



Ryan Wolfe

LIT FROM WITHIN

Materials: individual programmed motherboards, LEDs, Common Horsetail, dirt, plastic bags, wire

Physical Size: Variable

Series of 10 site specific installations

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ABOUT LIT FROM WITHIN...

The technological and biological merge to create a unique hybrid living system which inverts the fundamental biological relationship between inside and outside.

In a sun-less room, plants thrive using light that emanates from within their own living tissue. Ryan Wolfe's newest installation redefines how a living form can relate to its environment.

Clusters of Equisetum Hyemale (Common Horsetail) are equipped with the equivalent of internal sunshine. staggered throughout a dark room, each plant contains a number of surgically-embedded LEDs. These LEDs have been selected to enable the plants to photosynthesize in darkness. Sunrise and sunset programmatically occur from within each plant, allowing the viewer to navigate a field of organisms flourishing off their own internal sun cycle.

Wolfe's installation reminds us how modern advances increasingly reconfigure lives while offering an imaginative glimpse of the future of this intertwining.

ARTIST STATEMENT: "As individuals, what do we not get from the outside world that we must find within to sustain ourselves?"- Ryan Wolfe

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