

Western Australia Chapter

Art and Robotics: A Conversation with Stelarc

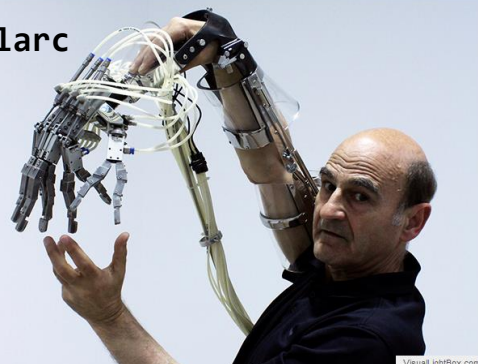
Wednesday 13 August, 2014.

17:45 hrs. Free admission.

Drinks and nibbles after the talk

Engineering Pavilion, Curtin University

Bentley, Western Australia



About the event

Come and join us for an afternoon with one of the leading artists incorporating mechanical devices in their work. Stelarc will be talking about how artists use robotics in their art installations and performances and how biomimicry evokes agency in machine systems. He will show images and videos, including his own projects to illustrate his presentation.

About the speaker

Stelarc is a performance artist who has visually probed and acoustically amplified his body. He has used medical instruments, prosthetics, robotics, Virtual Reality systems, the Internet and biotechnology to explore alternate, intimate and involuntary interfaces with the body.

He has performed with a THIRD HAND, a VIRTUAL ARM, a STOMACH SCULPTURE and EXOSKELETON, a 6-legged walking robot. His FRACTAL FLESH, PING BODY and PARASITE performances explored involuntary, remote and internet choreography of the body with electrical stimulation of the muscles.

In 1996 he was made an Honorary Professor of Art and Robotics at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh and in 2002 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws by Monash University, Melbourne. He has recently held research positions in the University of Western Sydney and Brunel University, London. In 2010 he was awarded the prestigious Ars Electronica Hybrid Arts Prize. He is presently a Distinguished Research Fellow and Director of the Alternate Anatomies Lab, School of Design and Art (SODA), Curtin University, Perth. His artwork is now represented by the Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne.

Stelarc's website (worth visiting!): www.stelarc.org

RSVP

For catering purposes please RSVP to c.ortega@curtin.edu.au before Friday 8th August.

Organisers

- IEEE Computational Intelligence/Robotics and Automation Society.
- Curtin Engineering
- Curtin Robotics Club