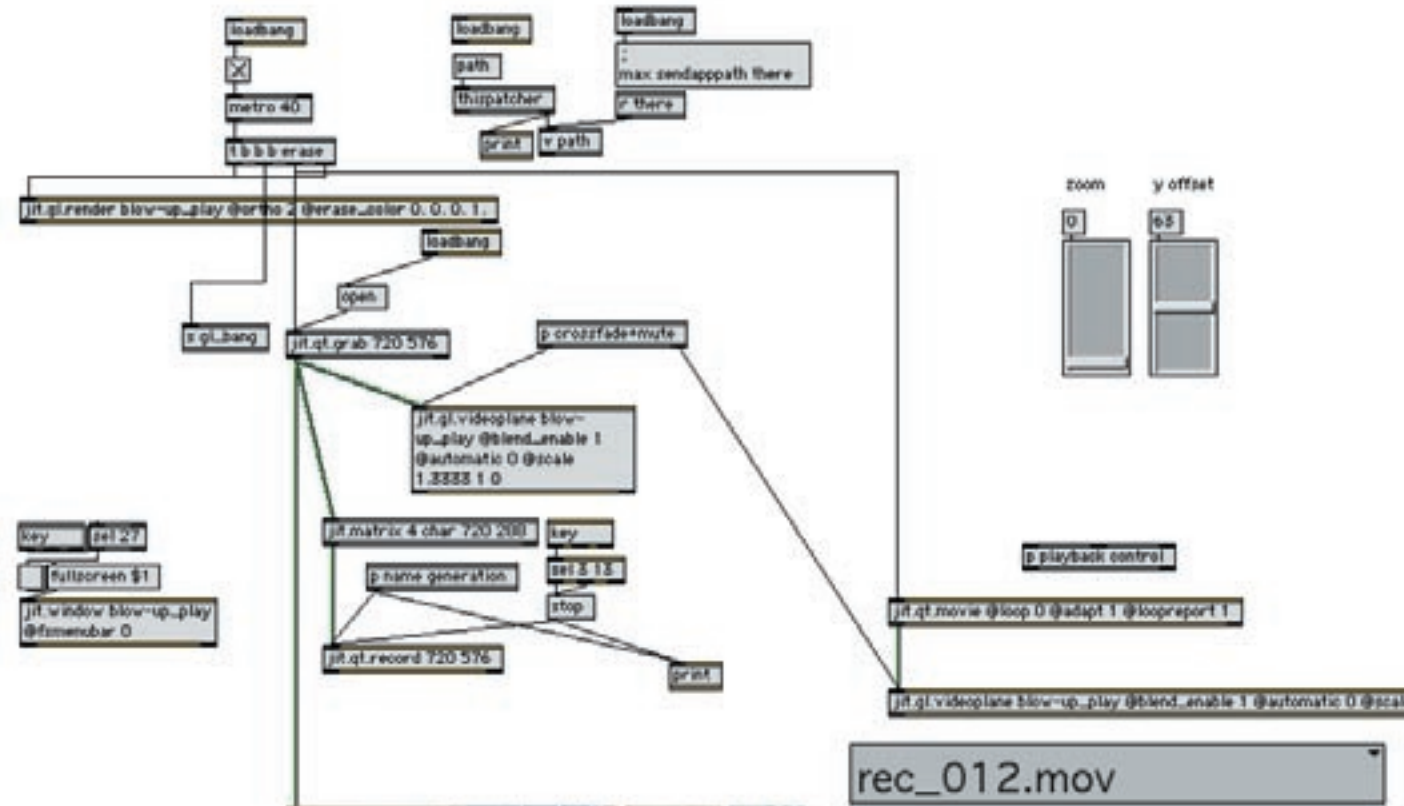
en/in collaboration avec/with: Yacine Sebti, video support  
Barbara Schelkle, programming, Pacôme Beru, lights

The performance *blow up 160* is about intimacy and privacy, suspicion, the beauty of ring tones and today's furor of data retention.

My own and "donated" SMS are scattered into the proliferation of references and connotations implied or not implied in the series of messages. I blow up these elements of biography in 160 characters and construct new random contexts. As I turn them into fragments of a criminal story a creeping suspicion invades the audience: there might be no escape to be considered a suspect after all.

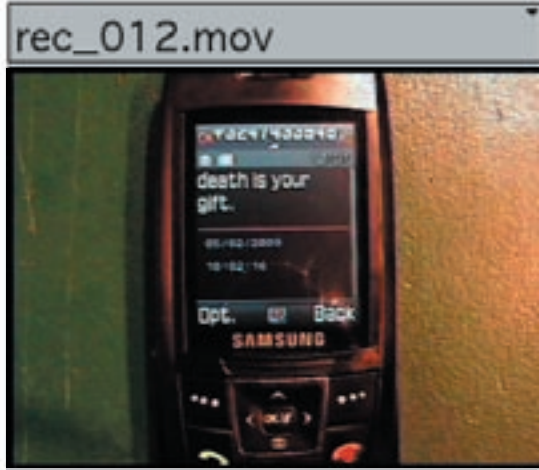
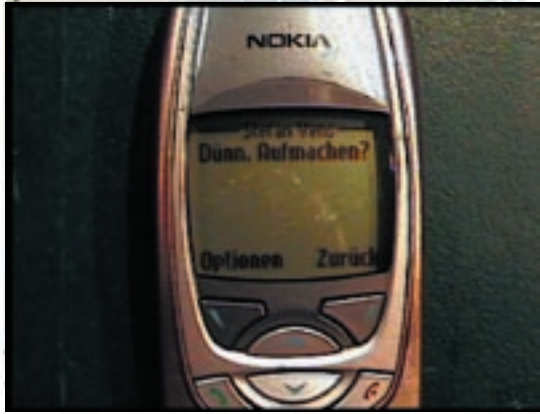
The audience takes part actively in its progress as they receive instructions through SMS and can text message their own vision of the story.

It all starts with a very common feature: text messages sent and received some time ago. Delete or keep? Remember the situation or make one up? Or try to refresh the memory with location sensitive hints?



**RECORDING**  
 record -> space bar  
 stop recording -> enter

**PLAYBACK**  
 play next -> delete  
 play previous -> =  
 pause/resume/reset -> -  
 switch to camera -> y  
 switch to movie -> x  
 mute image -> m  
 refresh movie list -> r



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 showing: Saturday, February 28, 8.30pm nadine / plateau, Herderstraat /rue Berger 30, 1050 Elsene / Ixelles, Brussels



