Experience design

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Unidentified female death mask #2



From Late 19th century-mid 20th century By Charles Smith, (active 1886-1918)



Two men in the process of making a death mask, c. 1908

Inconnue de la Seine / CPR Annie







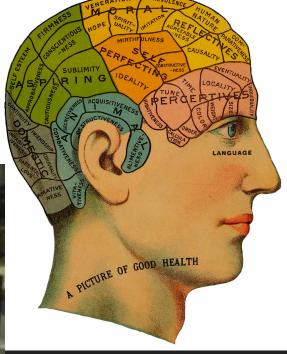
Death mask: Quick overview in history



Jericho's head, around 9000 BC

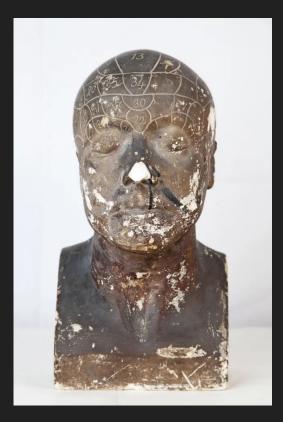
Mary Queen of Scotts, 1587





Phrenology

Death masks: Historical overview



18th / 19th century



Burke & Hare, 1830's



58, Baker Street, Portman Square,

Ouverte depuis 11 heures du Matin jusqu'à 10 heures de Soi

Prix d'Entrée:—1 Shilling pour la Grande Salle, et 6 pence de Sup des Reliques de Napoléon et la Chambre des Cri

Madame Tussauds exhibition poster, 1835

Death of the medium?

"We all die twice – once when we actually die and once when no one on earth recognizes our photograph." - Christian Boltanski



What approach do we take for our object?



Fig. 8. 1: Mask of a drowned girl (*Noyée de la Seine*). c. 1900. Plaster, from gelatine mould (?), h: 30 cm. Smith cast no. 219. Author's collection.

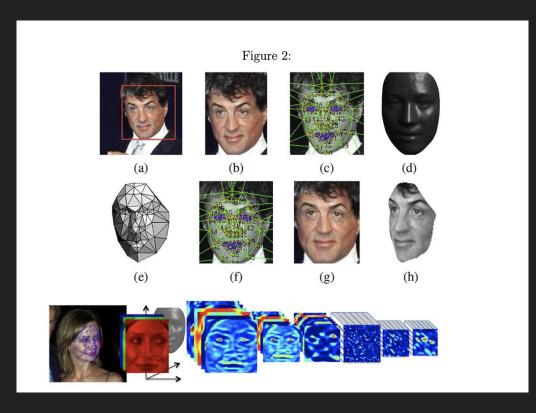


Fig. 8. 2: South Kensington examination drawing of the Mask of a drowned girl (Fig. 8. 1). Black chalk (?) on paper, 31 x 22 cm. Probably by S. Woodward, a schoolmaster from Leeds, *c*. 1873. Author's collection.

The Edinburgh Phrenological Society's collection of death masks

Use of death masks in art school in the 1900's

Recontextualising facial data today: Data Masks



Facebook's DeepFace system of representing human identities as 3D models and statistical feature



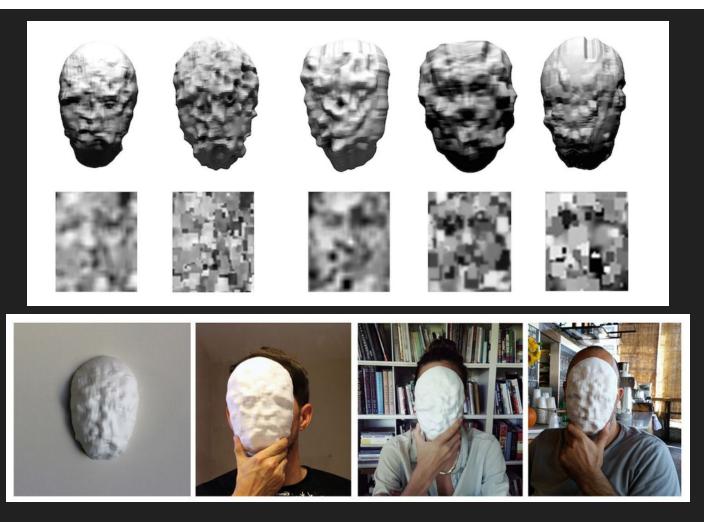
Sample images from CNN-based 3D Face Reconstruction database by Yudong Guo and Juyong Zhang

Projects which have already explored this



"What we're seeing is the negation of humanity: the digital equivalent of a death mask."

Spirit is a Bone by Adam Broomberg & Oliver Chanarin (2015)



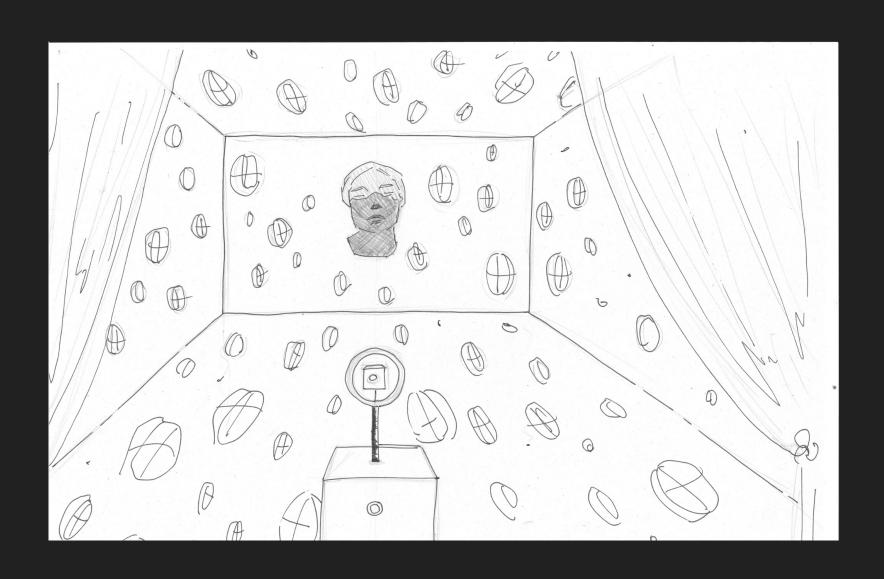
Data Masks by Sterling Crispin (2013-2015)



Stranger Visions by Heather Dewey-Hagborg (2012–2013)



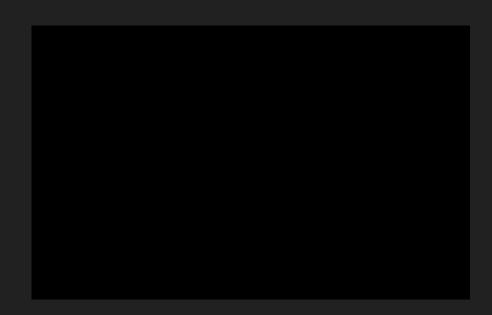
Presence and Erasure - random international (2019)



Idea Development & Implementation



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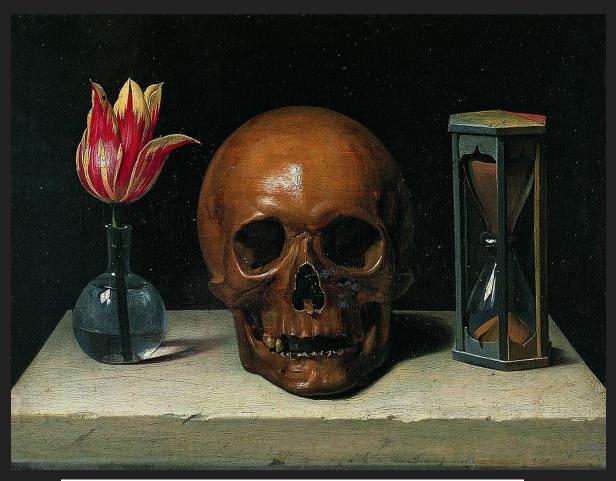
3D Digital Space

Technicals



End goal

Conclusion



Philippe de Champaigne, Vanitas ou Allegory of human life, 1646