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OBSTACLE ILLUSION

Thollem and ACVilla will perform their on-going work Obstacle Illusion as well as new material they've prepared during their Uncool residency. Obstacle Illusion (Approx. 40 minutes) is a multimedia experience pairing Thollem's solo synthesizer performance with the films of ACVilla. It incorporates ACVilla's unique approach, contextualization, using digital equipment with an analog mindset. Thollem's music is an exploration of sound through an otherwise impossible orchestra from unique timbral combinations to the most extreme abstract nature of sound. His approach is informed by his background in 20th century composition as well as his years of perpetual travel. Through multiple overlaying of sonic and visual stimuli, Obstacle Illusion reveals subconscious thoughts and hidden memories. The experience is simultaneously pleasurable and intellectually stimulating. Eternity filtered through two artists at the center of a world on the edge.

For well over a decade Thollem and ACVilla's collaborations have resulted in many different projects, including multimedia experiences as well as documentaries of their perpetual touring. Communities within which Thollem and ACVilla have participated range from public and private schools to universities, from museums and film societies to DIY spaces and community centers throughout North America and Europe.

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