

# WHAT DO STONES SMELL LIKE IN THE FOREST?

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**DURATION**

18:22

**YEAR**

2018

**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

English

**CATEGORY**

Installation  
Video Art

**DESCRIPTION**

A romance of reclaiming the ill body from the jaws of stillness by merging with the universe of things. Via a network of things, the body extends itself, connecting with stuff, reaching spaces and places with greater ease and expanded potentials. Like an ever-growing creature made of unfired clay, new limbs being hastily built-on as others drop off. Possibilities multiply. Stilted with the anxiety of showing its vulnerability to the outside world, the ill body is awkward in public, but comfortable at home. The ill mind/body is never fully relieved; at best, it manages to forget its ill state through distraction and fantasy. The pain of the body slows down the mind, opening it up to near-constant reverie.

**SOUND**

Stereo

**SHOOTING FORMAT**

4K

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Two channels digital video.

**Texts:**

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**WEBSITE**

<http://www.lum-desranleau.com/projects/what-do-stones-smell-like-in-the-forest/>

**KEYWORDS**

Singing, opera, body, fantasy

**THEMES**

Art and culture  
Identity