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## planets

Pages 5-7:

solo show **PLANETEN**, VBM 20.10, Contemporary Art and Design, Berlin 2012. In this page: video animation **I WAS HERE**.

Pages 8-19:

Jupiter, Mars, Mercury, Neptune, Uranus, Venus from the series PLANETS: 12 needle-works on cotton, hand embroidered, 29,7 x 42 cm or 20 x 42 cm, on frame, 2011.







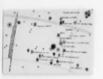














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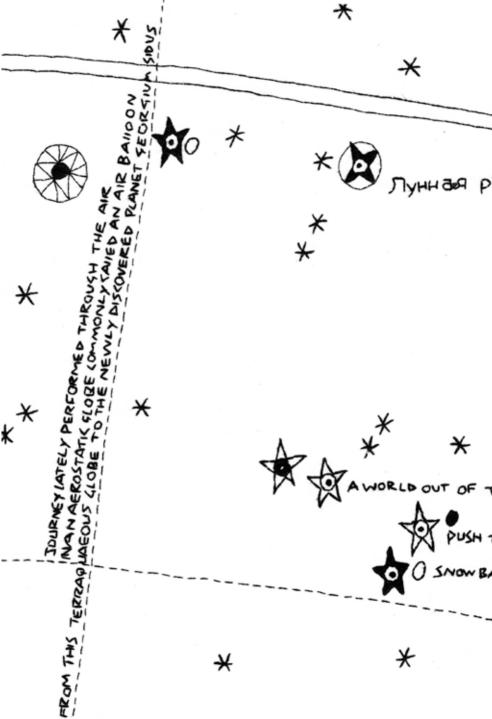
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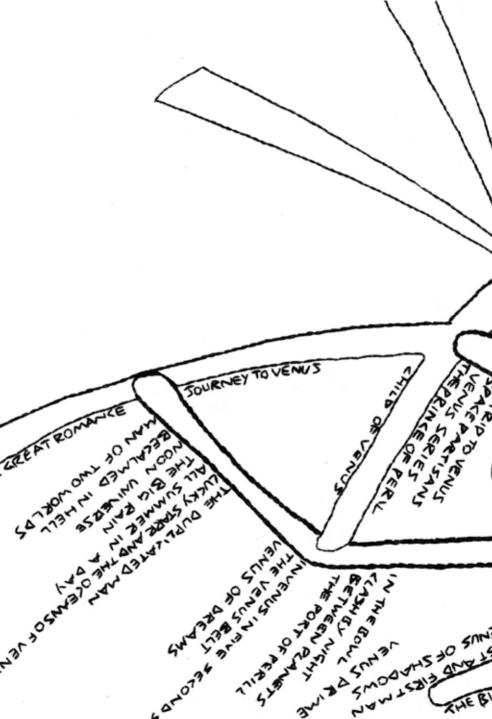
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#### earth / moon

Pages 22-23:

**EARTH**, detail, embroidery on cotton, 100 x 1 00 cm. 2012.

The satellite that turns around the Earth has been observed from immemorial time. In this embroidery the shape of its surface is based on the lunar phases drawn by Galileo Galilei. Its dark side is filled with a selection of science fiction novels, where the Moon plays an important role in the narration.

Pages 24-25:

DRITTES VIERTEL, gibbosa calante, last quarter moon, detail, embroidery on cotton, 100 x 100 cm. 2012.

Maps help us to find our position. They show the precise point where we are so that we can chart a route to where we want to go. Now-a-days maps made of paper have been outdated by newly invented devices that accomplish their

original function. But a map is not only a tool to check a direction, an orientation, but it also expresses a way of thinking, a picture of the reality according to the moment.

This needlework is a map of our planet. The appearance of Earth is based on the drawing of Christopher and Ralph Scotese that shows how our planet will look 250 million years from now: a geography unfamiliar and unrecognisable to us.

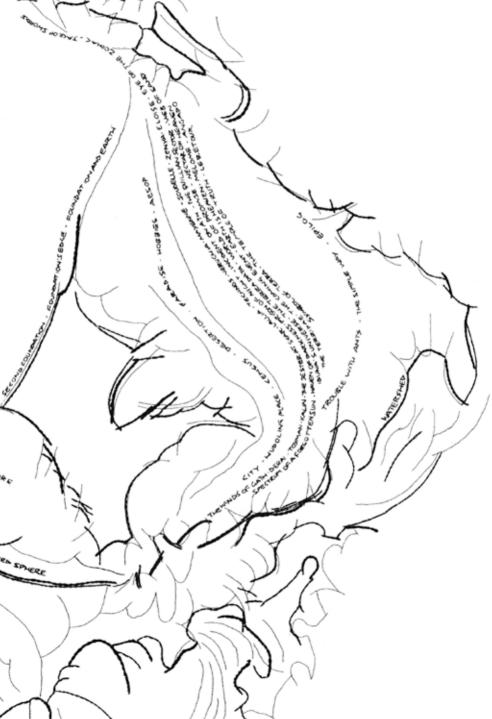
On the embroidery is listed a selection of science fiction novels, all of them dealing with a future scenery where there isn't anymore the memory of a planet named Earth, or where it exists only in legends.

In this page:

WERTTRANSPORT curated by Zara Audiello and 22:37 Cultural Association. VBM 2O.1O, Berlin 2012. Photo by Stefania Migliorati.









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## **I WAS HERE**

Pages 27-31: video animation in 2D, color, mute, 90 seconds, 2012.

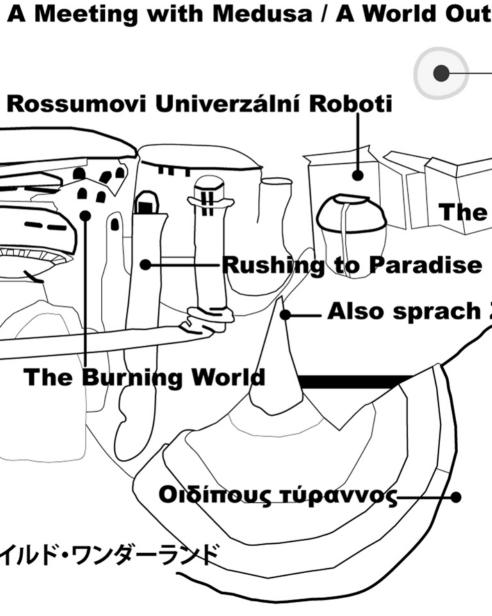








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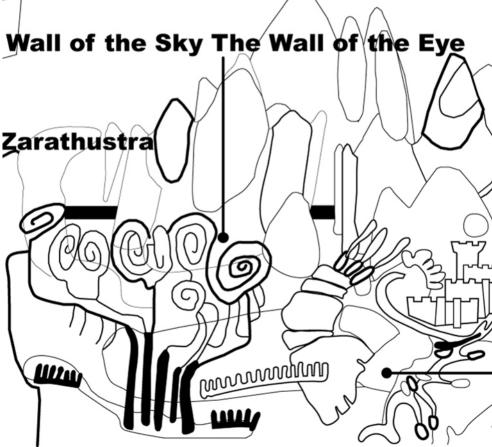


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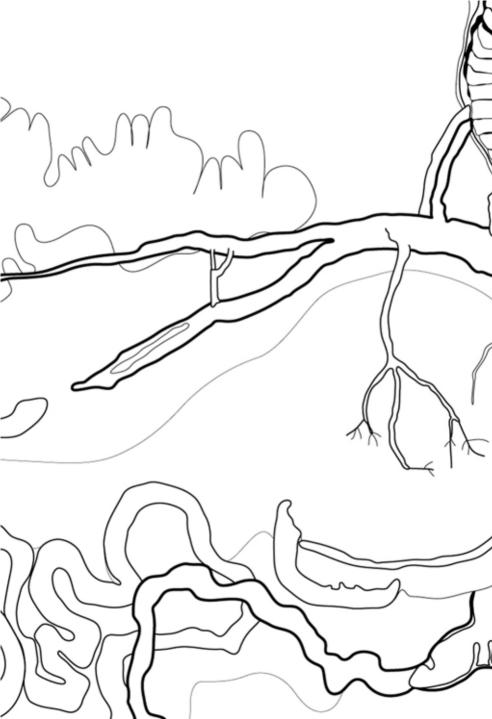
Sky People / The Merchants of Venus



# gothic

Pages 33-37: video animation in 2D, color, 5", 2012. Music by JERMOZERO.











### a series of homosexuality related words

### GESCHWISTER/ SIBLINGS:

two synchronized videos in loop, each 5,11". 2011. Camera, sound, editing by Mariagiovanna Nuzzi.

### MIGLIORI AMICI/ BEST FRIENDS:

two synchronized videos in loop, each 2,39". 2011. Camera, sound, editing by Mariagiovanna Nuzzi.

A woman enumerates the words to define a man as homosexual, in alphabetical order, as if she were directing all those terms to the man beside her At the same time the man lists the words that define a woman homosexual. Of fundamental importance is the type of relation between the man and the woman in real life: they are siblings, german version, and best friends in the italian. The fact that the filmed persons are gay and that they are connected through fondness, takes power away from the negative connotation of the word. Words are presented in their "objective" form, just words, that without a system of reference are powerless. the power is just in our view.

Pages 39-41: solo show **Geschwister**, curated by Barbara Fragogna, KHtacheles NEWgallery, Berlin, 2011.









### Pages 43-45:

the collected words on a blank map of the world during the fourweek show **Geschwister**, Tacheles, Berlin.

I'm trying to collect different words that define a person as homosexual in different languages. If you would like to help me in collecting them, please write the words that you know in your mother tongue in the area where they are used, thanks.

Pages 46-47: **GERMAN WORDS**Pages 48-49: **ITALIAN WORDS** 







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# places that don't exist any longer

**Places that don't exist any longer**: installation of 16 models made of pine wood and painted paper, different measure.

This work is a fragmentary reconstruction of the places that characterized the city of Milan during the time that I lived there. They are a personal selection of different places. Some are tiahtly connected to my everyday life and others are also in the memories of a specific generation of the alternative scene in the city. Common characteristic of all those places is that they do not exist any longer.

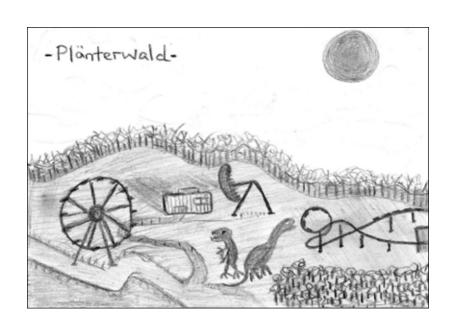
Other places that don't exist any longer: installation, 159 postcards, different techniques on paper, 15 x 10,5 cm each. Work in progress. Pages 51-53: solo show **Luoghi che non esistono più**, Artopia, Milan, 2010. Installation view.

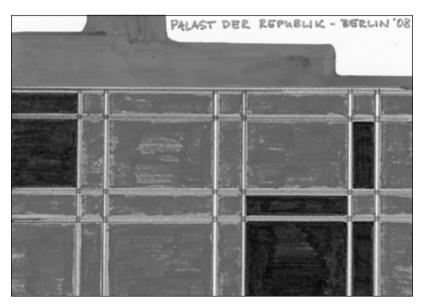
Pages 54-57: some of the postcards, drew by Rajko Burchardt, Anita Burchardt, Lorenzo Agnes, Alessandra Mattiazzi, Marisa Agnes, Melissa Bertolotti, Luca Figino, Mariella Casile.



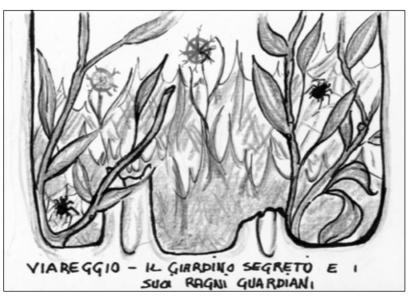


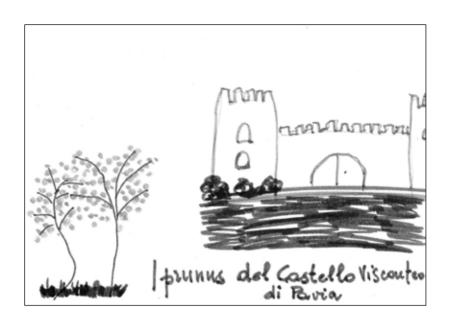






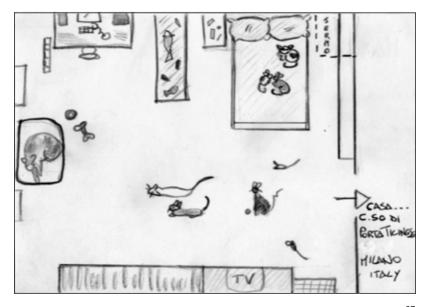












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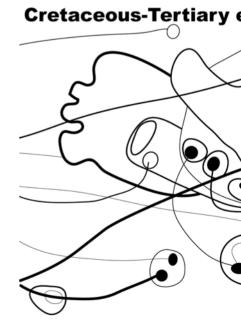
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Pages 59-61: video animation 2D, color, mute, 6", 2009.

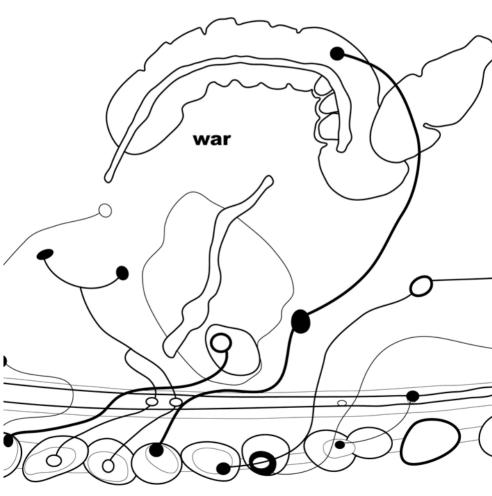
The list of mentioned events is only a limited selection of widely known happenings.



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accidents

# **project 29/07/2011 a rendezvous in Berlin** 91mQ Art Project Space, Berlin.

a rendezvous in Berlin is not an exhibition but a project originated from conversations between artists who temporarily participated to a path, or who share an aptitude and common interests. Limit, margin, border and incorrectness are the key words from which the works that will compose the visual space of the show arised. The word. used in its effective actuality vis-a-vis the real, is the vehicle that linked the different works. A word embodied in an act of revolt becomes an engraving stone in "DIES IRAE". on Or it sunders into different characters who try to re-enact an opaque moment of Italian history, in "On the ripening of times", where the relation between language and violence is investigated. A violence that we can find in other forms in the obviousness of everyday life, in the instances that convey exclusion and the definition of a norm, in "Geschwister". In "The Absent Collector" the accidental finding of a collection

of letters becomes a subjective interpretation, in an attempt to reconstruct the relations that occurred between the sender and the recipient of the missives. Family values are analyzed in "LOVE", where husband and wife wonder about the real meaning of the expression I love vou. A background buzz that comes from a distant place can become the meeting point among the works, the artist and the public, with "Stealing Sunlight". where traces and fragments of different experiences are mapped on tape.

### A project by:

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### http://berlinrendezvous. tumblr.com/



a rendezvous in berlin limit/margin/border/incorrectness



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# Project ORIENTATIONS TamtamART, Berlin, 2012.

A project by Rebecca Agnes, Stefania Migliorati, Marco Pezzotta.

**Orientations** is an exhibition dedicated to the idea of points of references in time and space through the concepts of memory, codes and absence. The works wonder about the personal and collective perception of time. Their dialogue emerges through the overlapping of feelings, duration and signs.

Page 65 details of the works:

Rebecca Agnes **One year on earth, one day on another planet**, 2D Animation, 6". Music by Foka. 2011.

Stefania Migliorati **500scars**, 20 paintings, acrylic on canvas, 120 x 150 cm. 2010.

Marco Pezzotta **Krakatoa**, stickers, paper, variable dimension. 2012.

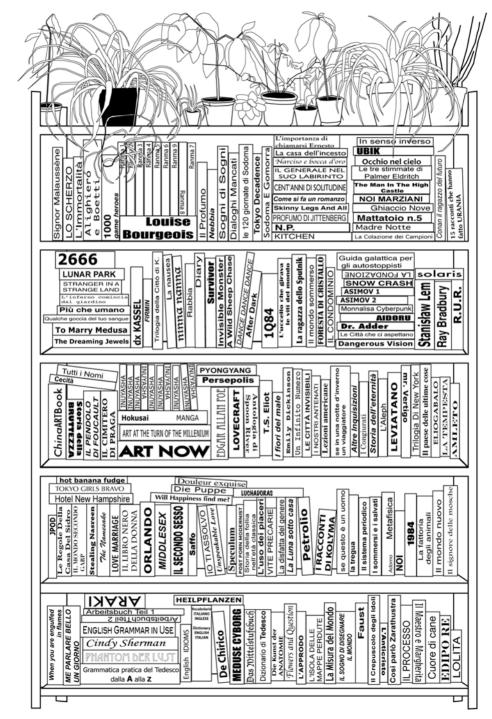




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Cities where I had an exhibition and I visited. Cities where I had an exhibition but I've never visited Glasgow Birmingham Salt Lake City o I moved to Berlin in 2006 Potsdam RERLIN Kassel Magdeburg Aachen **PARIS** Torino/Turin Rovereto COMO Legnano 1993 I started the art school and **MILANO** moved to Milan. I graduated from PAVIA Padova Academy of Art/ Brera in 2001 Vigevano Castel Lucca Bologna I was born in 1978 in Pavia Firenze/ **Florence** Montefiridolfi 1999 residence Roma/ Rom Madrid al-Jaza'ir o Palermo Alger o Scicli



## Afterword by Valentina Marinone.

According to the Platonic explanation, there are two identifiable elements within the word "mythology": "mythos", meaning a story or legend, and "logos", the rational argument which the story is founded upon.

In its primary meaning and definition, the myth, simultaneously human thoughtform and dogmatic discourse, refers to the sacral power of words and to the origins of mankind.

Performing a primary role in mass communication, mythology has transmitted the moral and cultural heritage of several generations, however, the modern term "myth" has a wider application as well as several different meanings.

An unambiguous definition of the concept is not possible

today; the myth is an allegorical, philosophical, and poetic representation aimed to illustrate an idea or a concept, but it is also the idealization of a fact, of a character or of an event that assumes legendary proportions in popular imagery. It can also be a dream or utopia, an alteration of reality created by imagination.

Mythology, in post-modernity, satisfies the contemporary man's needs to rely on symbolic values, and it contributes to the development of a collective symbolism that is able to communicate the profound sense of life.

Art, although using different modalities of time and space, uses symbols aimed to interpret, represent, and analyze the most controversial and contemporary aspects of modern society.

Symbols are always an integral part of the artwork. They represent the key to its interpretation, and they are capable of transforming the artwork into a vehicle that transmits the symbol itself. The concreteness that art gives to the symbol defines it as an instrument of communication.

Each artwork of Rebecca Agnes starts from concrete experiences, which become increasingly iconic until they transform into symbols.

Autobiographical traces and personal memory blend with collective historical and cultural backgrounds, bringing the individual's experience to reflect on common existence. The artistic process develops through different media and supports and it explores beyond the boundaries memory. science and mythology.

Rebecca Agnes combines reality and imagination, clarifying doubts and certainties that exists between solicitation, sensitivity and creativity: a perpetual quest that the artist wants to express and objectify.

An accurate interpretation of the communicative purposes of the work is dependent upon the analysis of the relationship between observer and observed object.

The spectator, decoding messages and reconstructing concepts which intrinsically belong to him/her, evolves into the essential condition of the artwork.

He/she becomes the activator of processes and the manipulator of information.

The interactive process of Rebecca Agnes work is not confined to the digital media, but investigates potentialities and specificities of interactive practices in order to generate situation which а new involves sender and recipient. redefining the traditional concepts of artist, artwork and viewer

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