Scott Hessels

« *BELOW VICTORY* »

Interactive installation | 2021



Below Victory, Scott Hessels | Place de la Victoire, Clermont-Ferrand
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Below Victory is a public art installation that blends physical and virtual elements in a renowned cultural heritage site. Over 177 square meters of
trompe l'oeil images laid over Place de la Victoire are supported by Augmented Reality visuals based on cutting-edge underground scans of
the structures below the plaza's surface that date back to Antiquity. The themes of appreciation of cultural heritage, adaptation of technologies for
new creative ideas, interactive public experiences that span social media, and a deeper responsibility to understand complex history are presented as a unique shared encounter for socially-distanced times.

Scott Hessels is a Hong-Kong based artist whose artworks explore how emerging technologies can help us better understand our environment. His site-specific installations have used sensors, robotics, GPS, and adaptive materials, often partnering with key science organizations. His films and new media installations have shown internationally in museum exhibitions focusing on both technology and fine art. His recognitions include patents, references in books on new media art, and coverage in cultural media like Wired and Discover. He is also executive producer of the Extreme Environments Programme which organizes art and science expeditions to environmentally significant sites.

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