

Notes on the 13th hour

R. SEBASTIAN SCHACHINGER

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As the exhibition title suggests, Sebastian Schachinger adds a 13th hour to the conventional 12-hour cycle, not only shifting his own individual daily rhythm, but also that of the exhibiting institution.

Thus, for the time being, we will part with familiar concepts, rhythms, institutional opening times, and even the established duration of an exhibition. Sebastian Schachinger presents a 14-day performance composed of twelve mostly new, roughly outlined individual performances that follow an offset daily cycle, which realigns with “normal” time after an interval of two weeks. A rhythmic stumbling block in the passing of time that creates the potential of generating more time and thus allowing for more experiences. While Schachinger’s performances always begin at 12 o’clock noon in his offset timeframe, for visitors of the exhibition this can be in the middle of the night or the early hours of the morning.

In the center of the foyer, Schachinger has placed a two-sided time display device from a disused factory, where it used to dictate the pace of the working day. Just as an atomic clock determines the second and minute intervals in places of transit, like train stations and airports, Schachinger sets a new time base at the Kunsthau Baselland. A clock that introduces a 13th hour and thus creates a new rhythm and time sequence in both the life of the artist and the institution itself.

Schachinger has also installed a frieze of 720 wristwatches that runs through the entire exhibition, each of which displays a specific time. Viewed together, they reveal all the intervening minutes of a 12-hour cycle. Each watch seems like an individual personality, lending meaning to the minute it depicts—the very moment at which it stopped or broke and was decoupled from time.

But neither the clockface, the mechanically regimented rhythm, nor its modification are of particular interest to Schachinger. He is rather seeking to address the question of how it’s possible for an artist to make art besides meeting all the other

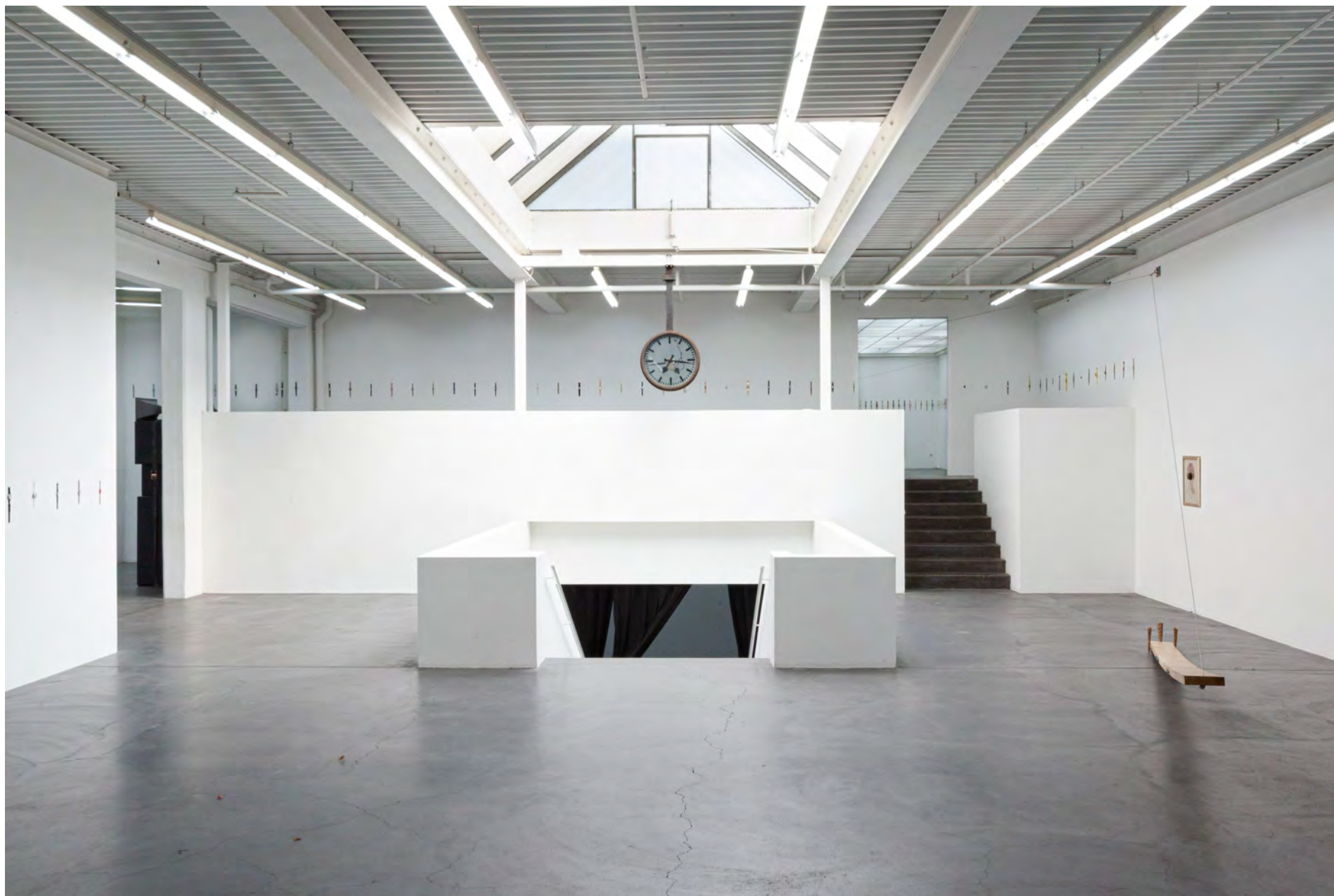
basic needs—eating, sleeping, washing, cooking, earning money, studying, maintaining social contacts, etc.—within the normal 24-hour day–night cycle in which we currently exist. Yet this extra time, these two additional hours, makes it impossible to synchronize oneself with the surrounding world.

Sebastian Schachinger’s time installation at Kunsthau Baselland resembles a vast clock mechanism within the museum’s rooms, and is at the same time initiator and instrument for the distinct daily performances, which are dictated by the new temporal structure—not as complete narratives or pieces, but as sketches or commentaries. The performances, some of which have already been shown in the context of his final degree project and the Swiss Art Awards, are now tied together to present a coherent overview of the artist’s creative output.

Both Schachinger’s performances, which he sometimes performs alone and sometimes with other artists, and the work he re-created specifically for the exhibition—like the metronome, with actuation weights—focus on topics of (social) synchronization due to time and the way our behaviors are thus dictated as well as dominance and hierarchy and how they define a wide range of spatial and social structures. Schachinger counteracts this with tangible moments of community, like listening to, sharing, and superimposing music and sound, collective waiting or finding common ground. In Schachinger’s work, the onlooker becomes the listener, the visitor, and the active participant. He invites us to appreciate art outside of the usual opening times of a public art institution and experience this desynchronization and its temporal ramifications. (IG)

R. Sebastian Schachinger (*1993, Freiburg, DE) lives and works in Basel and Vienna. He studied in Basel and Lucerne gained his BA at the Institute Art Gender Nature HGK Basel FHNW in 2021. His work has been shown at exhibitions at Kunsthalle Basel, Kunsthalle Palazzo Liestal, and the WAF Galerie in Vienna. In 2022 he was awarded the Kiefer Hablitzel–Göhner art prize.

The exhibition at Kunsthau Baselland is jointly curated by Ines Goldbach and Ines Tondar.



R. Sebastian Schachinger, Notes on the 13th hour, exhibition view at Kunsthhaus Baselland



R. Sebastian Schachinger
13, 2023
modified two face factory slave clock
60 x 120 x 40 cm



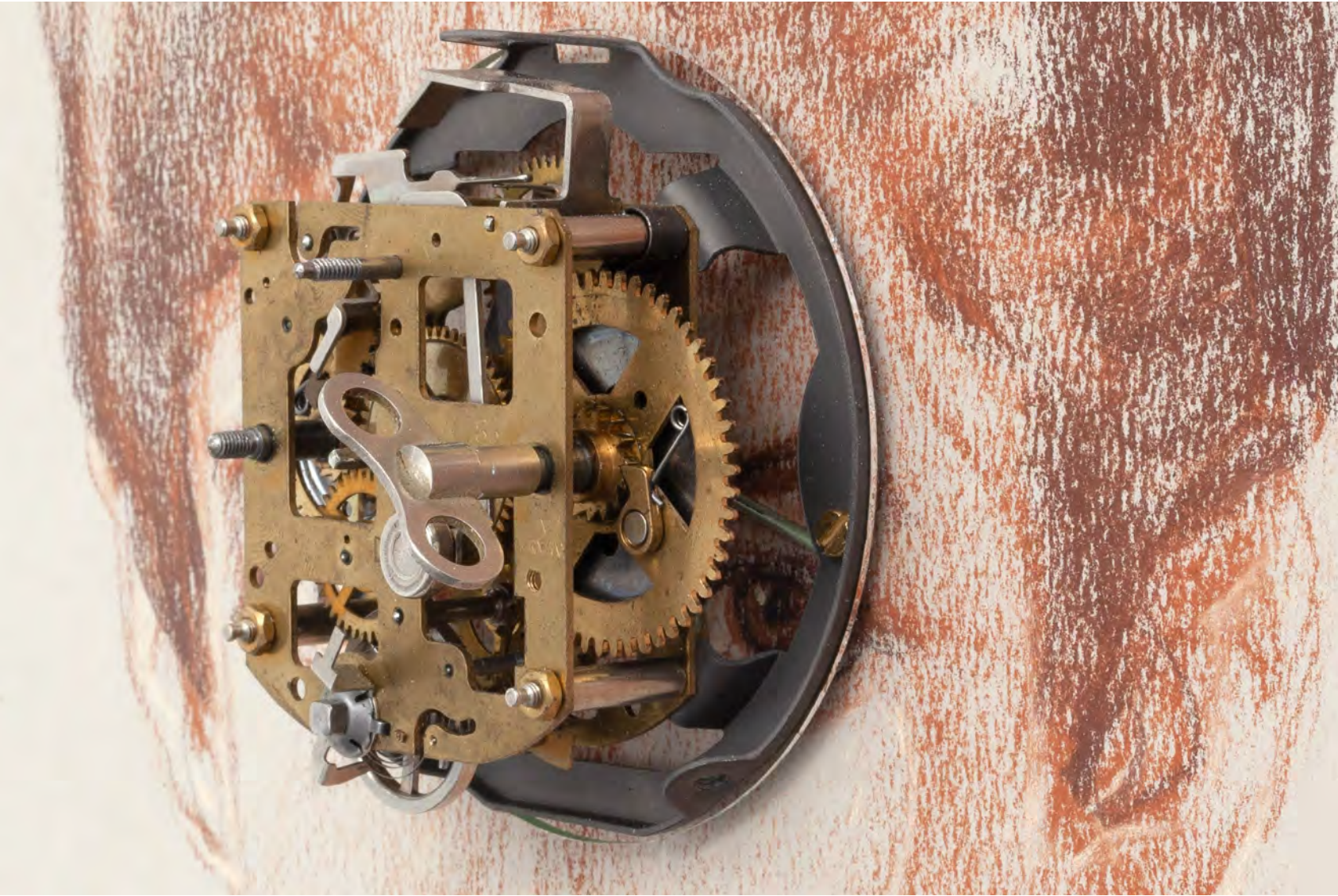


R. Sebastian Schachinger
Gewicht 1, 2023
oak, steel
500 x 40 x 30 cm



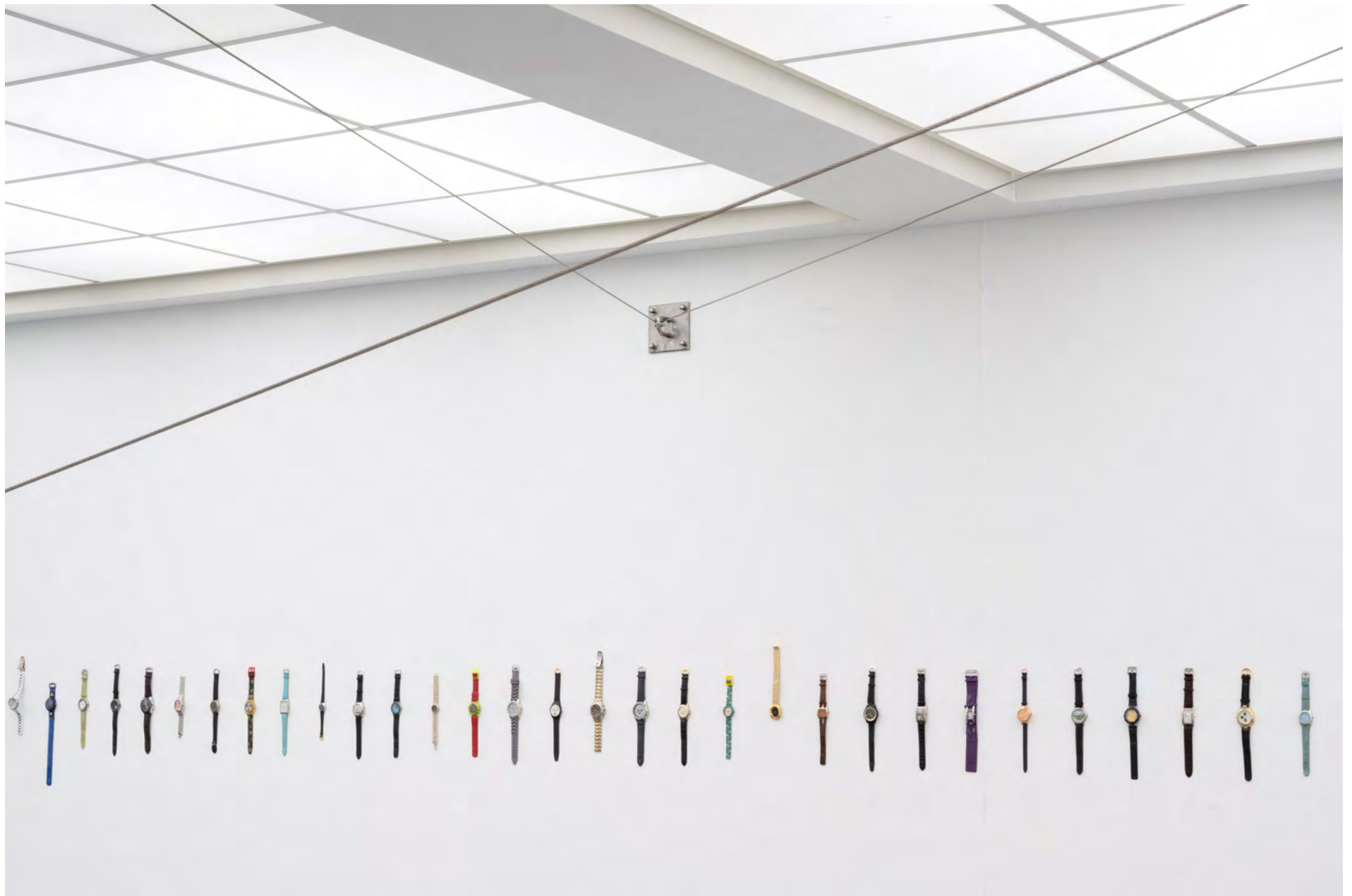


R. Sebastian Schachinger
Selfportrait with clock, 2005 - 2023
archive-proof framed drawing, clockwork
50 x 40 x 10 cm





R. Sebastian Schachinger
720 death swiss, 2023
720 watches stopped in 1 minute intervals
variable size



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R. Sebastian Schachinger
Lovers (Metronom), 2023
oak, steel
130 x 190 x 60 cm



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R. Sebastian Schachinger
Frame for 1, 2021
oak, 2 vinyl copies of "Santana-Moonflower"
400 x 200 x 5 cm



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R. Sebastian Schachinger
Gewicht 2, 2023
sand, boots
100 x 100 x 100 cm



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Sunday 17.9. 1pm

R. Sebastian Schachinger with Laura Chihaia
Klavierimprovisation für den Hobel
30 min



Monday 18.9. 3pm

R. Sebastian Schachinger
Moonflowers
25 min



Tuesday 19.9. 5pm

R. Sebastian Schachinger
Lover
40 min



Thursday 21.9. 9pm

R. Sebastian Schachinger
The Life of Pablo
66 min



Friday 22.9. 11pm

R. Sebastian Schachinger
We wait
40 min



Sunday 24.9. 1am

R. Sebastian Schachinger
Vater unser
25 min



Monday 25.9. 3am

R. Sebastian Schachinger
Anywhere on Earth (Howland)
50 min



Tuesday 26.9. 5am

R. Sebastian Schachinger with Zoe Kraft
Eine gefühlte Stunde
70 min



Wednesday 27.9. 7am

R. Sebastian Schachinger
Vater
25 min



Thursday 28.9. 9am

R. Sebastian Schachinger

Ich will zu Femme d'argent sterbe (also ich will, dass es spielt wenn ich sterbe)
50 min



Friday 29.9. 11am

R. Sebastian Schachinger
Turn the world around
4 h



Saturday 30.9. 1pm

R. Sebastian Schachinger
Just Kids
2 h