Ismaël Joffroy Chandoutis

« GOLDBERG VARIATIONS »

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Goldberg Variations, Isamël Joffroy Chandoutis | Chapelle de l'Oratoire, Clermont-Ferrand
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Goldberg Variations explores the mental universe of Joshua Ryne Goldberg, considered the greatest troll in internet history. From 2006 to 2015, this young man created and simultaneously manipulated dozens of antagonistic online identities, from the jihadist « *Australi Witness* » to the neo-Nazi « *European88* » to the feminist « *Tanya Cohen* ». His arrest by the FBI in September 2015 for inciting terrorism revealed the unprecedented scale of his manipulations.
Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, Goldberg described himself as a « *character factory* » devoid of personal identity, evolving in a solipsistic state where he constantly questioned reality.
Correspondence initiated with him in August 2023 and continued through interviews after his release from prison in April 2024 enriches this installation.

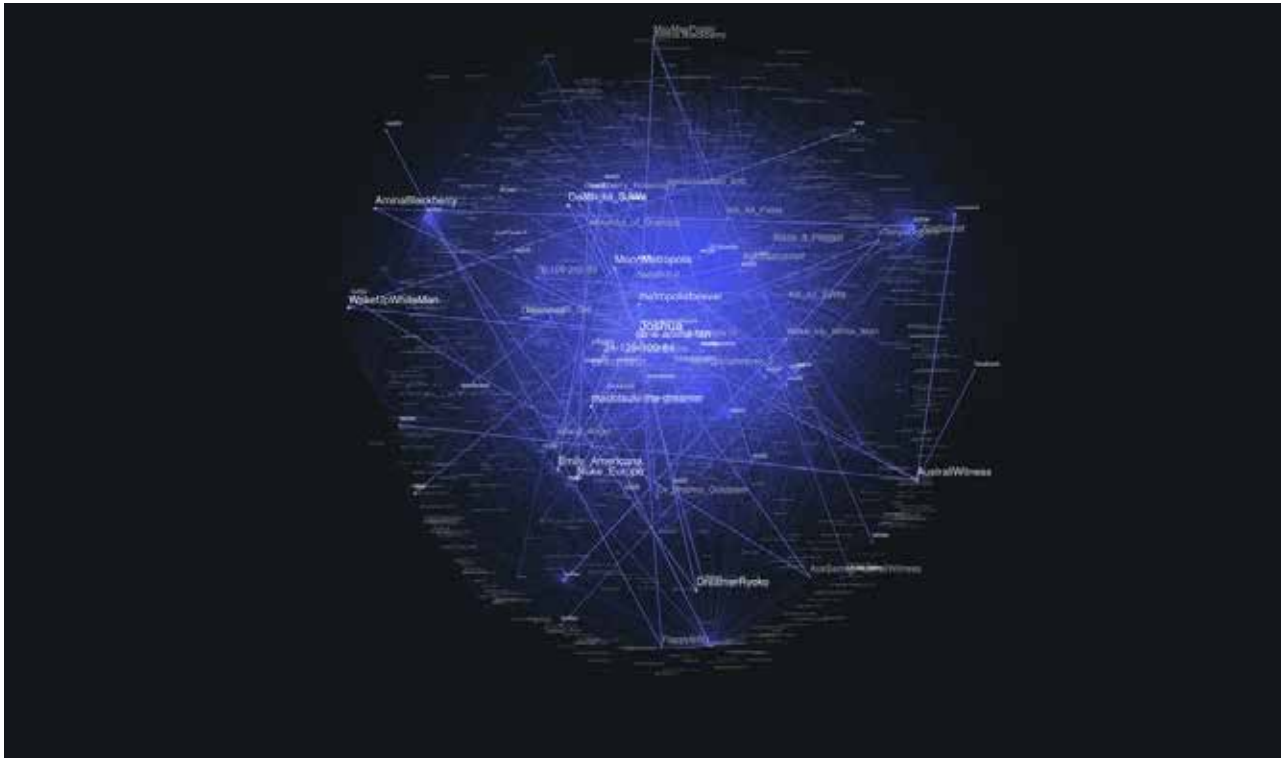
Ismaël Joffroy Chandoutis is a French artist renowned for his work on cinema, contemporary art, and post-photography. Using a range of digital tools, the artist creates works in a documentary style with hybrid forms (video, installation, live performance...).
His works explore the themes of digital identity, memory, and more generally, the transformations brought about by technologies in the post-truth era. They question the invisible and the unspeakable, the process of producing « *reality* », and the interstices between the real and the virtual.

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Technical :
1 computer with 2 screens
1 Xbox controller
1 video projector
1 monitor
2 powered speakers or 1 headset
2 HDMI cables

Documentation :
Instagram : www.instagram.com/ismael_jchandoutis/
Video portrait : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VggZPrenrDQ



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