

Michael Snow

In the Way, 2011

Video instalación, proyección, color
23'10"
Ed. 1/4 + 1 AP

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àngels barcelona presenta una nueva instalación de Michael Snow titulada "In the way", en la que continúa explorando nuevas formas de implicar, desafiar y sorprender al espectador. En este caso, utiliza un travelling muy particular que nos invita a instalarnos en medio de la imagen, a situarnos "in the way" de la proyección, una imagen en movimiento permanente que nos puede llegar a afectar a nivel fisiológico.

Cómo es habitual en el trabajo de Snow, esta obra pretende desafiar nuestra aproximación automática -por defecto- a lo visible, mediante una estrategia compositiva que pone en jaque las herramientas con las que habitualmente procesamos lo percibido. Al desfamiliarizar al espectador respecto a la realidad, se revisan tanto los convencionalismos de la representación como los de la recepción.

En el siguiente texto original escrito por el artista, nos propone diversas lecturas de su pieza, a partir de los diferentes significados de la palabra "way":

"In the Way" can have varied meanings. If something is in the way it is an obstacle. A common use of way is: "something is in my way" meaning that "something is impeding my progress".

A way fundamentally describes a path or road as in the word *highway*. One can also in yet another usage say "I do something my way", meaning "my personal method".

My projection work "In the Way" urges the spectator to look at the results of a camera moving this "way" or that "way". It also invites the spectator to stand in the image, to in fact be "in the way" (*in the road*).

The image consists of constantly panning views shot from directly above at varying speeds over a very rocky and very muddy road. The road sometimes gradually becomes grassy, so that besides the very rough road images there are also passages looking down on and moving over fields of grasses and flowers. Hard and soft.

In movie terminology, the moving images should be described as "truckng shots" and in fact the images of "In the Way" were shot from a structure on the back of a truck.

I am interested in the physiological and psychological effects of panning (truckng) images. Seeing the movements of "In the Way" horizontally (as they were seen by the camera in real life) will cause new physical and mental experiences in the viewer.

Michael Snow,
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Stills *In the Way*, "truckng shots"



Imagen de producción en la que se observa cómo se realizó la grabación de *In the Way*