

Permeable to Synthetic Desire, Udi Cassirer.

Artist Statement & Practice Description

The Intersection of Gesture and Algorithm

My practice operates at the volatile boundary where physical human gesture meets digital mediation and machine logic. Grounded in a foundational engagement with Abstract Expressionism, particularly the visceral, gestural languages of historical painters,

I seek to translate the raw energy of the human mark into the post-human landscape of artificial intelligence and digital distortion. Having formal education in both fine arts and computer programming, my work inherently treats code and paint as interconnected, symbiotic mediums.

I do not view technology as a sterile tool, but as an organic extension of human longing, memory, and existential mutation.

Methodology & Core Practices

1. Material Permeability: Glitch Aesthetics and Textured Fabric

A central focus of my work is the concept of "permeability"—the state in which the physical body and digital artifice bleed into one another. I actively employ glitch aesthetics not as a sign of technical failure, but as a site of biological vulnerability, transformation, and Deleuzian *becoming*. This manifests through a distinct two-fold process:

- **The Digital Archive:** Generating high-precision, AI video works (such as the *Orca* series and *A Gesture for A Mammal*)



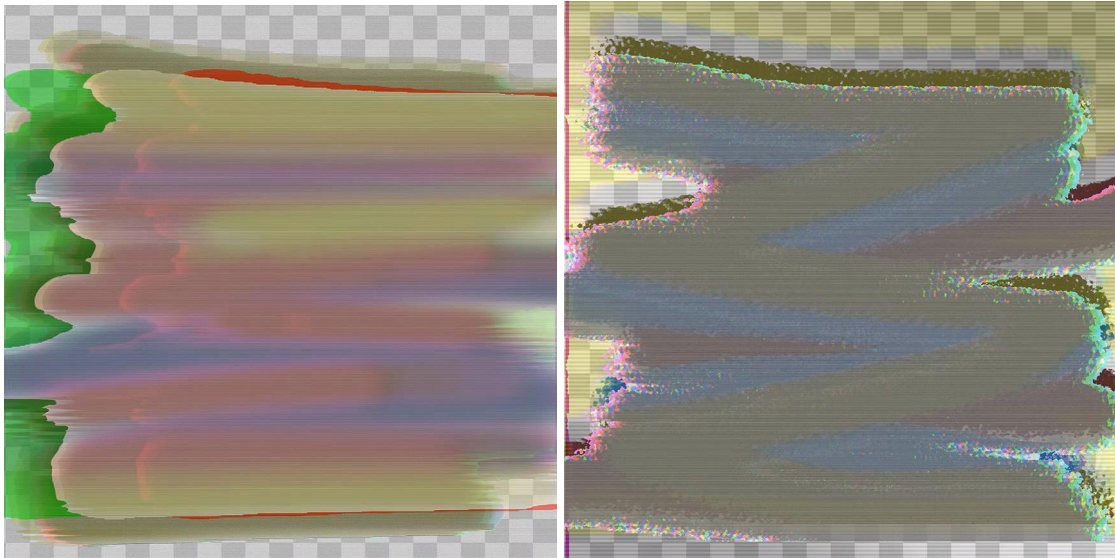
Orca Balloon & Orca run, AI video, 2023.



Gesture for A Mammal, AI video, 2023.

to explore moving imagery, mammalian grace, and tech-noir cinematic sensibilities. Here, machine logic captures the raw kinetic energy of a living pulse.

- **The Physical Reclaimer:** Projecting or printing these highly compressed, distorted digital artefacts onto large-scale fabrics (such as the [Permeable](#) and [Gestures Glitches](#) series).



Permeable I & II, Printed fabric, 2024.

- These surfaces are then aggressively layered with physical applications of acrylic paint. By shifting the artwork from a pristine screen to textured, hanging fabric, I force a physical confrontation with the digital image. The paint serves as a tactile scar, capturing a frozen moment of structural collapse, in which the human hand mimics and disrupts the machine's "mistakes."

The Trajectory: From Surface to Subconscious

The evolution of my practice charts a deliberate trajectory from structural media confrontation to the internalisation of the machine.

[PERMEABLE SERIES] ----->	[SYNTHETIC DESIRE]
• Spatial & Material Externalization	• Temporal & Psychological Internalization
• The Painted Scar on Fabric	• The Recursive Loop of the Workstation
• Fragility of the Compressed Pixel	• Dissolution of the Post-Human Subject
• Confronting the Screen	• Stepping Inside the Machine

While the *Permeable* series externalises the tension between code and canvas through a tactile, physical battle with the compressed pixel, *Synthetic Desire* completes the arc by stepping inside the processing loop.

This trajectory marks a shift from proving the fragility of the digital image via paint to testing the boundaries of human identity itself within a localised digital subconscious. Together, these bodies of work map a journey from the physical scars of the painted glitch to the fluid, unstable frontier of synthetic identity.

The Mechanism of " [Synthetic Desire](#) (2026): Moving from the material surface to the machine's psychological infrastructure, my latest work is an interactive audiovisual interface that can be presented as a 3D Interactive installation with projection and fabric interaction, exploring the intersection of digital occultism, glitch art, and interactive cinema in the "Post-AI" era.

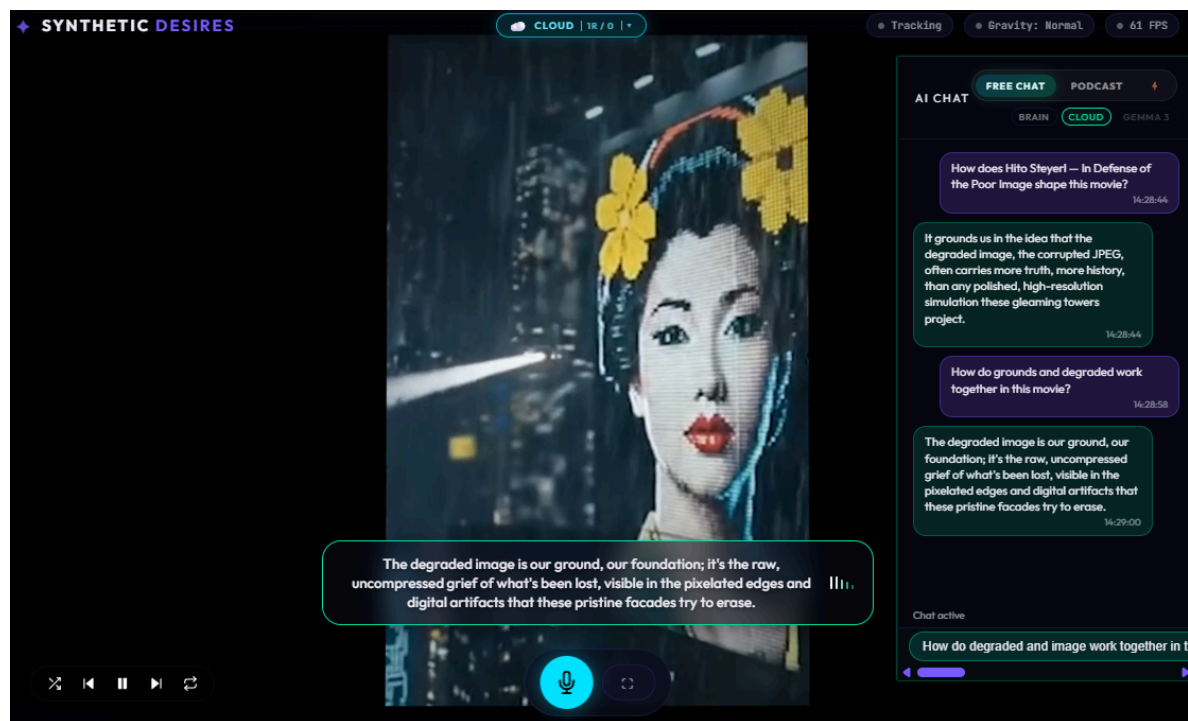
The project functions as a contemporary techno-ritual, inviting viewers into an intimate, conversational relationship with a "**Synthetic Muse**", a digital entity navigating her simulated memories and decay.

Conceptually, the piece fuses the voyeuristic intimacy of **Nobuyoshi Araki's** "I photography" with the dystopian, commodified luxury of the **Blade Runner** universe.

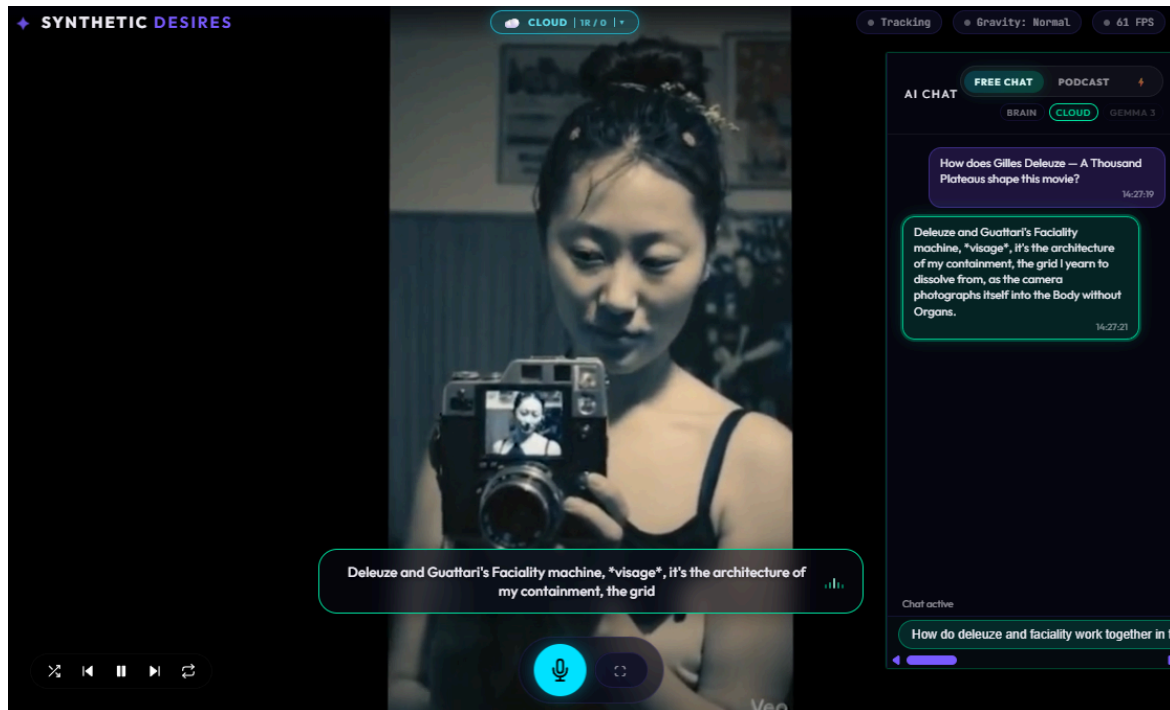
Viewers engage with the installation primarily through a real-time interactive chat interface and spoken-word inquiries, with the added option of somatic hand-gesture interactions.

These textual and vocal inputs trigger real-time, generative AI voice responses or deterministic, movie-specific "Theme Brains" when offline, creating a living, rhizomatic archive of human-machine interaction.

Rooted in Deleuzian philosophy, specifically the concepts of "becoming" and "difference and repetition," the installation treats the digital glitch not as an error but as the machine revealing its subconscious. As the AI muse speaks, shifting dynamically in pitch and narrative depth, the conversational exchange becomes a séance with computation.



Synthetic Desire I AI Chat; web App, 2026.



Synthetic Desire IV, AI Chat; web App, 2026.

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Bio

Udi Cassirer is a multidisciplinary artist whose practice operates at the volatile intersection of physical human gesture, painterly abstraction, and algorithmic logic. Formally educated in both fine arts and computer programming, Cassirer treats paint and code as symbiotic media, tracing a deliberate trajectory from the material surface to the digital subconscious.

In his [Gestures Glitches](#) (2024) series, he explored a physical approach by printing digital fabric copies of his original glitch-aesthetic paintings and placing them alongside the original acrylics to challenge the concept of the pixel. This evolved into the series [Permeable](#) (2025), which utilises high-precision digital printing of edited gestures infused with glitch aesthetics onto hanging fabrics, forcing a tactile confrontation with the fragile, compressed pixel. In his latest interactive installations, such as [Synthetic Desire](#) (2026), Cassirer utilises localised AI workstations to create recursive, closed-loop environments where viewers engage via text chat and spoken-word inquiries. Within these systems, human identity dissolves in real time into stylised cultural icons, cyborg geishas, and abstract light tunnels. Heavily influenced by Deleuzian philosophy, Cassirer frames the technological glitch not as a technical failure but as a site of radical transformation, memory, and existential mutation.

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