

# Water-Etching—Water-Running a movie by Hervé Bernard awarded







Water-Etching—Water-Running (Silver, category: Housing, Buildings and Urbanism) motion pictures directed by Hervé Bernard and produced by RVB-Prod awarded in the Deauville GreenAwards Film Festival 2016. Both films concern the properties of water in relation to modern society and Earth's future survival.

*Water-Etching—Water-Running* considers waste water created and sewer cleaning. This type of water goes from the gutter to the sea even if it first is processed at a water treatment plant. This run-off water is contributing to the exhaustion of ground water.

This film do not use narration, but rather, use image, movement, montage, sound to convey important concepts. Without a language barrier, they are suitable for global audiences. Both are available as HD-stereo or DCP-stereo files. For purchase or rental thanks to contact Hervé Bernard +33 616 13 58 98

## Water-Etching—Water-Running

Water-Running is the nurturing water. Water-Etching is from the engraving, the one who carries away everything on her path and marking for ever the soil and the human beings.

#### **Synopsis**

Water loves to spurt out, in rains and mountain streams...

She loves to be relusive, to trickle down our bodies, our hands.

She runs and we trap her.

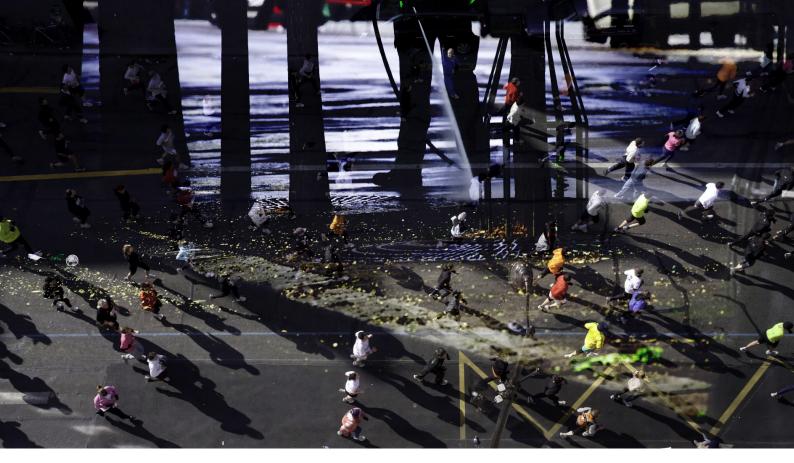
The sound of flowing water turns into a cry,

The cry from a prison that surrounds poison..

The small plastic shrouds dance for a last time.

The music is made of two piecies one is by Peter Reinders and the other from Dan.digital and mixed by Hervé Bernard.





# Image and environment

The theme of environment, the urbanism, the global warming and the water topics, all of them are in the deep heart of the Anthropocene and are one of the main axes of my work.

Speaking about images and environment, it is in particular speaking about the relation in between image and real. That's mean explaining how and image is reporting to the real no matter if this image a literal or a pictorial one.

In the analysis, one will notice the fact that the observer point of vue about an environmental crisis will decide about his own interpretation of this relationship to the real. It is already possible to deduce that in the way we are looking to an image there are two positions statements: the one from the maker and the one from the watcher. They are building hand in hand even if the most part of us are unconscious or forget this teamwork.

Our position is to claim that image is a bird-call to real. As well as a duck-call will attract a part of the ducks which are flying up the pond; the image and more precisely the photographic or cinematographic image attract a part of the reality.

Just as well, the bird-call, visual or acoustic, artificial or natural, attract a part of reality. It is with an understanding how a photography, a movie or a painting are making that we will understand better which is the part of real which is content in an image.

### Hervé Bernard, visual artist

"Writing with my eyes" is my profession, "Picture maker." I do not attempt to make a reproduction of reality; I rebuild reality within my images, going deeply to its roots. I anticipate reality's future movements and changes to elaborate a world that is ours or could be ours. I try to abolish barriers between reportage and visual creation in order to raise a new perception of the world. And I try to give a new meaning to these traces of what we consider to be reality. What matters to me is not what we are looking at, but the way we are looking at it.

"Writing with my eyes", it is also analyzing the image, speaking about the eye which is seeing and about the cultural brain which is interpreting. In Regard sur l'image, an illustrated essay foreword by Peter Knapp and a website, I expose all the transformations that it received from the moment when it is taken to the one someone is looking at. My work is built on combining photography, video, movie, writing and theoretical practice



about our image understanding. I consider that choosing a media is also a point of vue on a subject. This is the reason why I choose to be a multidisciplinary maker.

Few key events

2016 *Regard sur l'image* get the "Prix de l'Académie de la Couleur";

Image and ArtCenter of Chinese Culture University Taipei, exhibition of *Si c'était vrai... If it was true... / Perspectives* and *Excerpt of the preparatory speech for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the artificial brambles*;

2015 *Empreintes/Footprints* story Marco Martella, director Hervé Bernard, with the support of *Fondation des Parcs et Jardins de France* and *Dolby Europe*, shown at *Cannes Short Film-Corner 2015*, and become part of the *Forum des Images* (Paris) collections;

Excerpt of the preparatory speech for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the artificial brambles, exhibition at Taipeï Art Photo Show, Taïwan;

2014 Taipei Photo Art Fair - série *The Holly Family*;

2012 The Earth's Water Crest and Scums I, 6<sup>th</sup> WorldWide Water Forum 2012 in Marseille, France;

2011 *Regard sur l'image* released, artistic residency at *La Maison Descartes* (French Cultural Center, Amsterdam), following exhibition, *Leben met Wasser* (11/2011 to 01/2012);

2009 *Prix Vulcain*, jury member, Cannes Film Festival Official Competition. Award give by one of the main french technicians movie association.

2008 www.regard-sur-limage, opening website about our image receipt;

2002 *L'Histoire de Pierre et le Fou* director Thomas Norymberg, color grading directed by Hervé Bernard, production RVB-Prod is shown at Cannes Festiva;

2001 RVB-Prod;

MEP (Maison Européenne de la Photo, Paris), establishment, during an Atelier set-upby Gens d'Images showing of my worik.;

1999 released of *Digital photography dictionary*;

1994 released of Photoshop 3.0 for Adobe and SunMicrosystems;



1989 begun a long term collaboration as technical writer about digital imaging *Le Photographe* et *Vidéo-Broadcast* magazins;

1987 solo exhibition at *L'Espace Canon* (Paris), acquisition by Musée Carnavalet, Päris;

1985 first digital pictures;

1983 Pagemaker and writer for the Minitel, french ancestor for Internet.

Images belongs to 6 French museums collections.

## Musicians biographies

Hervé Bernard and Ninsun have been collaborating several times.

#### Dan.digital

Dan.digital has been working as a freelance electroacoustic composer and sound artist. He has been developing a practice of composition and mixing from sound prerecorded, in various contexts.

#### Peter Reinders

Peter REINDERS has been describing himself as an independent sound artist. He has been working for his own company La Capsule specialized in sound design, and has been developed sound design projects and collaborated with movies, theater plays, digital art companies and many events.

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