

First Group Assignment: Emotional Communication

"Art has the knack of helping us to see what we would normally miss." - Rebecca Horn

Problem:

Create a wearable communication prosthetic/enhancement/device that is able to communicate or translate emotional states without words or illustrations.

(i.e. longing, happiness, bravery, fear, lust etc.)

Parameters:

- Work in groups of three/four.
- Device may communicate with a general audience or 2 participants (one on one)
- No verbal communication (spoken language or written)
- Use analogue (non-embedded system devices, electronics etc.)

Thoughts and suggestions:

Think about how costumes or masks transform the body.

The project could use a series of prescribed (performative) movements.

What are some common gestures that indicate emotional states: a kiss, jumping, touch, a caress, muscle tension.

Materials communicate meaning. Steel, silk, rubber and tissue all connote different thoughts and feelings.

Keep it simple. Work with what you know.

Process

(not necessarily linear)

- What emotions to convey?
- What are the gestures?
- What are the materials?
- How are the gestures commanded?

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Wound Shirt:

As humans, we are often hurt or injured in ways that cannot be seen. The Wound Shirt is a wearable, customizable display that allows the wearer to visually express their unseen vulnerabilities. Operated by the wearer, each "wound" can be opened or closed to varying degrees.



Inflatable Heart



Quotes?

Hearts are meant to be broken. This device is daring but delicate - capable of making a bold statement but only when risking explosion. It is versatile in use, exposing the flighty triumphs and frustrations of contact with a prospective other or expressing anxiety, admiration, or pride.

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