

AUDIOVISUAL PORTFOLIO

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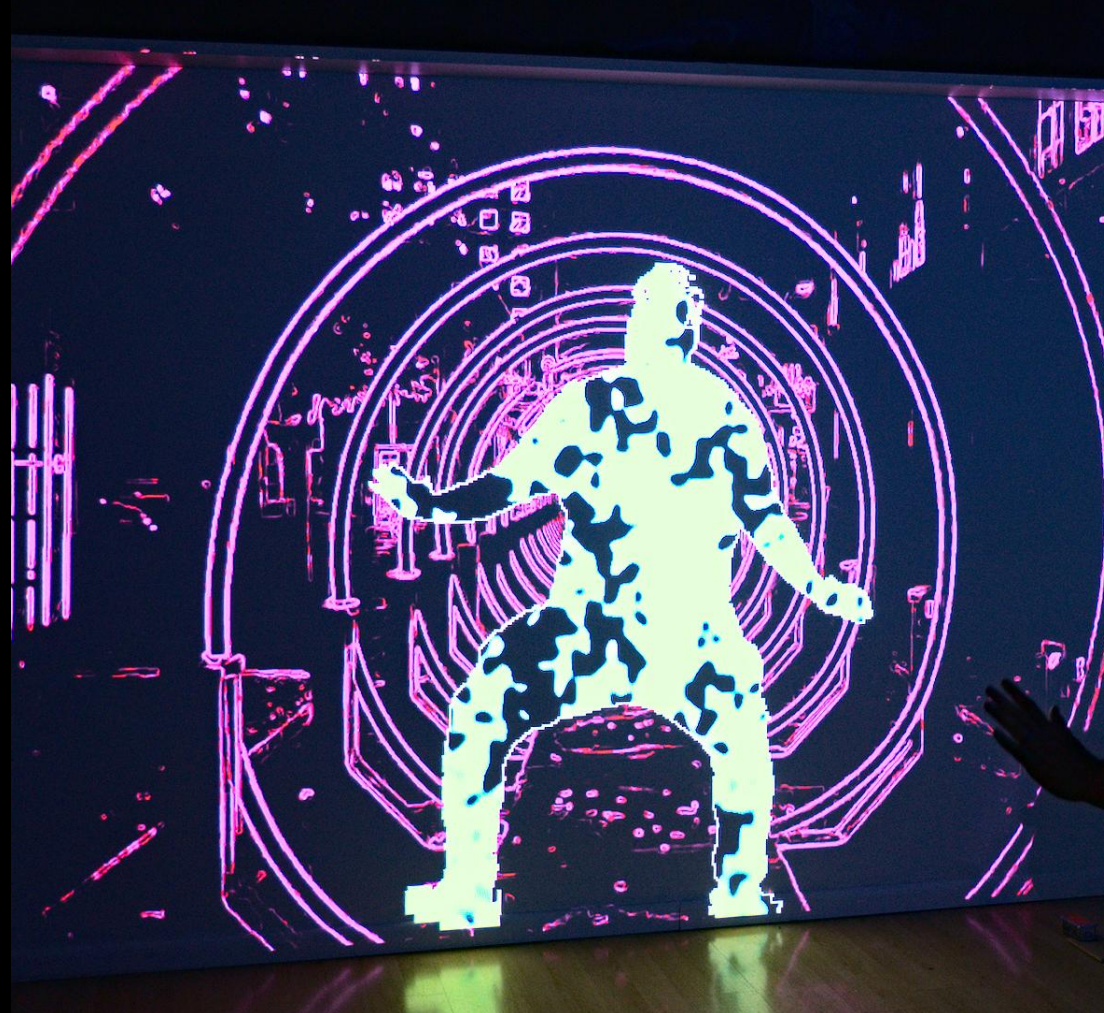
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BIOGRAPHY



How the Light Gets In - LUNA Lagniappe, Arts New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

Stephen Montalvo (b.1984) is an active composer and performer of acoustic and electronic music, as well as audiovisual installation artist based in New Orleans, LA where he lives with his wife and their two dogs, Snoop and Rose. He works to make new music accessible to wider audiences, creates playful and interactive installations, and occasionally jumps on stage with a punk rock percussion ensemble. Through his works, he explores concepts related to resonance and rhythmic interplay, works to promote equity in artistic experiences by creating agency for performers and audiences, and draws inspiration from social, ecological, and political concerns.

INTERACTIVE ART INSTALLATIONS



Chess in the Piazza – Oedipus MAX, Virtual Krewe of Vaporwave, New Orleans, LA

The works featured in this portfolio are all centered around viewer interactivity. The projects utilize a body-tracking camera to capture the images and/or outlines of viewers which are then superimposed in real-time onto video projections. As viewers stand in front of the screen, their bodies are captured and transformed. While the imagery featured in the installation is prepared ahead of time, the interaction between the viewer and their projected image allows for an infinitely vast array of experiences and interpretations.

IMAGINARY MONSTERS

Failed Film Festival, Fish Pot Studios, April 4, 2026 – New Orleans, LA
Engulf, Engulf Louisiana, November 10-13, 2022 – Kentwood, LA

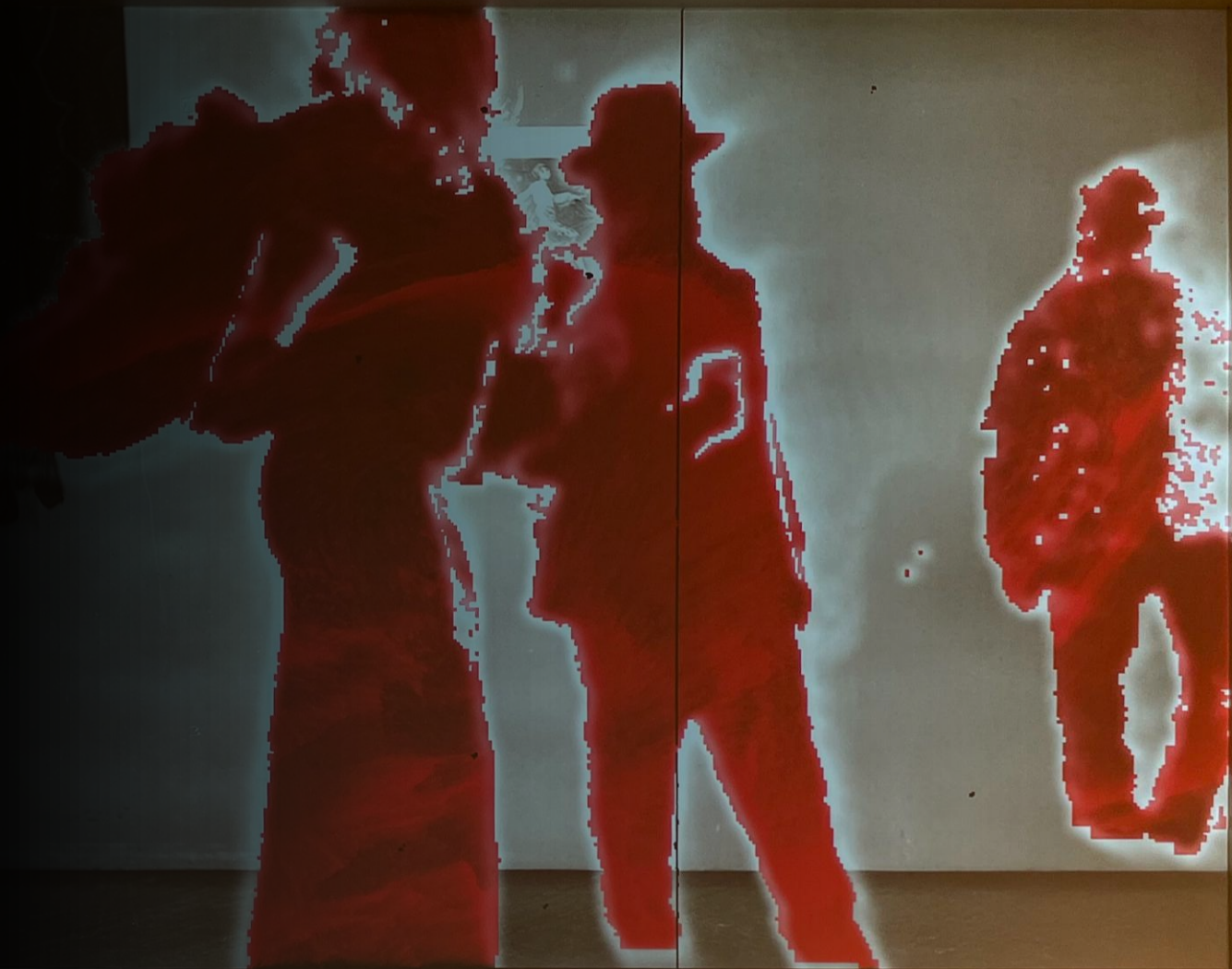


Imaginary monsters lets viewers see themselves superimposed onto images and artwork meant to conjure ideas of imaginary monsters and impossible dreams. They transform into swirling motes of color, reflections of their own selves as their outlines shimmer within the projection or emit slowly fading feedback loops as realizations of their movement through space and time.

WHERE THE MUSIC SLEPT

IMPROVISATIONS GALA, NEW ORLEANS JAZZ MUSEUM,
DECEMBER 6, 2025 – NEW ORLEANS, LA

Where the Music Slept draws inspiration from the historical Storyville neighborhood and invites audiences to rediscover a time when creativity bloomed quietly in the margins. The installation inspires them to consider a history where creativity and risk were inescapably linked in ways still felt today.



MOMENTS

SUPERNOVA, FRIENDS OF THE LAFITTE GREENWAY, DECEMBER 6-9, 2023 – NEW ORLEANS, LA



Moments immerses the viewer into a landscape of visual echoes. The installation transforms the Lafitte Greenway in real-time into an impressionist painting. A projection screen, affixed with a grid of clothespins, serves as the canvas for the experience. Viewers of the installation are encouraged to write down a significant moment to them, whether it be big or small, and attach it to the board. As their contributions are added, an echo of their images is incorporating into the installation. Coming back again and again while slowly dissipating. The scraps of paper added by participants creates a unique collage of textures for the ongoing video projection, a lasting impact on the installation.

THE CHEAP SEATS

LUNA (LIGHT UP NOLA ARTS) FÊTE, ARTS COUNCIL NEW ORLEANS, DECEMBER 12-15, 2019 – NEW ORLEANS, LA
ENGULF, ENGULF LOUISIANA, NOVEMBER 9-12, 2023 – KENTWOOD, LA



The Cheap Seats evokes the idea of being on the outside, trying to see and experience what is going on inside the circus big top. Instead of being able to see the performance, audience members see “shadows” of themselves, projected from the outside. Viewers catch fleeting sounds and images from the events and live out the innocent yet guilty pleasure of sneaking glimpses what’s inside.

Selected Other Audiovisual Works

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

WITH THE VIRTUAL KREWE OF VAPORWAVE

Where in the Woods, Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, June 11-16, 2024 – Manchester, TN
LUNA (Light Up NOLA Arts) Fête, Arts Council New Orleans, November 14-17, 2024 – New Orleans, LA

SPACEWALKING

Sound Collage/Improvisations Gala, New Orleans Jazz Museum, December 1-2, 2023 – New Orleans, LA

SWINGING WITH SAVOY

The New Orleans Swing Dance Festival & Ultimate Lindy Hop Showdown, April 13-16, 2023 – New Orleans, LA

INTO THE COSMOS

LUNA (Light Up NOLA Arts) Fête, Arts Council New Orleans, December 16-19, 2021 – New Orleans, LA
Essence Tech Summit 2022, Essence Festival of Culture, July 1-3, 2022, New Orleans, LA

WALK THIS 'WAY

Supernova, Friends of the Lafitte Greenway, December 9-11, 2021 – New Orleans, LA
Supernova, Friends of the Lafitte Greenway, December 8-10, 2022 – New Orleans, LA

VIVANT

Sound Collage/Improvisations Gala, New Orleans Jazz Museum, December 2-4, 2021 – New Orleans, LA
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