

Quynh Vantu, video still from Within the Horizon, 2015-17, Hedmark Museum, Hamar, Norway

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### **EXHIBITION:**

# WITHIN THE HORIZON

Choreographing Sverre Fehn's Hedmark Museum

Anno museum Domkirkeodden Strandvegen 100 2315 Hamar, Norway

Exhibition | 20-28 May 2017, Tue-Sun 10am-4pm

Opening | 20 May 2017, 8pm

Artist Talk: In Conversation | 27 May 2017, 2pm

\*Please check the website for updated times for performances and talks:

www.quynhvantu.com/withinthehorizon/

\*Please visit the link below for a video preview:

https://vimeo.com/215403086

Set within the site of Sverre Fehn's Hedmark Museum (1967-79) in Hamar, Norway, the project Within the Horizon takes place as an intervention and collaboration with Fehn's architecture. Constructed on the site of a former Bishop's castle, the museum is a series of ramps, stairs and walkways that lead the visitor around, through and under the ruins of this archeological site. Fehn's design utilizes circulation as a means to experience the spaces and his architecture acts as a guide to the museum visitor's experience, ushering us to the various sights and locations throughout the historic site. Through Fehn's careful choreography, Within the Horizon investigates the choreography of the space through the performance of dance.

Within the Horizon is a multi-channel video installation incorporating a collaborative performance with contemporary dancers and the architecture of the Hedmark Museum. In addition to the video installation, durational performances will take place during the exhibition period from May 20-28, 2017 that will engage the video installation, architecture and public audience. These performances will occur within the functional spaces of the museum and provide a varied viewer experience dissolving and blurring the boundaries between audience and performer.



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In addition, there will be an artist talk: In Conversation with Quynh Vantu and curator Susanne Ewerlöf on Saturday 27 May, 2pm.

A full schedule of performances and talks will be listed on the website: www.quynhvantu.com/withinthehorizon/

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### ABOUT THE ARTIST

## Quynh Vantu - Studio Quynh Vantu, London UK + Richmond, VA USA

(BArch 2001, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; MArch 2009, Cranbrook Academy of Art; current Ph.D. Candidate at the Bartlett School of Architecture - University College London)

Quynh Vantu is a licensed architect and artist from the United States with a studio-based practice devoted to spatial experimentation. Drawing from her upbringing in the American South, Vantu is particularly interested in the notion of hospitality and thresholds of social interaction. Working in situ she creates her works across cultural boundaries and employs an interdisciplinary practice utilizing architecture as a foundation.

She has received numerous awards and grants, including a Worldstudio AIGA Grant (2009); the Stewardson Kefee LeBrun Travel Grant - Center for Architecture-AIA NY (2009–10); and a grant from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts (2016). She has been awarded several artist residencies, including at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts in Omaha, Nebraska (2010); the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Skowhegan, Maine (2012); the McColl Center for Art and Innovation in Charlotte, North Carolina (2014); Kamiyama AIR in Kamiyama, Japan (2015); and Nanji - Seoul Museum of Art in Seoul, South Korea (2016). She was the recipient of a DAAD Stipendium to study at Olafur Eliasson's Institut für Raumexperimente in Berlin, Germany (2010–11); a Fulbright Fellowship to study in the UK (2012–13); a University College London Scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. at the Bartlett School of Architecture (2014-2018); a finalist for the Harvard Graduate School of Design's Wheelwright Prize (2015); and named a fellow for the US-Japan Friendship Commission's Creative Artists Program (2017-18).

For additional information please check the website: www.quynhvantu.com

For artwork (artists' portraits, photos of work, or portfolio work), interviews, or further information, please contact Quynh Vantu at: quynh@quynhvantu.com

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