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**FIG. 1**
After Madison Square Park Conservancy first discussed a public art project with Krzysztof Wodiczko in 2016, the artist spent extensive time on-site walking among the nineteenth-century American monuments. Wodiczko is no stranger to monuments. He was born in 1943, during the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, a campaign of resistance against the Nazi occupation of Poland, and he likes to quote a saying from his homeland: “Somewhere between [war] memorials there is Poland.” He was drawn to the historic monument to Civil War admiral David Glasgow Farragut because of its prominence in the Park, its distinguished position as a collaboration between the American Renaissance sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens and the Gilded Age architect Stanford White, and the implicit parallel between the American Civil War and contemporary civil wars that displace people globally. Wodiczko also selected the Farragut monument, a bygone symbol of naval prowess, for its role in commemorating how the American Civil War generated a crisis, uprooting individuals and driving millions—soldiers, civilians, and stragglers; enslaved people and free; Northerners and Southerners—from their homes.

Wodiczko immediately and compassionately sketched in graphite on paper a tender image of Admiral Farragut cradling a young boy in a life vest: the artist summoned the harrowing 2015 news photograph of Alan Kurdi, the three-year-old Syrian child dressed in blue shorts and a red T-shirt whose drowned body was found on a beach in Turkey, bringing international attention to the refugee crisis. But the photograph that Wodiczko similarly considered was less well publicized: a Turkish police officer cradling the small boy’s body as he was removed from the shoreline. In Wodiczko’s rendering, the almost 150-year-old bronze Farragut was transformed into a contemporary symbol, although one that is fraught in today’s political climate: an American proxy harboring a refugee and fulfilling the most basic promise of democracy, including human rights, peace, and civility. This was the artist’s opening conceptual framework for his project in Madison Square Park.
moved him deeply was the statue’s stance as a surrogate for civil wars and other conditions of conflict and instability that today, according to the International Rescue Committee, have displaced more than 70 million people and are one impetus for the current refugee crisis.

In *Monument*, Wodiczko builds on a half-century practice focusing on war, turmoil, trauma—and hope. For the projection, he interviewed and filmed twelve individuals, from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Iraq, Liberia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Somalia, and Syria, who are resettled refugees to the United States. The artist and Madison Square Park Conservancy collaborated with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services and Refugee Council USA, a coalition of humanitarian organizations including the International Rescue Committee (IRC), to engage the filmed volunteers. We are grateful for their generous participation in this work. The Farragut Monument comes to life with testimonies of displacement that illuminate how conflict and political fallout affect individuals globally. *Monument* encourages viewers to consider how and whom history memorializes. We are all now catching up to Wodiczko’s long-haul, long-term vision for humanity and for pressing work in the civic space.

Krzysztof Wodiczko calls himself an immigrant and speaks of Poland as “my old country.” He received an MFA from the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw in 1968. He immigrated to Canada in 1977 and established residency in New York City in 1983. He lives and works in New York City; Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Warsaw. Wodiczko was recognized with the Hiroshima Art Prize in 1999 for his contribution as an artist to world peace, and the 2004 College Art Association Award for a distinguished body of work. He received an MFA from the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw in 1968.

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In 2016, critic and scholar Michael Brenson worked with Madison Square Park Conservancy to conceive Dreaming Public Art, our annual symposium at the SVA Theatre. Wodiczko’s role in the symposium prompted our first conversation.

During the project planning, the Conservancy and the artist convened an advisory committee to consider the many aspects of the work. We are grateful to participants Diana Al-Hadid, Rocío Aranda-Alvarado, David Berliner, Sandee Borgman, Bob Carey, Jia Jia Fei, Rashmi Gill, Jonathan Kuhn, Christopher Lew, Larry Ossei-Mensah, and Juliet Sorce. Suzette Brooks Masters has been a vital link to humanitarian organizations.

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Krzysztof Wodiczko has given the art program of Madison Square Park Conservancy and all Parkgoers understanding of how a long-term practice can have great impact in the public realm. In conversation with Conservancy staff, crews, visitors, and the filmed participants, Wodiczko refers to Monument as “our project.” It is in the great spirit of collaboration and civic responsibility that he proceeds. And it is this behavior that leads his significant work.
We are remembering, commemorating, indeed celebrating, war and civil war heroes like Admiral Farragut, whose monument I decided to engage for this project. I decided to engage it polemically. I managed to do so with the help and the understanding of present-day survivors, civilian civil war veterans who were willing to participate, speak, and animate it with their memory, voice, and expression. With projectors and projection-mapping technology I am turning the silent and motionless monument into the speaking and performative monument to refugees—the forgotten or unacknowledged civil war heroes.

The terrible sight of civil wars, no matter their cause, is the unimaginably painful lived experience of these refugees. They are the living monuments and memorials to their own civil war trauma, but they are mostly silent and speechless.

It is a time to publicly acknowledge them for their potential contribution to the informed memory and understanding of civil wars, as living war monuments and memorials. To do so, as in this project, it is important to help them gain or regain their voices and find words and expression to speak of their experience with emotion in a public space, in a symbolic urban environment, a place of collective memory—such as a municipal park populated by historical statues, city residents, and visitors.

To animate the monument, the participating refugees—the monument animators—must animate themselves first, and thereby learn how to bring it to life. They must find speech for unspeakable experiences. The refugees’ voices and their life stories serve as warnings about the danger of not seeking peaceful and nonviolent means to resolve disputes and conflicts. The word monument derives from monere and evokes memento, words that refer to warning and reminder, respectively. Most of the over 70 million people displaced from their homes in the world today are, consciously or not, such monument-warnings. “Functional monuments,” one might say. Admiral Farragut obviously
The conversations and exchange of thoughts and opinions among various social, cultural, and generational audiences inspired by the speaking monument will create a more sensitive appreciation of the needs of the refugees and the situation of people they left behind.

The refugees’ public testimony has a therapeutic effect on them: there is nothing more painful than not being able to share with others one’s own feelings of pain caused by overwhelming life events. Through this projection/monument animation, in a public space with people in the Park paying attention and listening, the refugees know they can share their experiences and, further, act on behalf of others who are in their situation. Thus they become not only witnesses but also agents of social change (toward less or no war, and fewer or no refugees in the future). This is the best condition, as psychotherapists know, for a healthier life, for recovery from personal and collective trauma.

The public may also become a therapeutic beneficiary. It may be easier to open one’s mind when listening to and looking at a speaking and moving statue than when listening to the real person. Partly real, partly not, partly alive, partly not, partly animated, partly not, the monument is a cultural prosthetic, an in-between communicative artifice for the refugees and the public.

In the process of speaking with the refugees, getting to know them, I have learned more of their contribution as human beings to the new and complex multicultural society. They are hardworking people, often indispensable professionals, who assist newcomer refugees, and who, as experienced witnesses, can best testify that we must end the merciless and murderous perpetuation of war, especially devastating civil war.

I want to help these people who have lived through war, and with them support cultural change without which there will be no end to war. The existing and newly built war memorials must be subjected to special transformative actions, events, and interpretations that will make them useful for creating new cultural conditions and new consciousness toward the ultimate situation in which there will be no need for new war memorials. The useful utopia behind this monument project is the hope that because it works it will eventually no longer be needed.
**Our Cities as War Monuments**

I was born of war, born of its damage to the civilian population. I am also a child of a postwar devastation: human and material.

In my old country, Poland, there is a saying: “Somewhere between [war] memorials there is Poland.” But the truest war memorials are the war-torn cities themselves, including their inhabitants.

I was born in Warsaw in April 1943, and thus am a child of a city of war and a witness-survivor of the postwar trauma suffered by millions like my family. Like all Poles of my generation, I am a living war memorial.

By 1944, some 800,000 inhabitants of Warsaw had been killed in World War II, about 60 percent of the population. By January 1945, as a result of systematic damage and destruction by the Nazis, more than 85 percent of the city was destroyed. My postwar memory is haunted by images of a flattened land of ruins populated by psychologically ruined survivors trying to reestablish their lives, all suffering from the profound loss of those closest to them, of their own childhood or adulthood, and of a sense of the future. These vivid memories inform my public motivation and what I believe is my personal obligation to do all I can to contribute to the end of all war.

The devastating memories of war are a potent contradiction to the urban cult of war and tradition of official war commemoration, through which war is romanticized, celebrated, and glorified in landmarks of urban and national identity, and seen not as something unavoidable but as something to be admired, even desired.

These war-bound ideas and beliefs are reinforced with the monumental help of symbolic urban structures and memorials that act as stage sets for elaborate mass events such as military and paramilitary parades, commemorative gatherings, and other state and city performative public rituals that at once commemorate and perpetuate wars.

**Monument**

The project *Monument* offers an opportunity for the group of present-day war refugees to share their lived experience with the public. Their voices and their gestures have been filmed and are projected onto a key monument of Madison
Square Park: the lofty statue of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, Civil War hero, soldier, navigator, and survivor of stormy seas, hostile lands, and mortal battles.

In this projection, the refugees have chosen to become monument animators. They have volunteered to animate the monument, taking advantage of its history and status in order to make their voices and experiences be publicly heard and remembered.

To take part in this paratheatrical project, the refugees appear as if “wearing” the monument, using it as a prestigious mask. This mediated appearance may provide a better psychological and cultural position for them to open up and speak of their unimaginable (and unspeakable) experiences. At the same time, their presence as animated public statues may attract Parkgoers to come closer and listen, and help them focus on what the refugees say.

The refugees, “living monuments to their own trauma,” have chosen to speak through the historical monument in hope of making their traumatic experience acknowledged as personal and moreover as historical. The words monument and memorial relate to words for warning and remembering (monere, memoria). Monuments and memorials warn us, remind us, to be aware and to beware the dangers of perpetuating past (and present) catastrophes in the future.

In June 2019, David Miliband, president of the International Rescue Committee, reminded us that there are more than 70.8 million people in the world today fleeing war, economic misery, and climate stress (the estimate came from an annual report of the UNHCR, the United Nations Refugee Agency). He called on the United States, the world’s richest nation, “to reverse the current course of denying assistance and safety to refugees and asylum-seekers.”

Monument calls for action to save the future from the danger of continuing past catastrophes. It calls for ending civil wars that destroy and uproot the lives of tens of millions of people and for reversing the policy of refusing assistance to refugees and asylum seekers.

Let the monument speak! Let the refugees be heard!
FIG. 9
We live in an age of monuments: over the past few years, our collective attention has turned toward these statues in our public spaces—objects we walk past so often that many have become invisible to us, unseen and unexamined. We have been asking questions about who is represented and why. Why, for example, are there so many tributes to the “heroes” of the Confederacy—soldiers who lost the Civil War, and who stood on the wrong side of history—especially when so many of these tributes were erected not in the raw aftermath of the traumatic conflagration, but decades later? The answer is troubling: it was only in the Jim Crow era that these mass-produced effigies popped up like carbuncles across the country, as ways for the communities that erected them to declare their whiteness and warn Black people of their precarious claims to belonging, even after the legal end of slavery. As the call to take down these statues has recently gained momentum—and the arguments for the need to preserve them as an act of historical stewardship grow louder—some people look for alternatives to fill their soon-to-be-evacuated pedestals: Why not furnish our parks, façades, and squares with new memorials, designed to remember those heretofore erased from stories of our nation-building? Why not represent those communities that have for so long been unrepresented? Why not expand our notion of who counts as a hero, and therefore is worth honoring? Why not imagine ways to embody history that don’t involve singular heroes?

Monuments are never just monuments. Rather, they are proxies for things that often go unnamed—white supremacy, racism, misogyny, xenophobia, cultural erasure, the persistence of people in the face of all these obstacles and forms of hatred—and for the conversations that we, as a nation, seem incapable of having directly. Krzysztof Wodiczko is an artist who, over the course of decades, has used the existence of these public artworks to challenge our notions of who we are as a society, whom we honor, and whom we leave behind. By projecting onto memorial statues images and voices of the forgotten and marginalized—
war veterans, homeless people, families of victims of gun violence, women and children who have experienced domestic abuse, stateless individuals, and now, with Monument, forced migrants—he reanimates those inert objects, restructures our public spaces, and revivifies our sense of collectivity and humanity at once. They become countermonuments, working against their own silent presence to reveal a greater truth and picture a more complete sense of who we are.

For Monument, Wodiczko filmed twelve people who have been forced from their homes because of civil war—in Liberia, Mozambique, Syria, and other places that go unnamed by the subjects—relating their experiences living in refugee camps, making the sometimes perilous journeys to the United States, gaining admittance to the country, and rebuilding their lives, often in conditions of extreme economic precarity and outright violence. For all the horrors they encountered, one speaker makes clear that the condition of statelessness they have been forced into is perhaps the worst, because it erases their claim to recognition as such:

Statelessness means you are nobody. If you about to die, nobody care. If you wanna go to hospital . . . you are nobody. You don’t have document. You don’t have nothing. You don’t belong to any country. So in the world you are a human being, you exist as a person, but you are technically nobody. You have no rights. You have no right to go to school. You have no right to access resources. . . . You can’t graduate. You can’t apply for work. You don’t have social security. You can’t fly. You have no passport.

During the filming, the participants were asked to hold themselves in the pose of the statue onto which their image and voices would be projected: the 1881 monument designed by the sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens and the architect Stanford White honoring Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, who fought for the North in the Civil War—a conflict that, in addition to leaving hundreds of thousands dead, produced a massive refugee crisis in the nineteenth century, a fact that is only lately coming to light.

Farragut has long faded into the urban landscape, his statue unnoticed by many of the New Yorkers who rush past it every day. Our indifference to him has robbed him
understand them, so I can empathize with their lives. But they shouldn’t have to confess their pain to me the way they’ve had to confess it to border police and NGO workers and immigration agents as a precondition to my obligation to care for them—I should care for them because they are human beings, and therefore deserving of care.

Wodiczko is aware of this trap of asking others to perform their pain, and he treats participants in his projects more like collaborators than like subjects; he refuses to give them guidance on how to use the platform he is creating (or rather, co-opting) for them. He prefers to speak of his projections not as a means of inducing empathy in the viewer, but rather as a process of healing for both the speaker and larger communities. He draws on the work of Judith Herman, an expert in psychiatric approaches to trauma, who has argued that “remembering and telling the truth about terrible events are prerequisites both for the restoration of the social order and for the healing of individual victims.” For the restoration of the social order: like Herman, Wodiczko argues that the act of listening to such stories is as therapeutic as the act of telling them. By bearing witness to such truth-telling, we participate in the necessary processes of reconciliation required to address brutalities that may be experienced at our southern border or across oceans, by people related to us or utterly unlike us—brutalities that are, nonetheless, part of a global crisis to which we are all necessarily and inevitably connected.

All this speaking, all this listening: the circuit of communication Wodiczko constructs turns this monument from a proxy for those things we are incapable of discussing otherwise into a compelling site for such conversations. Perhaps we might think of the stories Wodiczko’s counter-monument tells—the refugees’ stories, the emerging history of the refugee crisis triggered by the U.S. Civil War, the stories of how we define our communities—in terms of hauntings: the spectral faces and hands that move, perfectly contained by the figure of Farragut, almost as if they possess him, exorcise their own ghosts and ours. In the dark, they shine light on what we often relegate to the shadows. And in the process, our sense of our community, as well as our humanity, grows.

The magician Krzysztof Wodiczko is making the statues speak, again, in New York, in Madison Square Park. The image of a statue coming to life and speaking is one of our oldest and most storied images of magic, going back at least to the ancient Egyptian ritual of “opening the mouth” of a sacred statue. Technology and magic come from the same aspirations, pursuing similar goals. Wodiczko’s contemporary magic orchestrates an encounter with significant but obscured others through media that clarifies and heightens the human connection rather than accepting and reinforcing the distancing of mediation. It turns the mechanism inside out.

In Monument, Wodiczko has ingeniously brought together two disparate desires to show how they are, in fact, intimately entwined: the desire to make statues speak and the desire to diminish, restrict, or ignore the speech of refugees and immigrants. Both desires arise from an uncertain and unstable relation to the status of bodies. A statue is a standing image of a person with standing. A refugee is a stateless person, with no standing. It is the first thing a refugee says, through the statue: “Statelessness means you are nobody.”

Migrants, immigrants, deportees, expellees, exiles, aliens, nomads, refugees—are all names for those driven from their homes by violence and deprivation who have become the despised other in other lands, cast as invaders and usurpers, a present danger to the currently undispossessed but still precarious. There are now at least 70 million refugees in the world. More than half of them are children. If these refugees cannot stay in their homes, where can they go? One answer used to be America, and especially New York. The statue in the harbor (named “The Mother of Exiles”) still speaks clearly and forcefully: “Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.” The poet Emma Lazarus penned these lines only two years after the Admiral Farragut Monument in Madison Square Park was dedicated, in 1881. Lazarus was a poet of the Civil War, in

FIG. 13

Standing and Speaking, Tempest-Tost to Me
David Levi Strauss
the beginning, and an advocate on behalf of poor Jewish immigrants, in the end. Her ancestors were among the first Portuguese Jews to arrive in America before it was America, fleeing the Inquisition.

The great Irish political scientist and historian Benedict Anderson’s “imagined community” is now in danger of being frozen in place in America, no longer accepting newcomers fleeing their homes. Refugees have become the blank screens upon which to project fears of both scarcity and contagion. We have become half a nation of xenophobic projections on an imaginary wall.

With the burgeoning growth of the influence of robots and cyborgs and artificial intelligence, with all their promise and menace, it is a risk to reanimate a historic statue with the living voices and gestures of a misunderstood group. As Cocteau asks in *The Blood of a Poet*, “Is it not crazy to wake up statues so suddenly from the sleep of centuries?”

The bronze statue of Admiral David Farragut has gazed out over this park for almost a century and a half, and has seen many changes over that time. The statue itself is a product of the Gilded Age in New York, which came just after the end of the Civil War and Reconstruction. It is the work of the well-known sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens and the equally celebrated architect Stanford White, who designed the exedra. This was an era when the New York art world became established in the international art market: James Abbott McNeill Whistler, Winslow Homer, Thomas Eakins, John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt.

This was also a period that saw the influx of millions of European immigrants, from Poland, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, and Greece, joining the Germans, British, Irish, and Scandinavians already here (Saint-Gaudens was himself an Irish immigrant). Chinese immigrants were faced with the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which would last into the 1940s. And it was also a period of unbelievable materialistic excesses combined with extreme poverty. Sound familiar?

Wodiczko takes an “upright image,” a standing image (statue) of a dead war hero and projects onto it the faces, hands, and voices of living people with a very different status (standing) from Admiral Farragut’s—a very different relation to the state—to make statements about their condition. Farragut appears here as a standing symbol of the sacrifice to the state that is made in war, here civil war, memorialized in eternal bronze, standing on a plinth, above it all, so that we might remember and understand.

As we teeter on the brink of a new American civil war, stoked by a bigoted president, the figure of the refugee has become a flashpoint. But what do most Americans really know about immigrants and refugees now? Today they come from Liberia, Guinea, Mozambique, Bhutan, Iraq, Syria, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras . . . We project onto them our prejudices and fears, but we seldom get a chance to actually listen to them. Wodiczko has given us a chance to listen, if we will:

“Statelessness means you are nobody. . . . You don’t belong to any country. So in the world you are a human being, you exist as a person, but you are technically nobody. You have no rights.”

“In 1991 my father was killed, was beaten to death during the civil war in my country.”

“The next thing that came to my mind is, ‘My family’s all going to die today. My mother’s gonna die today. My sister’s gonna die today. . . . We have to run.’”

But it’s better to hear people tell their own stories, in their own voices, from inside the statue, standing there in the Park, surrounded by the city, in the dark.
On the first night of the projection, Wodiczko said, “The real heroes of civil wars are the refugees. To listen to these people is very informative. To know what civil war really means. The only reason for this project is for them to speak and for us to listen.”

As you listen, look at their hands. Listen to their hands.

Wodiczko has long worked in the gap between engineering and politics, and between technological innovation and age-old human belief systems. In this way, Athanasius Kircher (1602–1680) was a precursor. Although often mistakenly described by some historians as a magus-philosopher, Kircher, who worked in Baroque Rome, in the time of Bernini (with his “speaking statues”) and Borromini, was primarily an engineer and inventor, of various automatons (including a statue that both spoke and listened), the first megaphone, and all kinds of musical instruments and devices. He did not invent the magic lantern, but, as his best interpreter, Joscelyn Godwin, writes, “he was the first to illustrate and explain ‘parastatic’ or projecting machines.” Godwin concludes, “Kircher’s purpose is to rule out supernatural features and reduce the activities of the magus to rational procedures that anyone can repeat.”

“Rational procedures that anyone can repeat,” like standing and speaking, and listening to the statues speak.

Krzysztof Wodiczko and Madison Square Park Conservancy partnered with humanitarian organizations including Refugee Council USA, the International Rescue Committee, and the Connecticut-based Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services to ask resettled refugees to volunteer in the realization of Monument. Their journeys are the foundation and purpose of the project. For the protection of specific individuals, and by their request, no names are disclosed here. Below are excerpts from the transcripts of their narratives.

**Person 1** Statelessness means you are nobody. If you are about to die, nobody care. If you wanna go to hospital... you are nobody. You don't have document. You don't have nothing. You don't belong to any country. So in the world you are a human being, you exist as a person, but you are technically nobody. You have no rights. You have no right to go to school. You have no right to access resources because you have no rights. You can’t graduate. You can’t apply for work. You don’t have social security. You can’t fly. You have no passport.

**Person 2** We moved to Kountaya refugee camp in 2001. We stay in Kountaya camp. It was hard for me leaving my child. If anyone can imagine leaving a child behind, I don’t think anyone would imagine leaving a child behind for even a day or two. I had to leave my child behind me for ten years. Ten years! Ten years I had to leave my child!

**Person 3** When I got out of my house, at the door I saw they have written two languages saying that you’re going to be the next target... I had to see videos. I had to see the friends who were slaughtered by these terrorists, and they were showing to the people like me, to create a kind of fear for the people like me. They were slaughtering those friends of mine and putting their head on their chest. Taking their photo and they were publishing it in social networks.
Person 4  I left Mozambique in 1966. I was eight years old. From there I went to Malawi. After Malawi, I went to Tanzania, on the border of Zambia and Tanzania, and then from Tanzania, I ended up in a refugee camp. After three years in a refugee camp I left and asked for refugee status in Kenya. After seventeen years in Kenya, life was miserable. I could not get a job as a refugee.

Person 5  But struggle doesn’t stop there. I started coming to college. Went to Southern New Hampshire University for my bachelor’s and went to Norwich University for my master’s in international relations. I am now an entrepreneur. I have two businesses. My wife oversees a beauty salon and I have different business. I think this is what we call American dream. I have my own house. My kids are growing and we’re very fine.

Person 6  The next thing that came to my mind is, “My family’s all going to die today. My mother’s gonna die today. My sister’s gonna die today. . . .” So this fear of that I’m next and my siblings and my mother are next. It started rushing. . . . The next thing we started thinking was, “We have to run.” Even though I was eleven years old, I felt like I had to think or act like my father did, which is to be strong for them. So I would never cry in front of them.

Person 7  Me vine para salir adelante por ustedes. Y trabajo y me levanto todos los días por ustedes. Y todas las personas que estamos en este país y dejamos a nuestros hijos en nuestro país, en Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras o donde estén nuestros hijos, cada ser humano que está en este país, cada migrante que está en este país, viene por la única intención de sacar a sus hijos adelante y verlos hacia adelante. Porque desgraciadamente, en nuestros países no tenemos cómo salir adelante. Y Dios bendijo a este país tanto, que es un país tan bonito y tan lleno de riquezas, que yo sé que algún día mis hijos lo van a conocer.

I came here to pull ahead for you. And I work and get up every day for you. And everyone who is in this country and leaves their children in our countries, in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, or wherever our children may be, every human being who’s in this country, every immigrant who’s
AK-47, and I remember my heart was just broken. I looked at him and I was so angry. I said, “You will never stop me from what I love to do. I will be a photographer for my entire life to show the world what’s going on there.”

In Iraq we are allowed to have guns but we are not allowed to have cameras. So I feel my camera is my gun and I will show to the world what’s going on there.

**Person 10** Before I came here, some people kept telling me, “You’re not going to be happy in America. People will not accept you. People don’t like you, because you, you’re not American. And now Trump is the president and he will do something wrong for you because you’re Muslim and you’re an immigrant. He doesn’t like Muslims and immigrants.” But when I came here I realized America is not only Trump. America is all Americans, all the American system. And now I know what that freedom means. The freedom means the government is not only the president. The government is all people who live in this country.

**Person 11** Refugees are the most vulnerable people on the planet. They are the ones who do not have a voice to protect themselves. They are . . . escaping gang violence, civil wars, and famine. These are the people who need your help the most. They are the ones who cry out each and every night. They do not have a place to go. They do not have a safe place to go. They do not have schools to send their kids. These are the people who need your help the most.

**Person 12** We never use any elevators before. We never saw any escalators before. We never use any train before. So that was the first day. Everyone is looking to the escalators, thinking of what to do, including myself. Then at the end I said, “Help!” Then everyone who was around us catch one person on each other.

in this country, comes with the sole intention of supporting their children and seeing them succeed. Because, unfortunately, in our home countries we don’t have any means to do it. And God has blessed this country so much, and it’s such a beautiful country, and so full of wealth, that I know one day my children will experience it.

**Person 8** I left my parent. I left my mom and my siblings without even saying good-bye. I left the way you see me, with nothing that I picked. I could see people were dying. The whole village was burning into ashes, and I’m lucky enough to be one, the only one in my family, to get into this country—the United States.

**Person 9** I remember an Iraqi police officer. He came behind me, and he’s like, “Hey! What are you doing?” And I said, “I’m an artist. I took photos of people.” And he told me, “Who told you to take photo?” And I said, “No one. I’m an artist . . .” He picked me up from here and put me in a police car and they put the cuff on my hands, and they took my camera away from me. And they were telling me, “Stay here in the car.” And I was afraid. I didn’t do anything wrong . . .

After a while he come by again, he said, “Hey! Come here. Go pick up your camera and don’t do that again.” I look where my camera is and I saw they smashed it with
The Admiral David Glasgow Farragut Monument was installed and dedicated in Madison Square Park in 1881. During the Civil War, Admiral Farragut commanded the Union naval fleet in its defeat of Confederate forces at the 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay, Alabama. While the admiral’s famous order “Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!” may be apocryphal, a matter of myth-making, it has nonetheless endured to exemplify his courage.

The Farragut Monument—one of New York City’s most acclaimed historic public works—was the collaboration of the Irish-born American Renaissance sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848–1907), who made the bronze statue of the admiral, and Beaux-Arts architect Stanford White (1853–1906), who designed the pedestal in the form of a high-backed bluestone bench. In its day, the statue was distinguished by the admiral’s naturalistic presence, an innovation in an era when figurative sculpture was often formal and academic. Farragut appears to stand on a ship’s prow, the ocean gales blowing open the coat of his naval uniform, binoculars poised in one hand and a sword hanging at his side.

The base with undulating lines suggesting the high seas includes bas-reliefs of two female figures, Loyalty and Courage. While Farragut is fully clothed and identified, the female symbols are unnamed, draped attributes in service to characteristics of his military prowess. Inscribed across one side of the monument’s base are significant dates in the admiral’s life. The bluestone bench, which deteriorated over time, was replaced in 1935 with a granite copy made by Works Progress Administration artists. The original is preserved at the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park, the site of the artist’s summer home in Cornish, New Hampshire.

Farragut (1801–1870) was born in Tennessee. His mother, Elizabeth Shine (d. 1808), immigrated to North Carolina from Scotland. His father, Jordi Farragut Mesquida (1755–1817), was a merchant captain from the island of Menorca who immigrated to America in 1776 and served in
the American Revolution and the War of 1812. On his wife's death, the elder Farragut placed his five children with separate families. Historians describe how young Farragut joined the Navy in 1810, when he was just nine years old, and served in the War of 1812; he became the adopted son of David Porter of the U.S. Navy, a family friend.

Farragut's first wife was Susan Caroline Marchant (1805–1840). After her death, he married Virginia Dorcas Loyall (1824–1884). Their son, Loyall (1844–1916), was born in Norfolk, Virginia. Shortly before the Civil War, when the Commonwealth of Virginia announced that it would secede, the family moved to New York and sided with the Union. Historians call Farragut a “Southern Unionist,” a description that has implicit contradictions. Notable biographies of Farragut were published in 1892, 1941–1943, and 2002, and a 1997 book documents his Civil War campaigns. These volumes highlight Farragut's operational tactics but do not extensively discuss the central issue of the Civil War: slavery. While his biographers have addressed neither Farragut's opinions on nor his practice related to slavery, Norfolk census records indicate that Farragut (in 1840) and his second wife's family (in 1850) held enslaved Africans. The documents list the genders and ages of these individuals but do not include their names. While his position as a slaveholder will guide ongoing review of his place in history, Farragut's efforts to overwhelm Confederate forces—in a war that would ultimately achieve the abolition of slavery—may now be considered only one part of his legacy.

B.K.R.
Krzysztof Wodiczko

WORK IN THE EXHIBITION
Monument, 2020
Digital color video, sound, 25 minutes
Collection the artist, courtesy Galerie Lelong & Co.

BIOGRAPHY
1943 Born in Warsaw, Poland
Lives and works in New York City and Cambridge, Massachusetts

EDUCATION
1968 MFA, Academy of Fine Arts, Warsaw

To learn more about Monument please visit: https://www.madisonsquarepark.org/mad-sq-art/krzysztof-wodiczko-monument.
SOLO EXHIBITIONS

1968  Sound Performance (with Szabolcs Esztényi), Art and Research Unit, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw

1970  Just Radio Transistors (with Szabolcs Esztényi), Gallery 10, Warsaw

1972  Passage, Współczesna Gallery, Warsaw

1973  Self-Portrait, Foksal PSP Gallery, Warsaw (cat.)

1974  Krzysztof Wodiczko, Akumulatory 2 Gallery, Poznań, Poland

1975  Show of Selected Works (with Carl Johnson), N.A.M.E. Gallery, Chicago

1976  Two Red-and-Blue Drawings and Three Black Drawings on the Walls, Ceiling and Corners of the Gallery, Akumulatory 2 Gallery, Poznań, Poland

1977  Lines on Culture, IDA Gallery, York University, Toronto

1978  Guidelines, Artists Space, New York

1979  Vehicle 3, Eye Level Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia

1980  Hal Bromm Gallery (with Linda Francis), New York

1981  Artspace, Peterborough, Ontario

1982  Poetics of Authority: Krzysztof Wodiczko, Gallery of the South Australian College of Advanced Education, Adelaide (cat.)

1983  Hal Bromm Gallery, New York

1984  Hal Bromm Gallery, New York

1985  Public Projections, Canada House Cultural Centre Gallery, London

1986  49th Parallel, Centre for Contemporary Canadian Art, New York

1987  Counter-Monuments: Krzysztof Wodiczko’s Public Projections, Hayden Gallery, List Visual Arts Center, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge (cat.)

1988  Kunstgewerbeschule, Vienna

La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, California; r. exh.


bro. = brochure; cat. = catalogue; r. exh. = retrospective exhibition; trav. = traveled to
1989
Hal Bromm Gallery, New York
Krzysztof Wodiczko, Matrix 103, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford
Krzysztof Wodiczko: Projections, Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris
New York City Tableaux: Tompkins Square, Exit Art, New York;
trav. Painted Bride Art Center, Philadelphia; Portland Art
Museum, Portland, Oregon; Washington Project for the Arts,
Washington, D.C.; Wexner Center for the Arts, The University
of Ohio, Columbus

1991
Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris
Poliscar, Josh Baer Gallery, New York

1992
Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris
Instruments, Projections, Vehicles, Fundació Antoni Tàpies,
Barcelona; r. exh. (cat.)
Krzysztof Wodiczko, Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland; r. exh. (cat.)
Public Address: Krzysztof Wodiczko, Walker Art Center,
Minneapolis; trav. Contemporary Arts Museum Houston;
r. exh. (cat.)

1993
Public Address: Krzysztof Wodiczko, Contemporary Arts Museum
Houston

1995
Art Tower Mito, Mito, Japan
Projection—Room with a View, Foksal Gallery, Warsaw
Public Art, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle,
Warsaw; r. exh. (cat.)
Projects & Public Projections, 1969–1995, De Appel Foundation,
Amsterdam; r. exh. (cat.)
Krzysztof Wodiczko, École Nationale Supérieure
des Beaux-Arts, Paris; r. exh.

1996
Xenology: Immigrant Instruments, Galerie Lelong, New York

1997
Krzysztof Wodiczko: Porte-parole, FRAC, Nantes, France
Krzysztof Wodiczko, Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris
Xenology: Immigrant Instruments, University of North Texas
Art Gallery, Denton

1999
4th Hiroshima Art Prize, Krzysztof Wodiczko, Hiroshima City
Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima; r. exh. (cat.)
Museum de Paviljoens, Almere, Netherlands

2000
The Hiroshima Projection, Galerie Lelong, New York

2001
Projection à Tijuana, Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris

2005
If You See Something . . . . , Galerie Lelong, New York

2008
Vehicles—Instruments, Signum Foundation Gallery,
Poznań, Poland (bro.)
Imperial Castle, Signum Foundation, Poznań, Poland

2009
Guests, 53rd International Art Exhibition—La Biennale di Venezia,
Polish Pavilion, Venice (cat.)
. . . Out of Here: The Veterans Project, Institute of Contemporary
Art, Boston
Self-Portrait 2, Profile Foundation Gallery, Warsaw
Self-Portrait 2, Profile Foundation, Warsaw

2010
Guests, Atlas Sztuki, Łódź, Poland (cat.)

2011
The Abolition of War, WORK Gallery, London
Arc de Triomphe, World Institute for the Abolition of War,
Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris (cat.)
. . . Out of Here: The Veterans Project, Galerie Lelong, New York
Art of the Public Domain, Państwowa Galeria Sztuki /
PGS (State Gallery of Art), Sopot, Poland (cat.)

2012
Art of the Public Domain, Profile Foundation, Warsaw
Arc de Triomphe, Institut Mondial pour l’Abolition de la Guerre,
Galerie Espace Croix-Baragnon, Toulouse, France
Art of the Public Domain, BWA Contemporary Art Gallery,
Olsztyn, Poland

2013
Krzysztof Wodiczko: Passage 1969–1979, Profile Foundation,
Warsaw (cat.)
Art of Public Domain, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin, Poland (cat.)
Krzysztof Wodiczko: Out/Inside(rs), DOX Centre for
Contemporary Art, Prague; r. exh. (cat.)

2014
Peace (with Ewa Harabasz), Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art,
Vaasa, Finland
Blessures invisibles, Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris

2015
Krzysztof Wodiczko: On Behalf of Public Domain, Muzeum Sztuki,
Łódź, Poland (cat.)

2016
Un-War and Positive Peace, Foundation for Art and Creative
Technology / FACT, Liverpool, England

2017
Krzysztof Wodiczko: Instruments, Monuments, Projections, National
Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, South Korea, Seoul

2018
Living Pictures, Profile Foundation, Warsaw
2019  Loro (Them), Parco Sempione, Teatro Continuo di Alberto Burri, More Art, Milan
2020  A House Divided . . ., Galerie Lelong, New York
Przybysze (Incomers), Municipal Gallery Arsenal and Estrada Poznańska, Poznań, Poland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS
1965  XIII Bienal Internacional, São Paulo
1969  6ème Biennale de Paris, Musée d’Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris
1970  Show No. 1, Gallery 10, Warsaw
      Information—Imagination—Action, Współczesna Gallery, Warsaw
1971  Exhibition of Youth, Współczesna Gallery, Warsaw
      New Phenomena in Polish Art 1960-1970, Zielona Góra, Poland
      Art—Demography—2000, Rynek Gallery, Poznań, Poland
1972  Exhibition Osieki 1972, BWA (Bureau for Art Exhibitions), Koszalin, Poland
1974  Prospectiva 1974, University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires
1975  9ème Biennale de Paris, Musée d’Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris
      9ème Biennale de Paris à Nice, Nice
1976  Rooms, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, inaugural show, Long Island City, New York
1977  Works to Be Destroyed, West Side Highway, New York
      22 Polnische Künstler aus dem Besitz des Muzeum Sztuki Lodz, Kunstverein, Cologne, West Germany
      documenta 6, Kassel, West Germany
      Art Words and Book Words, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia
      Moving, Hal Bromm Gallery, New York
1978  From the Private Point of View, Akumulatory 2 Gallery, Poznań, Poland
      Significant Line, Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland
1979  L’avanguardia polacca, 1910-1978, Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland; trav. Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome; Teatro del Falcone, Genoa; Museo Ca’ Pesaro, Venice
      Ten Polish Contemporary Artists from the Collection of the Muzeum Sztuki Lodz, Richard Demarco Gallery, Edinburgh

3rd Biennale of Sydney, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Pittura-ambiente, Bologna, Italy
The Summer Show, Hal Bromm Gallery, New York
Extended Photography, 5th Internationale Biennale, Wiener Secession, Vienna
4th Biennale of Sydney, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Künstler aus Kanada: Räume und Installationen, Württembergischer Kunstverein, Stuttgart
Présences polonaises: L’art vivant autour du Musée de Lodz, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
Social Space, Walter Phillips Gallery, Banff, Alberta
Body Politic, Tower Gallery, New York
New York / Canada, 49th Parallel, Centre for Contemporary Canadian Art, New York
Public Comments, Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle
Aurora Borealis, Centre International d’Art Contemporain, Montreal
Between Science and Fiction, XVIII Bienal Internacional, São Paulo
Eastern Europeans in New York, El Bohio, New York
Alles und noch viel mehr, Kunstmuseum Bern
42nd International Art Exhibition—La Biennale di Venezia, Canadian Pavilion, Venice
Expanding Commitment, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore
Lumières: Perception—Projection, Centre International d’Art Contemporain, Montreal
Nexus Center of Contemporary Art, Atlanta
Real Property, City Without Walls, Newark
Ten, Hal Bromm Gallery, New York
The Interpretation of Architecture, YYZ Gallery, Toronto
Wallworks, John Weber Gallery, New York
Art Against AIDS, American Foundation for AIDS Research / AMFAR, New York
documenta 8, Kassel, West Germany
Immigrants and Refugees: Heroes or Villains, Exit Art, New York
Liberty and Justice, The Alternative Museum and Group Material, New York
1988

*Contemporary Art*, The Clocktower Gallery, New York
*Les magiciens de la terre*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
*Public Discourse*, Real Artways, Hartford
*Temporary Public Art, Storefront for Art and Architecture*, New York
*The Presence of Absence*, Independent Curators Incorporated, New York
*Vision and Unity*, Van Reekum Museum, Apeldoorn, Netherlands
*WaterWorks*, R. C. Harris Water Filtration Plant, Toronto
*Wiener Festwochen*, Vienna

1990

*A New Necessity*, First Tyne International, Newcastle upon Tyne, England
*Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie*, Paris
*Illegal America*, Exit Art, New York
*Life-Size: A Sense of the Real in Recent Art*, Israel Museum, Jerusalem
*Rhetorical Image*, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York
*The Decade Show*, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York
*The Finitude of Freedom*, DAAD, West Berlin

1991

*Devices*, Josh Baer Gallery, New York
*El Sueño Imperativo / The Imperative Dream*, Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid
*Night Lines*, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
*The Art of Advocacy*, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, Connecticut
*The Hybrid State*, Exit Art, New York
*The Political Arm*, John Weber Gallery, New York
*The Projected Image*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco

1992

*Ateliers d’artistes de la ville de Marseille*, Marseille
*Beyond Glory: Re-Presenting Terrorism*, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore
*Muzeum Sztuki w Łodzi, 1931–1992: Collection—Documentation—Actualité*, Musée d’Art Contemporain and Espace Lyonnais d’Art Contemporain / ELAC, Lyon, France

1993

*Pour la suite du monde (For the Continuation of the Planet)*, Musée d’Art Contemporain de Montréal, Montreal
*The Power of the City, the City of Power*, Whitney Museum of American Art, Downtown Branch, New York
*2ème Biennale d’Art Contemporain*, Maison de Lyon, Lyon, France
*Riverviews Danube Canal*, Vienna
*At the Edge of Chaos: New Images of the World*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
*Fireproof*, Forum für Kunst Die Wandelhalle, Cologne, Germany
*In and out of Place: Contemporary Art and the American Social Landscape*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
*In Transit*, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York
*Polska*, Art Tower Mito, Mito, Japan
*University of Washington Art Gallery*, Seattle

1994

*Camera Politics*, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh
*Europa, Europa*, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Bonn, Germany
*Garbage*, Real Art Ways, Hartford; through 1995
*trav. Thread Waxing Space*, New York
*La ville*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
*Light into Art: From Video to Virtual Reality*, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati
*Revir/Territory*, Kulturhuset, Stockholm
*The Little House on the Prairie*, Marc Jancou Gallery, London

1995

*Transported Image*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
*Ars ’95, Museum of Contemporary Art*, Helsinki
*Trialog*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
*Where Is Abel, Thy Brother?*, Zachęta—National Gallery of Art, Warsaw

1996

*Horizons—14 Polish Contemporary Artists*, Sonje Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul
*Living Units*, Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, Guelph, Ontario
*NowHere (Walking and Thinking and Walking)*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
1997
Art from Poland 1945–1995, Műcsarnok Szépművészeti Múzeum, Budapest (cat.)
In Celebration of 20 Years: Photography, Hal Bromm Gallery, New York

1999
Comfort Zone: Furniture by Artists, PaineWebber Art Gallery, New York
Conceptual Reflection in Polish Art: Experiences of Discourse 1965–1975, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw (cat.)
Let Freedom Ring, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
The Handle, Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland
The Hanukkah Project: A Festival in Lights, The Jewish Museum, New York
Traffic, Kulturabteilung, Graz, Austria

2000
L’autre moitié de l’Europe, Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris
Landscape—Traffic—Syntax, InSITE 2000, San Diego
The End: An Independent Vision of the History of Contemporary Art, Exit Art, New York
13th International Exhibition of Architecture—La Biennale di Venezia, International Pavilion, Venice

2001
Around 1988, P.S. 1, Long Island City, New York

2002
Arte/Cidade: Zona Leste, Sào Paulo
Designs for the Real World, Generali Foundation, Vienna (cat.)
Interrogative Design Group, Wolk Gallery, School of Architecture and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge
Yokohama Triennale, Japan Foundation, Yokohama

2003
Aliens in America: Others in the USA, Lamont Gallery, Frederick R. Mayer Art Center, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire
Bright Lights Big City, David Zwirner Gallery, New York
Global Priority, Herter Art Gallery, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Kyoto Biennale, Kyoto
Micro políticas: Arte y cotidianaidad, Espai d’Art Contemporani de Castelló, Castelló, Spain
Strangers, First ICP Triennial of Photography and Video, International Center of Photography, New York

2004
Ambulantes: Cultura portátil, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo, Seville, Spain
Hilchot Scheinin: Chapter B, Israeli Center for Visual Arts, Holon, Israel

2005
City Art, Center for Architecture, New York
Flashback: Revisiting the Art of the ’80s, Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Basel
Moving Parts: Forms of the Kinetic, Museum Tinguely, Basel
Points of View: Landscape and Photography, Galerie Lelong, New York
SlideShow, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore; trav. Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati (cat.)
Touch Me: Design and Sensation, Victoria & Albert Museum, London (cat.)
Toward the Future, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima

2006
Civic Performance, University Art Gallery, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York
Col-леcció MACBA, Museu d’Art Contemporani de Barcelona / MACBA, Barcelona
Polyphony of Images, Consulate General of Poland, New York
POZA, Real Art Ways, Hartford
The Message Is the Medium, Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York
Less: Alternative Living Strategies, Padiglione d’Arte Contemporanea / PAC, Milan
In Poland, That Is Where?, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw

2007
MACBA at Frankfurter Kunstverein: Selection of Works from the Museu d’Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt am Main
Projections, Blackwood Gallery, University of Toronto at Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario
Sleeping and Dreaming, Deutsches Hygiene-Museum, Dresden; through 2008 trav. Wellcome Trust, London

2008
Dialog: City, Denver
(in conjunction with Democratic National Convention)
Notes on Monumentality, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore
Person of the Crowd: The Contemporary Art of Flânerie, Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State University of New York, Purchase

2009  
Shadows: Works from the National Museums of Art, The National Art Center, Tokyo  
Essential Works, Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris  
Heaven Live, 2nd Athens Biennale, Athens  
This World & Nearer Ones, PLOT09, First Quadrennial of Public Art, organized by Creative Time, Governors Island, New York  
Unbuilt Roads, e-flux project space, New York  
Recent Acquisitions, Miami Art Museum, Miami  
Projections, Mackenzie Art Gallery, Toronto  
Home Sweet Home, Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, New York

2010  
Wrogośćność, Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland  
A Theory of Vision: A Review, Centre for Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw  
My Favored, National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto  
Works from the Collection, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw  
Memoria del Otro, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago

2011  
Memoria del Otro, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo Wifredo Lam, Havana  
The Lucifer Effect: Encountering Evil, DOX Centre for Contemporary Art, Prague (cat.)  
GLOW, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, Netherlands  
See Yourself Sensing: Redefining Human Perception, WORK Gallery, London  
Side by Side: Poland–Germany, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin (cat.)  
Particolare: Paths of Democracy, Signum Foundation, Palazzo Donà, Venice (cat.)  
Interventions in the Landscape, Galerie Lelong, New York  
History in Art, Museum of Contemporary Art / MOCAK, Kraków, Poland (cat.)

2012  
Sounding the Body Electric: Experiments in Art and Music in Eastern Europe 1957–1984, Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland (cat.)  
The Living Years: Art After 1989, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis  
Ruptures: Forms of Public Address, The Cooper Union School of Art, New York (cat.)  
Círculos/Circles, Galería Elba Benítez, Madrid  
This Will Have Been: Art, Love & Politics in the 1980s, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago; through 2013 trav. Walker Art Center, Minneapolis; Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston

2009  
Newtopia: The State of Human Rights, Mechelen, Belgium  
Work, Power, and Control: Critical Episodes, Museu d’Art Contemporani de Barcelona / MACBA, Barcelona  
NET—Art of Dialogue, Profile Foundation, Warsaw (cat.)

2013  
The Desire for Freedom: Art in Europe Since 1945, Museum of Contemporary Art / MOCAK, Kraków, Poland  
In the Heart of the Country, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw  
Summer Exposure, Galerie Lelong, New York  
Lincoln Monument and Bowery Mission, Profile Foundation, Warsaw  
Art of the Public Domain, Academy of Fine Arts, Warsaw

2014  
L’avenir, Biennale de Montréal, Montreal  
inSite: Cuatro ensayos de lo público, sobre otro escenario, Proyecto Siquieros / La Tallera, Cuernavaca, Mexico  
Re-Framing History, Galerie Lelong, New York  
Itinerant Belongings, Slought Foundation and Addams Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
Cosmos Calling! Art and Science in the Long Sixties, Zachęta – National Gallery of Art, Warsaw (cat.)

2015  
They Risked Their Lives—Poles Who Saved Jews During the Holocaust, Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw  
War and Peace, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin, Poland

2016  
Home Land Security, FOR-SITE Foundation, San Francisco  
MACBA Collection 31, Museu d’Art Contemporani de Barcelona / MACBA, Barcelona  
Liverpool Biennale, Liverpool, England

2017  
Second Life, Slought, Philadelphia  
Real Estate: Dwelling in Contemporary Art, Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania  
Cultural Hijack, International School of Architecture, Prague  
Future Shock (with Rafael Lozano-Hemmer), SITE, Santa Fe, Santa Fe, New Mexico

2018  
Brand New: Art and Commodity in the 1980s, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.

2019  
Rafael Lozano-Hemmer: Unstable Presence, Musée d’Art Contemporain de Montréal / MAC, Montreal  
Head in the Cloud, Musée de la Civilisation, Quebec City, Quebec  
Future and the Arts: AI, Robotics, Cities, Life—How Humanity Will Live Tomorrow, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo
### PUBLIC PROJECTIONS

**1980**
- The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, University of Toronto, Toronto
- Maritime Mall, Halifax, Nova Scotia

**1981**
- Confederation Centre for the Arts, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
- City Hall, Peterborough, Ontario
- Empress Hotel, Peterborough, Ontario
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- School of Architecture, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Scotia Towers, Halifax, Nova Scotia

**1982**
- American Express Building, Sydney, Australia
- Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- Qantas International Centre, Sydney, Australia
- Mutual Life and Citizens Assurance Company Centre Tower, Sydney, Australia
- Festival Centre Complex, Adelaide, Australia
- War Memorial, Adelaide, Australia

**1983**
- Federal Court House, London, Ontario
- Memorial Hall, Dayton, Ohio
- Hauptbahnhof, Stuttgart
- Jubilee Column (Jubiläumssäule), Schlossplatz, Stuttgart
- Bow Falls, Banff, Alberta
- Museum of Natural History, Regina, Saskatchewan
- Old Courthouse, Dayton, Ohio
- Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio
- South African War Memorial, Toronto

**1984**
- AT&T Long Lines Building, New York
- Astor Building / New Museum, New York
- Conference Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus
- Tower Gallery, New York
- Seattle Art Museum, Seattle
- Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, New York

**1985**
- Nelson's Column, Trafalgar Square, London
- South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London
- Duke of York's Column, Waterloo Place, London
- Bundeshaus, Bern, Switzerland
- Guildhall, Derry, Northern Ireland
- Festival Centre Complex, Adelaide, Australia
- Cenotaph and Grand Parade War Memorial, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London
- Royal Bank of Canada Building, Montreal
- Allegheny County Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh
- Condottiere Bartolomeo Colleoni Statue, Academy of Fine Arts, Warsaw
- The Homeless Projection 2, Soldiers and Sailors (Civil War) Monument, Boston
- Campanile, Piazza San Marco, Venice
- Campo Santa Maria in Formosa, Venice
- Condottiere Bartolomeo Colleoni Monument, Campo Santi Giovanni e Paolo, Venice
- Porta Magna, Arsenale, Venice
- Fine Arts Center, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Museum Fridericianum, documenta 8, Kassel, West Germany
- Monument to Friedrich II, documenta 8, Kassel, West Germany
- Martin Luther Kirchturm, documenta 8, Kassel, West Germany
- Real Estate Projection, Chicago
- Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles
- The Border Projection, San Diego Museum of Man, San Diego
- The Border Projection, Centro Cultural Tijuana / CECUT, Tijuana, Mexico
- R. C. Harris Walter Filtration Plant, Toronto
- National Monument, Calton Hill, Edinburgh Festival, Edinburgh
- New Observatory, Calton Hill, Edinburgh Festival, Edinburgh
- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, museum façade, Washington, D.C.
- Flakturm, Arenberg Park, Wiener Festwochen, Vienna
- Neue Hofburg, Heldenplatz, Wiener Festwochen, Vienna
- Lenin Monument, DAAD, East Berlin
- Haus Huth, Potsdamer Platz, DAAD, West Berlin
- Zion Square (Kikar Tziyon), Jerusalem
- Tuxedo Royale, Tyne River, Newcastle upon Tyne, England
- Arco de la Victoria, Madrid
- Oud-Amelisweerd, Bunnik, Netherlands
- Centraal Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
1996 Old City Hall Tower, Kraków, Poland
Andrzej Wajda Festival and Bunkier Sztuki, Kraków, Poland
1998 Bunker Hill Monument, Let Freedom Ring
and Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, Charlestown, Boston
1999 A-Bomb Dome, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima
2001 Centro Cultural Tijuana / CECUT, InSITE 2000, Tijuana, Mexico
2004 Central Library, St. Louis
2005 Zachęta – National Gallery of Art, Zachęta building, Warsaw
2006 Sans-papiers, Kunstmuseum Basel, Basel
2008 Imperial Castle gate, Signum Foundation, Poznań, Poland
Adam Mickiewicz Monument, National Theater, Warsaw
War Veteran Vehicle Projections, Denver
2009 War Veteran Projections, Liverpool, England
Veterans’ Flame, Fort Jay, Governors Island, Creative Time, New York
2010 The Veteran’s Flame, Wzgórze Partyzantów (Partisans Hill), Wrocław, Poland
War Veteran Projections, Profile Foundation, Warsaw
Veterans Flame Greenpoint, Bring to Light Festival, Brooklyn, New York
Survival Projection, in conjunction with Yokohama Triennale, Yokohama
War Veteran Vehicle, Eindhoven, Netherlands
2012 Abraham Lincoln: War Veteran Projection, Union Square, More Art, New York
The New Mechelenians, Newtopia: The State of Human Rights, Mechelen, Belgium
2013 Projection for Derry-Londonderry, Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland
War Veteran Projection, Old Market, Kraków, Museum of Contemporary Art / MOCAK, Kraków, Poland
2014 The Homeless Projection: Place des Arts, Biennale de Montréal, Montreal
Wojciech Boguslawski statue, National Theater, Warsaw
2016 Goethe-Schiller monument, Bauhaus-Universität and Kunstfest Weimar, Weimar, Germany
2018 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, museum façade, Washington, D.C., on the occasion of the exhibition
Brand New: Art and Commodity in the 1980s; reprise of the original 1988 projection
2019 War Veteran Projection, Open City Festival, Lublin, Poland
2020 Loro (Them), Parco Sempione, Teatro Continuo di Alberto Burri, More Art, Milan
Incomers, Municipal Gallery Arsenal and Estrada Poznańska, Poznań, Poland
Monument, Admiral David Glasgow Farragut Monument, Madison Square Park, Madison Square Park Conservancy, New York

INTERIOR PROJECTIONS
1986 The Homeless Projection: A Proposal for Union Square, 49th Parallel, Centre for Contemporary Canadian Art, New York
1987 Real Estate Projection, Hal Bromm Gallery, New York
1989 New York City Tableaux: Tompkins Square, Exit Art, New York;
trav. Painted Bride Art Center, Philadelphia; Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon; Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, D.C.; Wexner Center for the Arts, The University of Ohio, Columbus
1991 New York City Tableaux: Tompkins Square, Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon
1992 La vue: La Courneuve, Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris
1995 New York City Tableaux: Tompkins Square, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
Transported Image, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
Room with a View, Foksal Gallery, Warsaw
2005 If You See Something . . . , Galerie Lelong, New York
2007 If You See Something . . . , Museu d’Art Contemporani de Barcelona / MACBA, Barcelona
2008 The Poznań Projection, Poznań, Poland
2009 . . . Out of Here, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
Veterans’ Flame, Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York
Guests, 53rd International Art Exhibition—La Biennale di Venezia, Polish Pavilion, Venice
If You See Something . . . , National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto
2010  Guests (second version of 2009 Venice Biennale projection), Atlas Sztuki, Łódź, Poland
   If You See Something . . ., National Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
2011  . . . Out of Here (second version), Galerie Lelong, New York
2013  Out/Inside(rs), DOX Centre for Contemporary Art, Prague
2014  Blessures invisibles, Galerie Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris
2019  Head in the Cloud (with Rafael Lozano-Hemmer), Musée de la Civilisation, Quebec City, Quebec
   Future and the Arts: AI, Robotics, Cities, Life—How Humanity Will Live Tomorrow (with Rafael Lozano-Hemmer), Mori Art Museum, Tokyo
   Living Pictures, Profile Foundation, Warsaw
2020  A House Divided . . ., Galerie Lelong, New York

AWARDS
1999  Hiroshima Art Prize, City of Hiroshima, Japan
2004  Award for Distinguished Body of Work, College Art Association, New York
   György Kepes Fellowship Prize, Council for the Arts at MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts
2006  Faculty Design Award, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, Washington, D.C.
2007  Katarzyna Kobro Prize, Adres Gallery, Łódź, Poland
2008  Babi Yar Park Public Art Project, Mizel Museum and Babi Yar Park Foundation, Denver
   Skowhegan Medal for Sculpture, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, New York
2009  Gold Gloria Artis Cultural Merit Award, Polish Ministry of Culture, Warsaw
2011  Best Architecture or Design Show, second place, U.S. Art Critics Association, New York
   Knight’s Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta, Republic of Poland
Public Programs

Reflection Board
January 23–28, 2020 | Madison Square Park
The Reflection Board is a place for the community to share ideas on refugee resettlement. The public was asked to respond to the prompt: What Does It Mean To Be A Refugee?

Art Talk
February 3, 2020 | 6–7:30 p.m. | Sony Square NYC
Krzysztof Wodiczko and writer and critic Aruna D’Souza discuss Wodiczko’s process of creating Monument.

In Conversation
March 2, 2020 | 6:30–8 p.m. | Rizzoli Bookstore
Krzysztof Wodiczko discusses his work in the Park with refugee expert Bob Carey and journalist Robin Shulman, along with Monument participants Maher Mahmood and Mohammad Daad Serweri. Moderator: Brooke Kamin Rapaport.
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FIG. 2
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FIG. 3
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FIG. 4
Sketch for Monument, 2020
Graphite on paper

FIG. 5
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FIG. 7
Filming of Monument, 2019
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FIG. 8
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FIG. 25
Loro (Them), 2019
Multimedia installation and live performance: Parco Sempione, Teatro Continuo di Alberto Burri, Milan, Italy
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FIG. 26
Hiroshima Projection, 1999
Public projection: A-Bomb Dome, Hiroshima Peace Memorial, Hiroshima, Japan
Commissioned by the Hiroshima Art Prize

FIG. 27
Public projection: Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.
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FIG. 28
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FIG. 29
Augustus Saint Gaudens (American, b. Ireland, 1848–1907) and Stanford White (1853–1906), Admiral David Glasgow Farragut Monument, Madison Square Park, New York, 1881
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FIG. 30
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Previous Mad. Sq. Art Exhibitions

2019  Leonardo Drew City in the Grass
      Arlene Shechet Full Steam Ahead
      Diana Al-Hadid Delirious Matter

2018  Erwin Redl Whiteout
      Josiah McElheny Prismatic Park
      Martin Puryear Big Bling

2017  Richard Deacon Assembly
      Tadashi Kawamata Tree Huts
      Rafael Lozano-Hemmer Pulse Park

2016  Bill Fontana Panoramic Echoes
      Roxy Paine Conjoined, Defunct, Erratic
      William Wegman Around the Park

2015  Ursula von Rydingsvard Bowl with Fins, Czara z Babelkami,
      Damski Czepek, Ted’s Desert Reigns

2014  Jene Highstein Eleven Works
      Sol LeWitt Circle with Towers, Curved Wall with Towers
      Tony Cragg Walks of Life
      Rachel Feinstein Folly
      Iván Navarro This Land Is Your Land

2013  Giuseppe Penone Ideas of Stone (Idee di pietra)
      Orly Genger Red, Yellow and Blue
      Sandra Gibson and Luis Recoder Topsy-Turvy: A Camera Obscura Installation

2012  Leo Villareal BUCKYBALL
      Charles Long Pet Sounds

2011  Jacco Olivier Stumble, Hide, Rabbit Hole, Bird, Deer, Home
      Alison Saar Feallan and Fallow
      Jaume Plensa Echo
      Kota Ezawa City of Nature

2010  Jim Campbell Scattered Light
      Antony Gormley Event Horizon
      Ernie Gehr Surveillance

2009  Shannon Plumb The Park
      Jessica Stockholder Flooded Chambers Maid
      Mel Kendrick Markers
      Bill Beirne Madison Square Trapezoids, with Performances by the Vigilant Groundsman

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2004  Mark di Suvero Aesop’s Fables, Double Tetrahedron, Beyond

2003  Wim Delvoye Gothic

2002  Dan Graham Bisected Triangle, Interior Curve
      Mark Dion Urban Wildlife Observation Unit
      Dalziel + Scullion Voyager

2001  Navin Rawanchaikul / Taxi
      Teresita Fernández Bamboo Cinema
      Tobias Rehberger Tsutsuji N.Y.

2000  Tony Oursler The Influence Machine

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