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HELLO NICE TO MEET YOU

Hello, I'm Mike.

A Hamburg and Berlin based Executive Creative Director, Designer, Creative Consultant and Visual Artist.

The focus of my work lies in the shared passion of art-driven, narrative experiences with cultural and technological input. Most of my work comes from collaborations with artists, developers and interdisciplinary creative teams and other inspiring minds from neuroscience, developers, data scientists, artists or film directors. I am always looking for the invisible story that needs to be told, how and where to tell it, and base my work on the methods of human-centered design, (pop)-cultural trends and targeted communication.

I believe in narrative brand experiences that turn people into fans and I want to change the way brands communicate: by putting people at the center of all communication.

My strength and passion lies in creating relevant, mostly digital brand experiences with a creative, technological and cultural driven approach in the field of XR, VR, Metaverse and Web 3.0.

No matter for which brand I am working, I believe that everybody should have it's own purpose, a north star to follow. Mine is to help forward thinking brands to change by creating culture driven narrative brand experiences or services that convert humans into brand fans.

My creative personality was shaped in the digital design boutique scene, advertising agencies and global consulting firms, where I learned to apply my skills interdisciplinarily. I like to work on a variety of thematic projects that stretch across disciplines, I am able to quickly adapt to the complex and ambiguous variables of a situation, identify insights and understand challenges to create a roadmap to a shared vision that generates value for the customer in alignment with ultimate creative and business goals. My work not only draws upon visual theories and user-centered research but also Data Visualisation, Cultural Analytics and fast changing cultural trends.

With more than 20 years of professional practice, I gained the experience and had the pleasure of building products, shaping brands and create narrative experiences for some of the boldest global clients. I worked for digital agencies such as razorfish, e7 and Interone, design boutiques such as Hi-ReS! and Artificial Rome, advertising agencies such as Philipp und Keuntje and ACNE and for creative consultancies such as Deloitte.

What I am:

I am a creative thinker, creative consultant, visual engineer, tech lover, visual artist, storyteller and brand shaper.



MY PURPOSE

"I HELP FORWARD THINKING BUSINESSES TO STAY AHEAD OF CULTURE BY CREATING ART- DRIVEN, NARRATIVE EXPERIENCES THAT ATTRACT AND CONVERT HUMANS INTO FANS"

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A FEW WORDS WHO I AM AND HOW I WORK

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023-now

Artificial Rome

Partner / Executive Creative Director

2019-2023

ACNE / Deloitte Digital

Chief Creative Officer / Executive Creative Director

2018-now

Blackbeltmonkey Studio & Collective Founder / Executive Creative Director

2014-2018

Philipp & Keuntje

Managing Director Digital / Executive Creative Director

2011-2014

Hi-ReS! London & Hamburg

Managing Director / Executive Creative Director

2008-2011

Blackbeltmonkey Studio

Founder / Executive Creative Director

2004-2008

Interone (BBDO)

Creative Director

2003-2004

Elephant Seven (Springer & Jacoby)

Art Director

2000-2003

Razorfish

Senior Designer

EDUCATION

1996-2000

University of Applied Design, FH Münster Design Diplom Designer

LANGUAGES

German, English, Italian

AWARDS

over 200 international Awards such as Cannes Lions. Art Directors Club, Effie, LIAA, D&AD, New York Festivals, the One Show and many more

JUDGE & MEMBER OF

eurobest Business Transformation Jury 2022 iF Design Communication Jury 2022 Creative Pool Rebel Jury 2022 Cannes Mobile Lions Jury 2017 Art Directors Club Digital Jury 2008 -2022 Cannes Cyber Lions Jury 2014 D&AD Digital Craft Jury 2009 & 2013 Deutscher Digital Award Jury 2008, 2009, 2014, 2017, 2020 Member of the Factory Berlin since 2020 Member of the D&AD since 2009 Member of the Art Directors Club since 2008

LECTURER

2011-2017 MSD, Münster School of Design (FH Münster Design) 2013 Brand Academy Hamburg. 2007-2009 Design Factory International in Hamburg

WHAT ELSE?

I currently have no pets but a girlfriend and a teen son. I make Art with a drawing bot. My favourite time of day is dusk and I truly believes that two wheels are better than four but prefer them to be motorised and from the 70s. I try not to stereotype, ironically my favourite youth culture are mods and I am a Northern Soul & Punk lover. Well ...

SUMMARY

While studying graphic design at the Münster School of Design, I started my professional career working as a freelance Designer at BBDO Interactive. I then worked as a Designer for razorfish in London and later in Hamburg, moved on as an Art Director for Springer and Jacobys' Digital Boutique e7 and become then a Creative Director for BBDO Interone. I joined Hi-ReS! In London and brought them to Hamburg and Berlin. I was a Creative Managing Director at Philipp und Keuntje and left it as a independent Executive Creative Director, designer, artist and digital consultant to found the creative collective BlackBeltMonkey. In 2019 I joined Deloitte Digital as a Chief Creative Officer for all german based Studios. Since 2020 I integrated and launched the new acquired ACNE Brand as Part of Deloitte, transforming it into a creative consultancy.

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I aim to create relevant ideas for brands and humans with a cultural impact. Ideas that make a difference and which matter.

IDEAS

STORIES

I want to create more than "just" stories but Narrative Experiences that become the stories of those I am telling them to.

I first start with developing the shared passion of the brand's purpose, the human drive and cultural trends. The Result are Brand Experiences that convert Humans into Fans.

EXPERIENCES

PRODUCTS

Elevating the Experience of a Brand often comes from great digital driven services and products. I always try to innovate a brand through new digital products.

STAYING AHEAD

OF CULTURE

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Change like never before. Never in the history of mankind has there been more change in ever shorter cycles. Due to our extremely high degree of networking and mutually dependent innovations, we are seeing changes on an unprecedented scale. Whether economic, political or in terms of dimensions such as inclusiveness, diversity and equal opportunities, no time has held more change in store.

Humanity is more political than ever. And they fight: Digital and analog as well. Young and old. It positions itself, it reacts to changes and it takes to the streets. The great concerns of humanity are also issues for which people are burning or for which they want to take a stand. And even the Corona Pandemic is only a symbol for a larger question:

How do you manage brands in a world of constant change?

By finding the right passion point between brands, humans and culture.

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I BASE MY WORK ON THE METHODOLOGIES OF HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN, CULTURAL TRENDS AND PURPOSE DRIVEN COMMUNICATION.

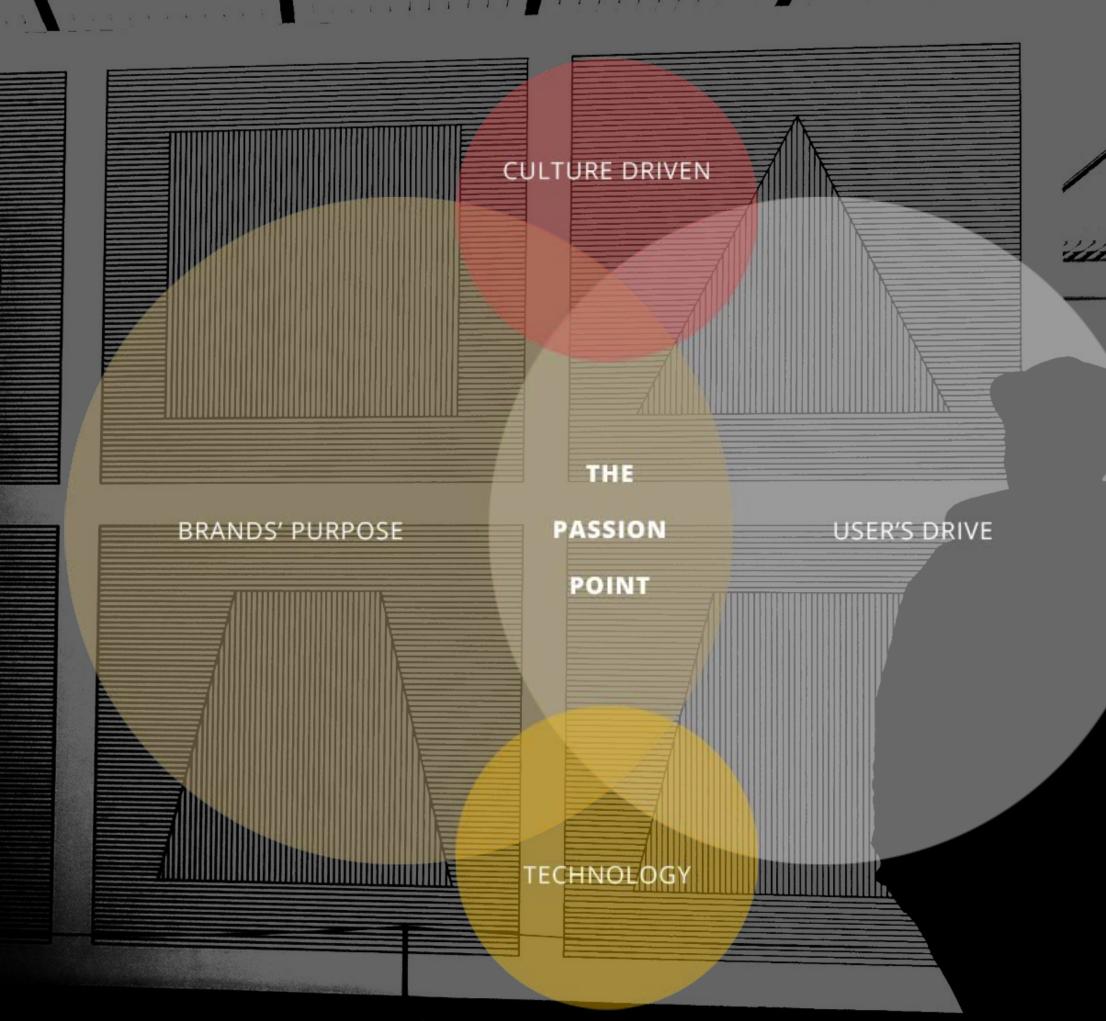
With the triad of the brand's **purpose** (i.e. "Why does my brand exist in this world"), what drives humans/audiences, and what's culturally relevant, I use the "Passion Point": a shared passion that works authentically between brand, society and people.

If I develop a narrative out of an insight or a problem which connects my brand and my product with current developments in society, and can communicate this in a way that matters.

This is what I call "Culture Driven Narrative Experiences".

A "narrative experience" means to create an experience that has a lasting impression on humans. It is about creating an environment for (brand) stories that become the story of those we're telling it to. I try to offer people (on behalf of the brand) an experience that solves their problems, triggers them emotionally or simply becomes a valuable experience.

This leads you to spot gaps in the market and drive innovation, a well as to develop a better understanding of your target group and their mindsets based on a social and cultural impulse.





MY WORK CASES

SELECTED CASES

I CREATE ART- DRIVEN, NARRATIVE EXPERIENCES THAT CONVERT HUMANS INTO FANS



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A NARRATIVE BRAND EXPERIENCE

Diesel ventures into the metaverse with its new VERT Watch collection. Developed by Glenn Martens, VERT is the first Diesel Watch born in Virtual Reality, by using new Forms of 3D concepting in the Design Process. Each Diesel Vert Watch ensured access to a limited edition NFT evolving over time. NFT owners were also granted a premium experience in the Vert Metamorph Experience, with special character skins and enhanced gameplay.

Purchasers will receive a code through which they can register for a corresponding NFT (nonfungible token). The NFT evolved or "metamorphosized" through three stages to become an avatar (known as an A:VERT:AR) which was then minted. Participation in the virtual experience is not exclusive to watch owners. Individuals who haven't purchased a watch will receive a basic avatar to engage in the gameplay. Visitors from around the globe gathered in a Metaverse online environment and collaborated in a series of quests in order to access the final unveiling of the Watch. The virtual world is shaped by VERT design details with breathtaking scenery and a sprawling environment where visitors will move through various challenges with their A:VERT:AR (avatar) to reactivate time in a fictional land where time has stopped.









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AR YOU READY?!
AR CAMPAIGN

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AUGMENTED REALITY EXPERIENCE

"AR you ready?" is the name of the new digital AR based campaign that was created for the snacking brand Pringles® on the German market. We used Augmented Reality technology to turn each Pringles® packaging into a mini gaming console.

The democratization of the brand experience: Anyone with a smartphone can play along. That's not only innovative, but also courageous. Gamers are given what they love most - a game! But also, all other snacking and especially soccer lovers can look forward to an exciting game.

The mechanics: Scan the can or the QR code on the can with your smartphone and off you go: digital goal wall shooting on each can, - it's a soccer game in which the user has to unleash six newly created 3D characters - analogous to the six most popular flavors.



CASE PRINGLES AR YOU READY ?! AR CAMPAIGN



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Anyone who unleashes one AR Collectible will have the chance to win it in a specially produced red gift box for real as a 15 centimeters high collectible.

Over the period of the campaign (Q4 2022) once per week there will be 1 of a total of 72, 3D printed characters to be won among the registered users who have unleashed the AR Characters inside the game.



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AWARDS

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Cannes Lions Mobile Silver
Cannes Lions Mobile Bronze
Cannes Lions Cyber Silver
The One Show Gold
The One Show Bronze
LIAA Grand Prix
LIAA 3x Gold
Effie Silver



CASE RIMOWA ELECTRONIC TAG

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PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT & CAMPAIGN

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When asked about the future of travel, RIMOWA's response was both new and groundbreaking, introducing the first fullyintegrated digital suitcase: RIMOWA Electronic Tag. A technology that will redefine travel.

Using this new technology, travellers will be able to check-in their luggage from home using their smartphone and drop it off at the airport in seconds - without all the stress and time pressure. RIMOWA's use of technology is directly integrated into select RIMOWA suitcases.

The RIMOWA Electronic Tag replaces the usual paper label with a digital data module to which the airline's luggage data is transmitted. Travel means freedom. With RIMOWA Electronic Tag you will enjoy even greater freedom. Check-in your luggage from home, the hotel or on the go - it's your trip and your decision.

The innovative link between suitcase and smartphone makes this possible.



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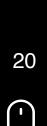




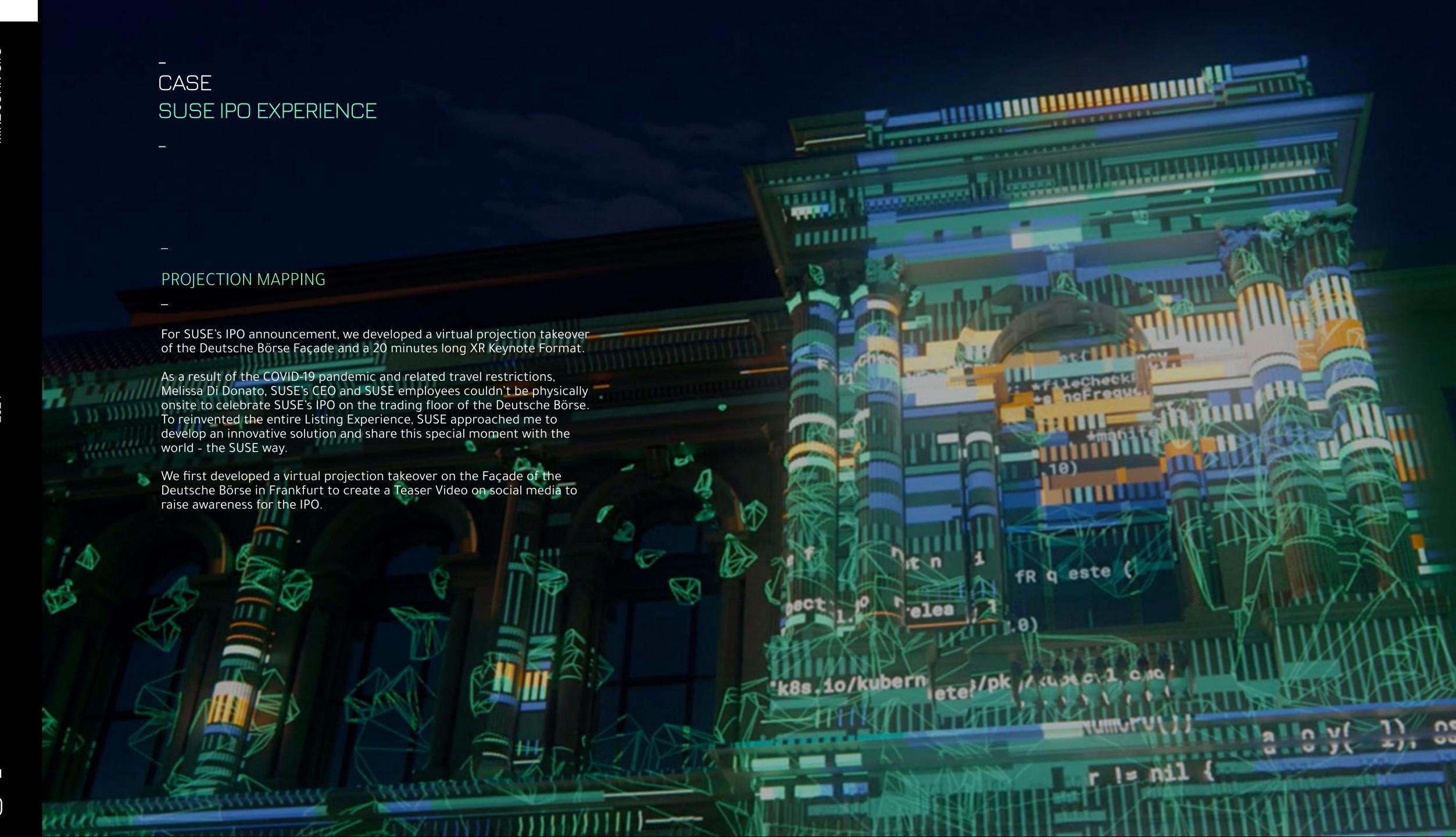
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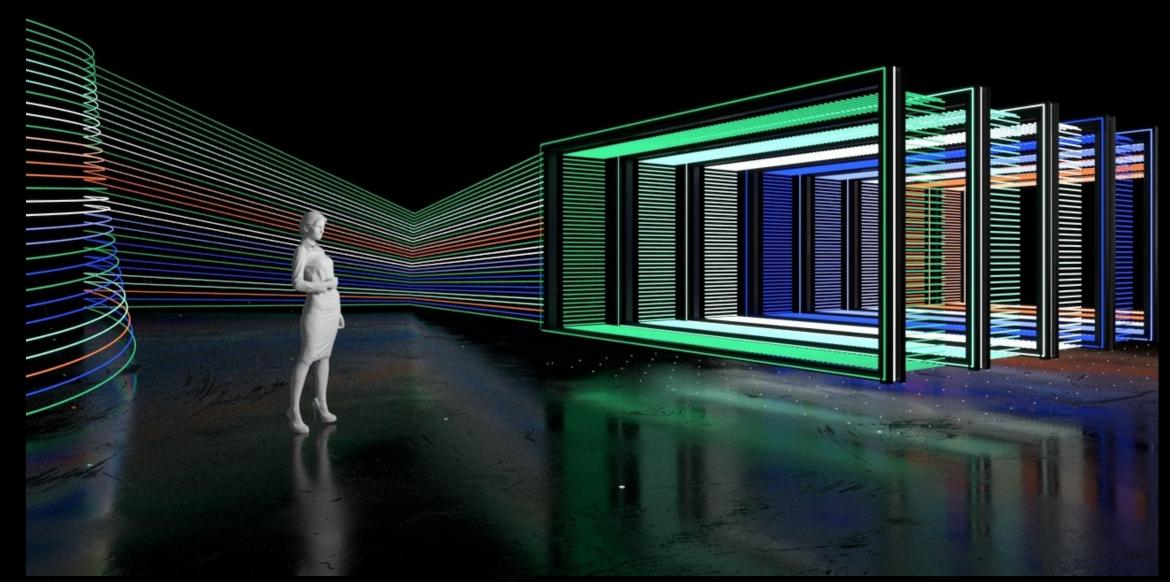




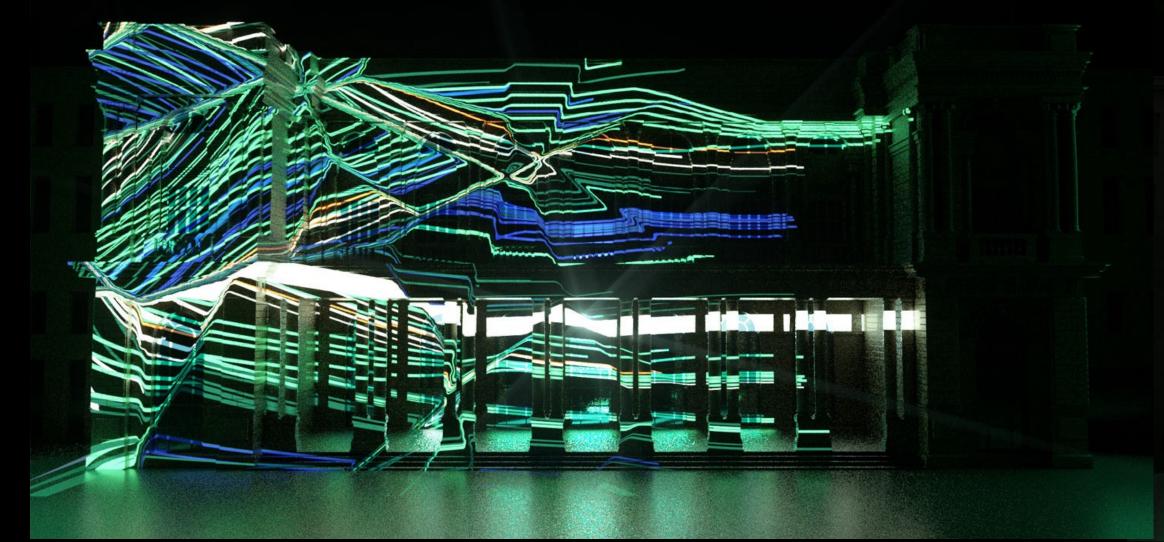


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RESHAPING EXCELLENCE
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WEB GL EXPERIENCE

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In 1991 Sennheiser created the best headphones in the world. They called them Orpheus. In 2015, they have done it again. The name and uncompromising philosophy remaining, this is Orpheus reborn. In otherworldly sound and timeless beauty. Perfectly engineered. Equipped with unique features and state-of-the-art technology these headphones transform music from something you listen to, into something you live in. To build anticipation for the release,

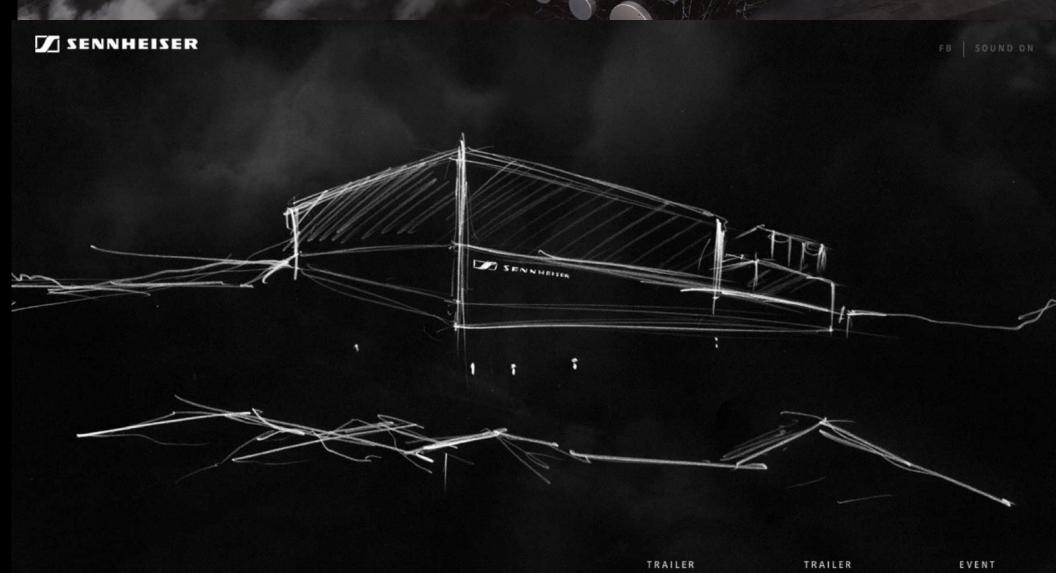
Sennheiser launched a unique WebGL-powered website as a focal point of the campaign, which will deliver an immersive experience that involves fans in the process of unveiling Sennheiser's mystery milestone product. We developed Reshaping Excellence in two phases. Over a million people from exactly 184 countries created their unique sound sculpture and made their contribution to build the monument. A monument to sound that changes its shape frequently with every new monolith and, eventually, becomes complete by an accumulation of thousands of individual created sound sculptures. To create his very own sound sculpture, the user journey lead into a canyon where he finds his monolith to shape. After the process of shaping, the sound sculpture will be send to the monument and takes his place to be part of the monument to sound.

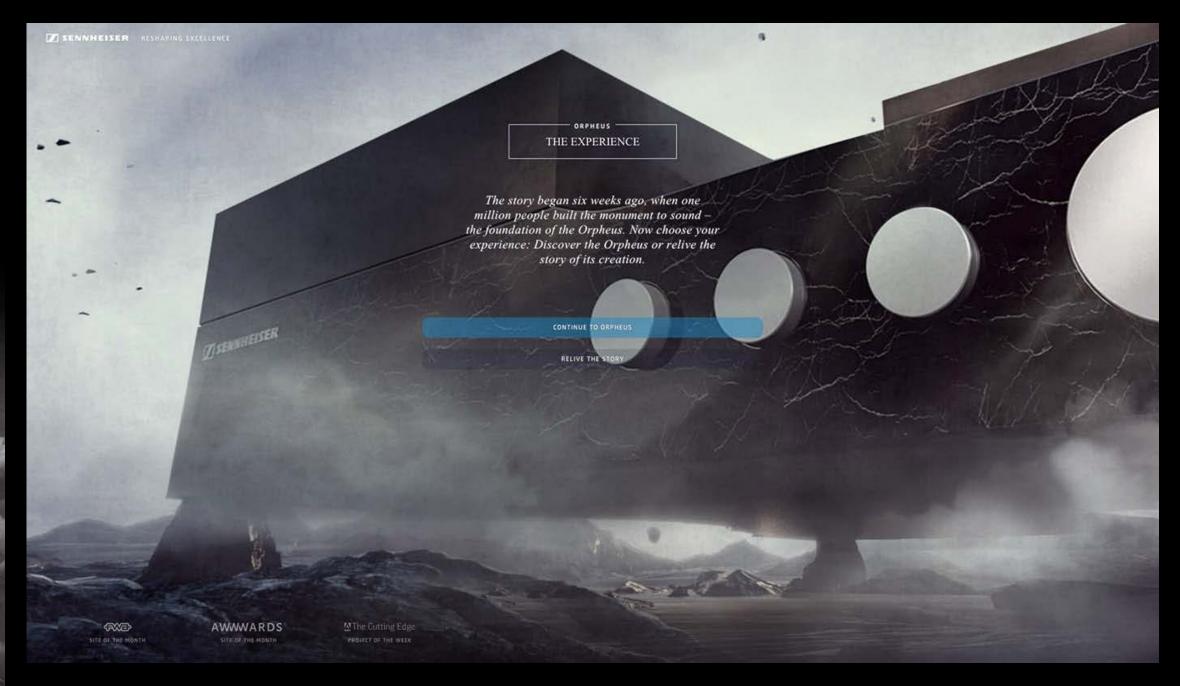


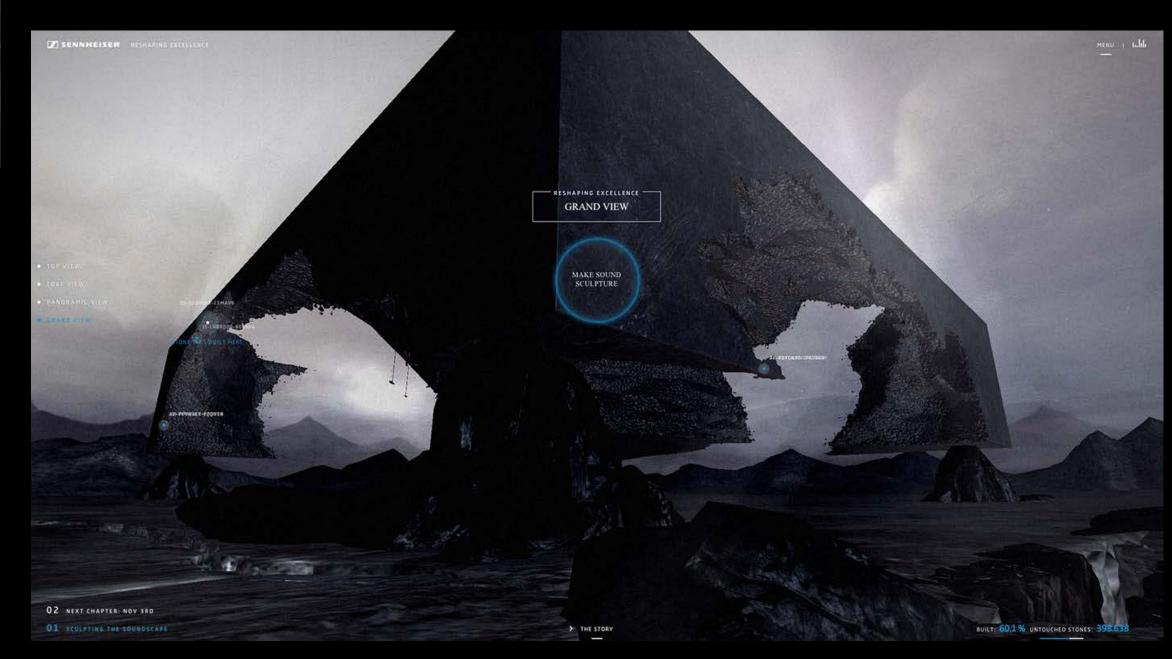








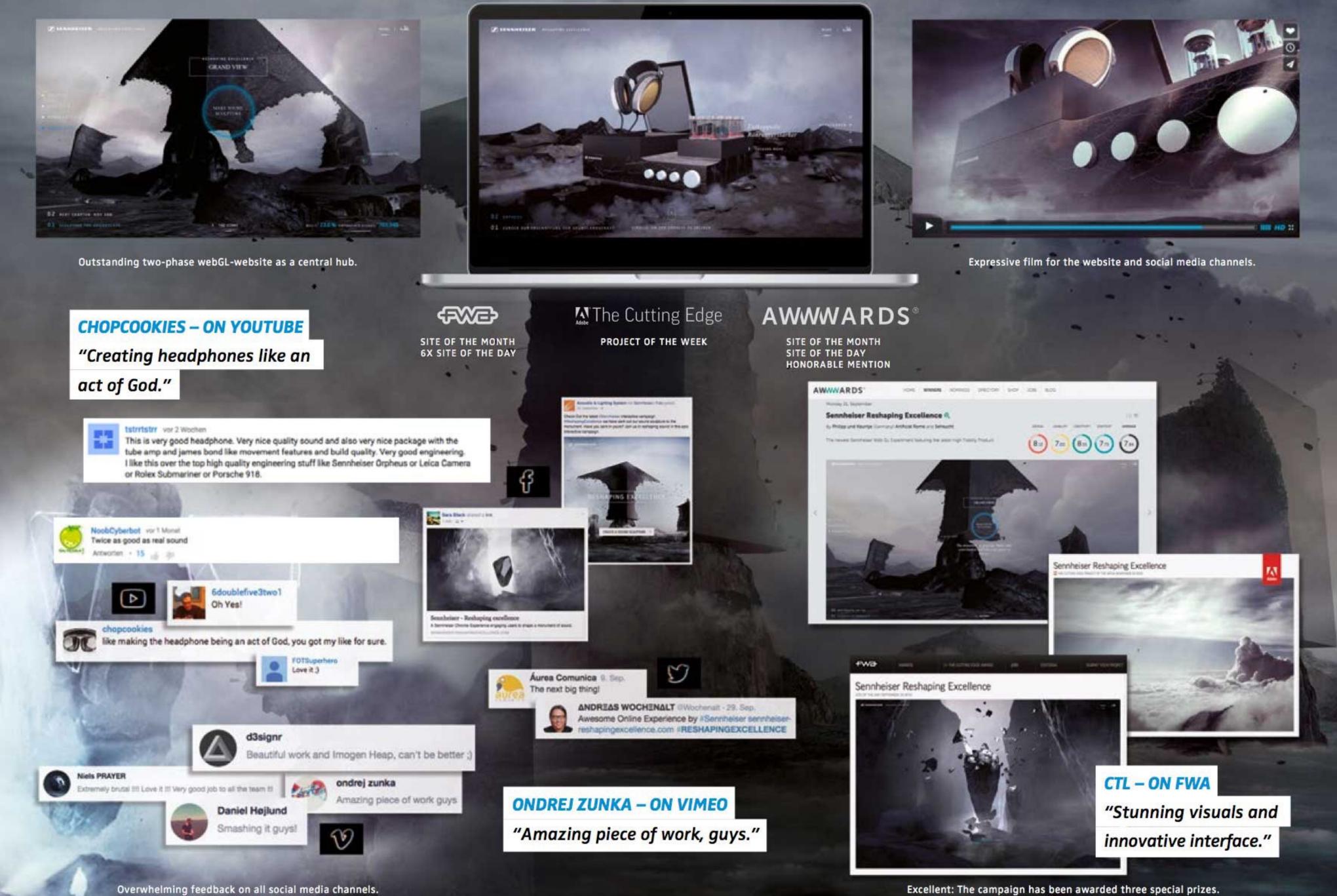




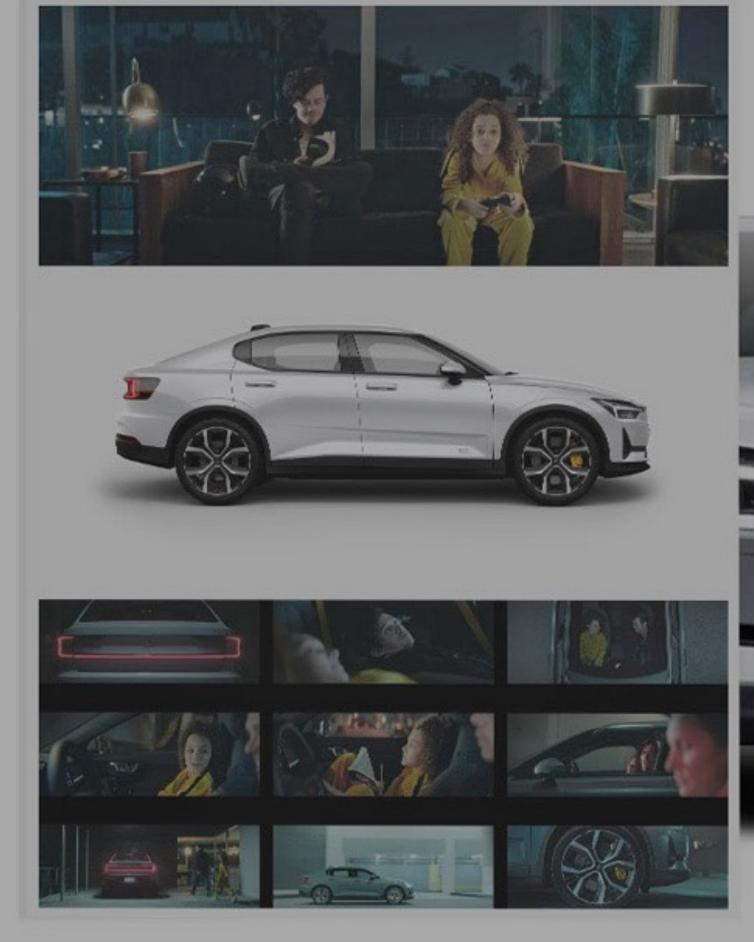
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-CASE POLESTAR LAUNCH CAMPAIGN





CASE POLESTAR LAUNCH CAMPAIGN THE BABYSITTER FILM The almost two-minute campaign film takes up some of these features with humorous storytelling: In the clip, an unconventional uncle and niece team borrows the Polestar 2 for a night-time joyride from the girl's mother, thereby engaging in all kinds of mischief. However, the campaign does not highlight the advantages of electric driving, but rather the new infotainment system in Polestar2. Together with the electric car, the Google-based Human Machine Interface (HMI) will be introduced, which is based on Android and comes with a range of integrated Google apps and services. The system works with voice control and supports the user not only with directions but also with other



useful topics such as the display and availability of charging stations, music

control, creation of shopping lists and reminders of important dates.



CASE POLESTAR LAUNCH BRANDED CONTENT

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Film: 2.17 min hero

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Film: 60s hero

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Film: 30s hero

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Assets awareness

Social media. Video ads

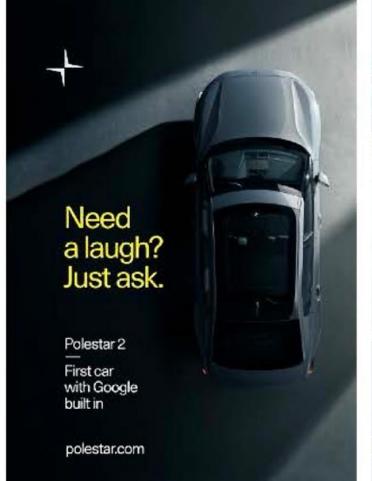








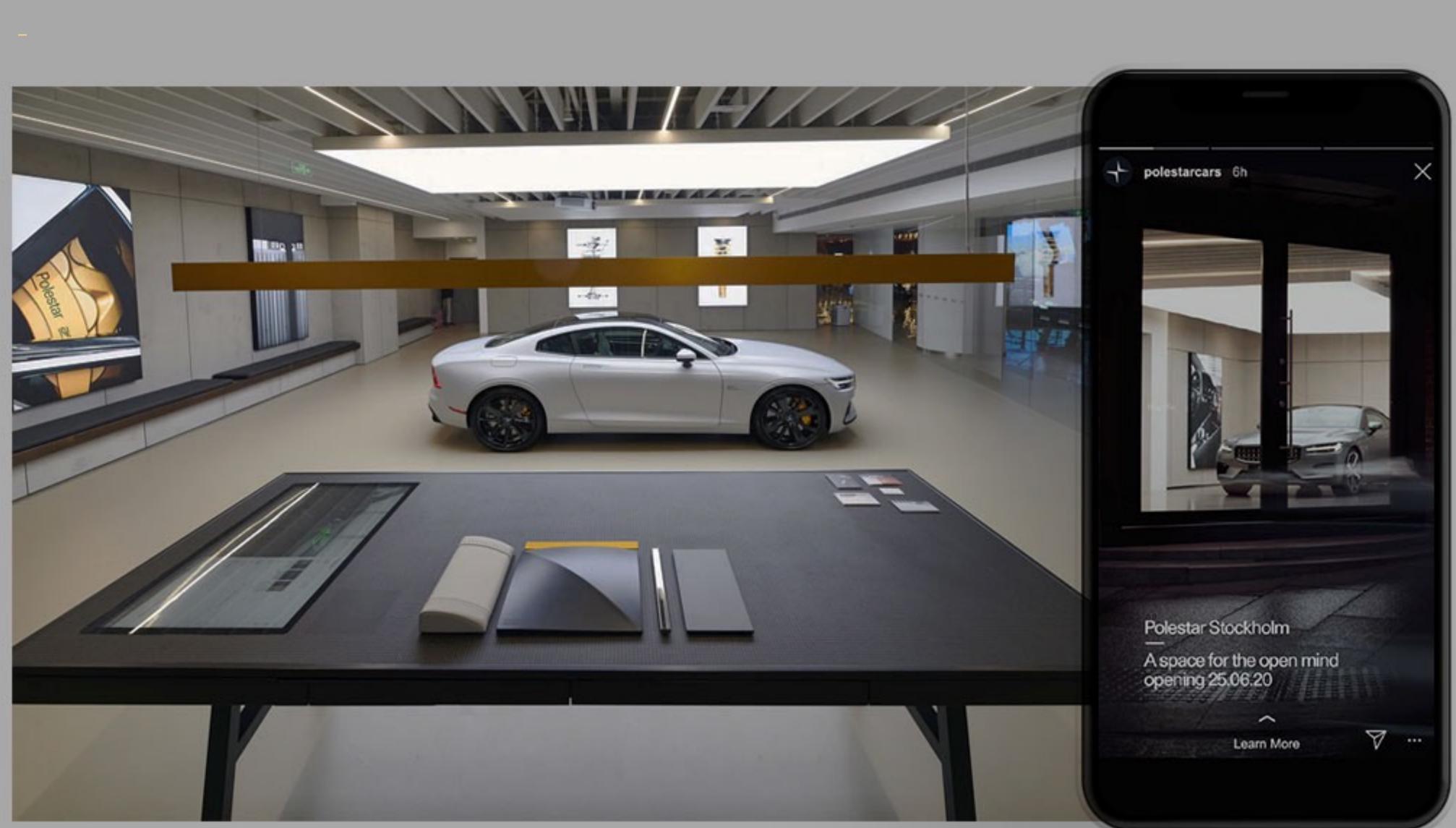








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Space

A space for everything The Polestar Space is so much more than a showroom for cars. It's a space for pioneering tech, outstanding design and sustainability.

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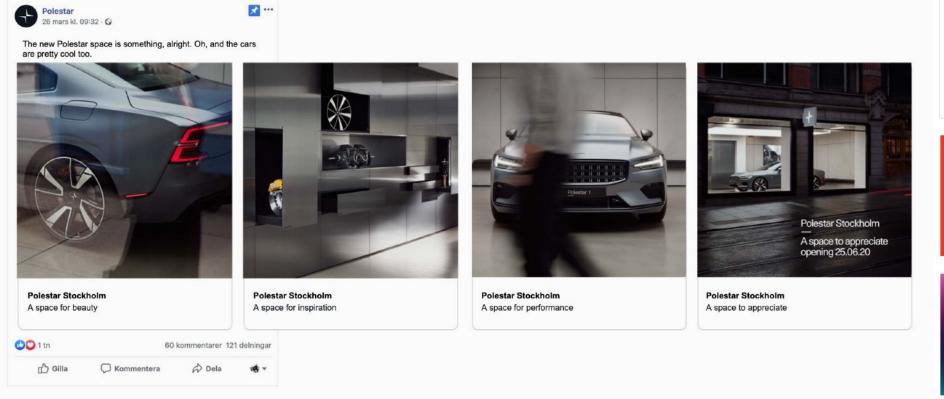
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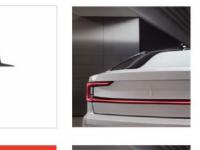
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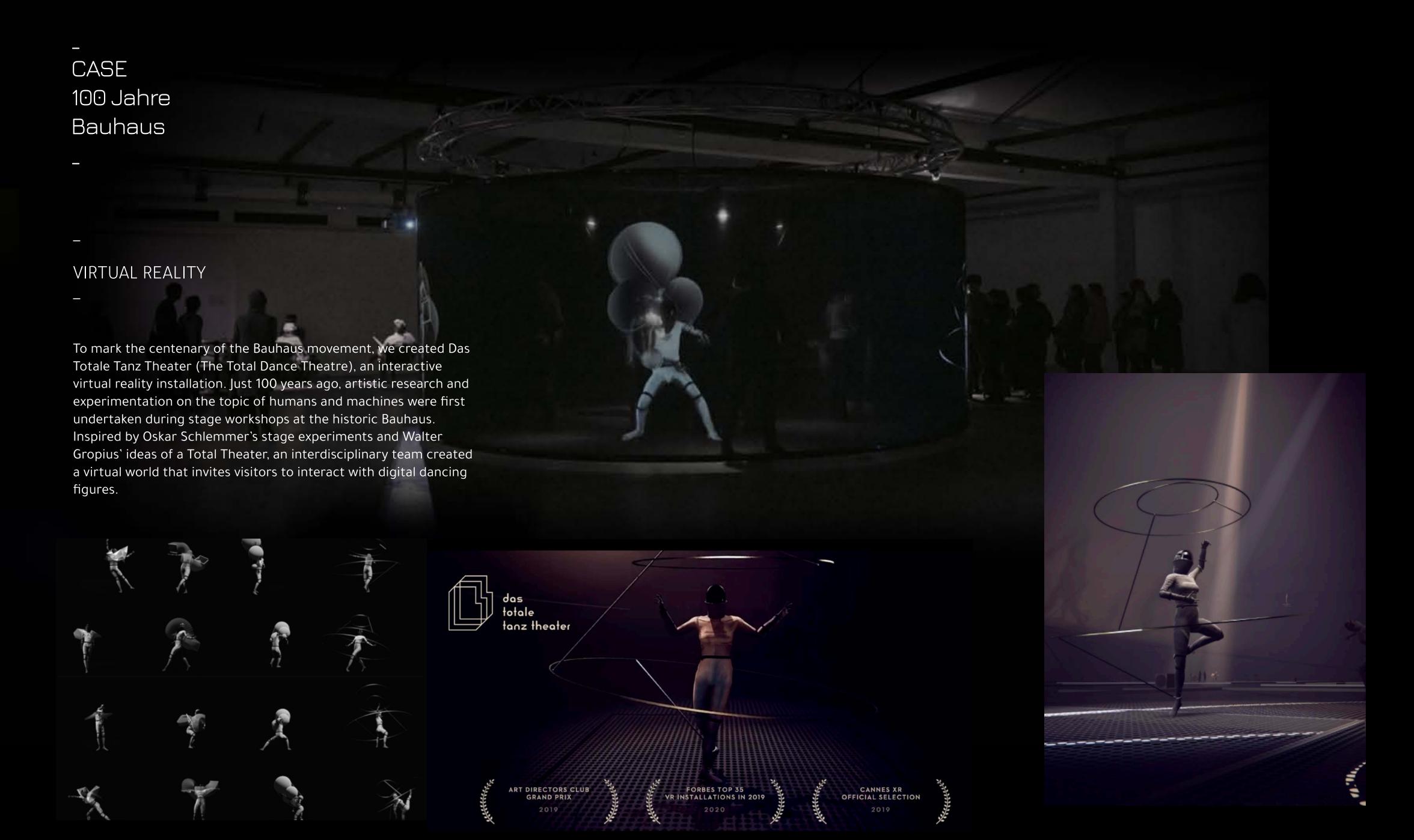












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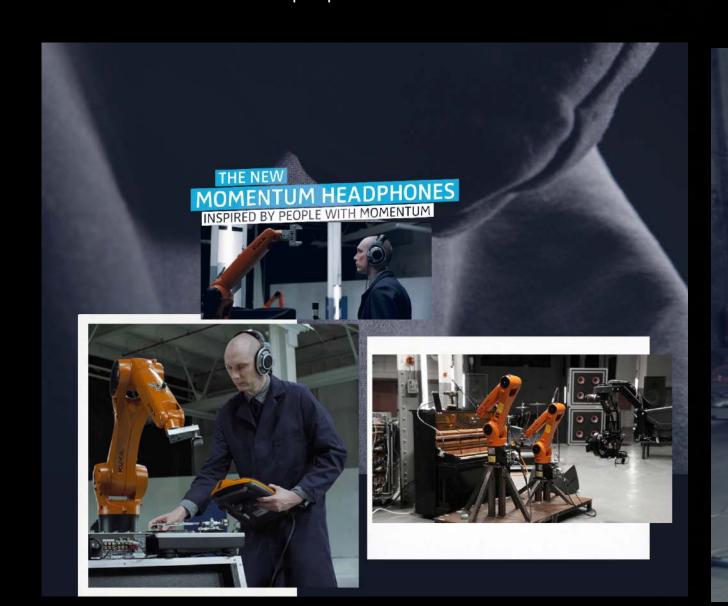
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MOMENTUM HEADPHONES BRANDED ARTISTS CONTENT

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40 INTERNATIONALE ARTISTS:

In YouTube-Filmen wurde das Momentum der Soundkünstler dokumentiert.



Anfangs lag der Fokus der Microsite auf den Artists und dem User Generated Content. Später stand der MOMENTUM Kopfhörer im Mittelpunkt.

DYNAMISCHE MICROSITE:



MOMENTUM CHAINS:

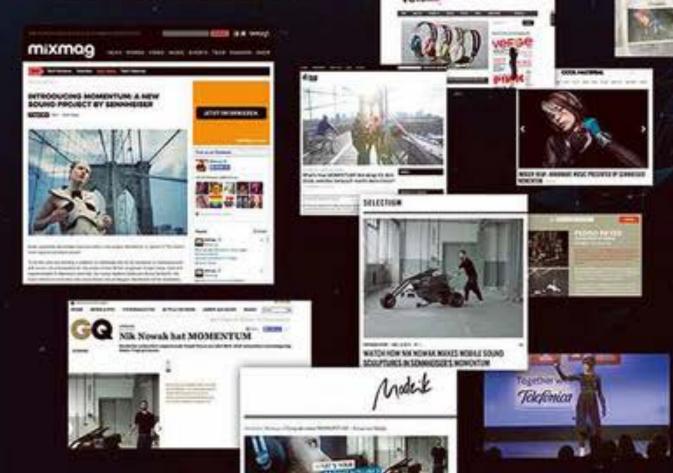
Die User folgten unserem Aufruf. Mit ihrer Soundidee starteten sie neue Video Chains und setzten bestehende fort.



INSPIRED BY PEOPLE WITH MOMENTUM

WELTWEITE RESONANZ:

Unzählige Medien berichteten über die Sound-Artists und den MOMENTUM.



DAS MOMENTUM PROJEKT

Der MOMENTUM - ein Kopfhörer inspiriert von Menschen mit Momentum. Soundartists, die die Welt des Sounds neu definieren, gaben der Kampagne ein Gesicht. Wir stellten ihr Momentum auf der Microsite vor.

Dann integrierten wir die User auf der ganzen Welt und fragten sie: WHAT'S YOUR MOMENTUM? Inspiriert von den Künstlern bewiesen sie ihr ganz eigenes Momentum. In den MOMENTUM Chains auf der Site zeigten sie ihr Soundtalent in 10-sekündigen Videos.

So wurde die Zielgruppe selbst zum wichtigsten Teil der Kampagne. Und der MOMENTUM Kopfhörer so oft verkauft wie nie zuvor.

MOMENTUM RESULTS:

Weltweit wurden Millionen Menschen erreicht und der Umsatz gesteigert.

> 22.583.000 **REAL CONTACTS**

897.000 SHARES, LIKES UND COMMENTS

191% VERKAUFSSTEIGERUNG USA

120% VERKAUFSSTEIGERUNG D/F/UK SENNHEISER
THE ORACLE
LONG FORMAT FILM

AWARDS

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London International Awards 3x Gold Eurobest 2x Bronze Clio Awards 1x Silver Clio Awards 2x Bronze New York Festivals 4x Finalist ADC Art Directors Club 2x Bronze



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SENNHEISER THE ORACLE LONG FORMAT FILM

Sometimes videographers have to travel to the most remote locations.

In our film the videograph Steve is heading off to a small village to lift the secret of a legendary Oracle: It awakes only once every ten years to predict the future. Legend has it that it foresaw the discovery of America, the first landing on the moon and the invention of the massage cushion. But no one seems to know how old it is. Will Steve be there when it awakes after 10 long years?

What will The Oracle predict? And will Steve be able to capture this critical moment perfectly in sound and vision? This film gives all the answers.

CHARACTERS



STEVE

sound and vision. Steve speaks six languages fluently – except one word:

THE MAYOR

Wherever something is about to happen – He takes every person in the village Steve is there. International clients engage seriously. First of all himself. Every ten him to capture very special moments in years, when the big event is about to who is allowed to ask the one question to can only be some extraterrestrial lifeform. thinking about the right question for years



THE ORACLE

Despite the fact that The Oracle is wellknown we almost know nothing about it. proud that she was the chosen one to ask Some assume that it came to the village the question - the youngest person in the happen, it is his privilege to choose the one about 600 years ago. Others argue that it history of The Oracle. The girl has been



THE GIRL

The rural parents of the girl are more than and years. Now the time has finally come.





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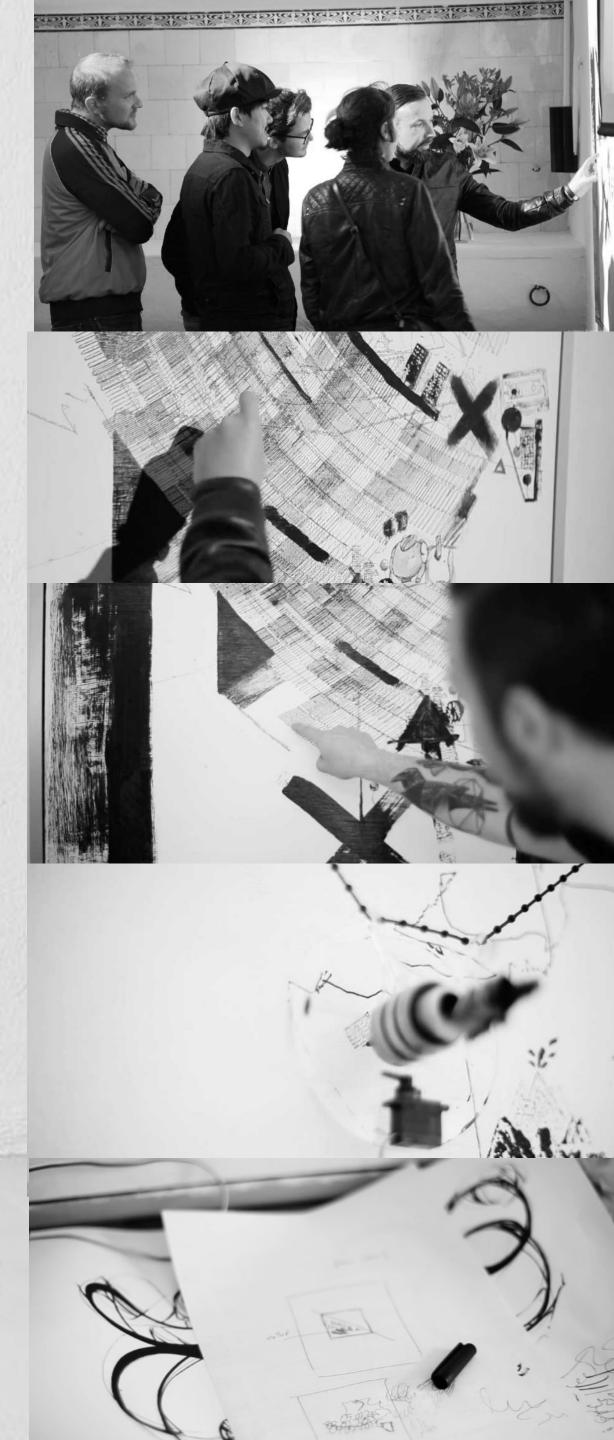
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My Art is a approach to transform fragments of design, moodboards, styleframes and layouts I do into analog Art Pieces.

Most of the Work is a mixed media between sketches, painting and using a drawing robot that is controlled with processing scripts and feeded with assets of my commercial work. Each piece is a unique work. I do exhibitions across europe. I believe in "Freiheit statt Freizeit" (a quote by Joseph Beuys).

That is why I see my studio and commercial work as one part of my story and my Art as the other part. Both are able to survive and coinfluence side by side.





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Let's find out how we can work together to change the way businesses communicate and how they stay ahead of culture with art-driven, narrative experiences.

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