

BESEDA

Uvodni besedni prolog k filmu
Čas alikvotnih delcev

Ko se vrtijo črke kot pri loteriji in se ustavijo na besedi kimpež ali perkmandelj in drugih starodavnih besedah, se vsakič odpre tudi ena od kratkih dokumentarnih podob iz arhiva posnetkov z vseh koncov sveta, ki jih hrani slovenski etnografski muzej. Vmes se tu in tam prikaže kader predmetov iz muzejske zbirke. Kot bi se avtor spraševal, kateri od predmetov je pravi?

"Besede" se vrstijo, ponavljajo in izginjajo s podobami vred, kot bi šlo za skrivalnice, kar spodbuja gledalčevu rahločutnost do šelestena pomenov in vsebin. Je nekakšen epigraf in ubesedovanje, ki drobce dokumentarnih posnetkov uglaši tako, da gledalca pripravi na povezanost vsebin filma Čas alikvotnih delcev.

MIHA VIPOTNIK O BESEDAH

WORDS

Word prologue to the film Time of Aliquot Parts

Each time the letters spin like in the lottery and stop on ancient Slovene words such as kimpež or perkmandelj, there appears one of the documentary sequences from the archive of recordings from every part of the world kept by the Slovene Ethnographic Museum. In between, here and there, objects from the museum collections also appear. As if the filmmaker was asking which of the objects is real? 'Words' alternate, repeat and vanish, along with the images, as if playing hide and seek, encouraging the viewer's sensibility towards the rustling of meanings and content. It is a kind of epigraph and articulation, which 'tunes' the fragments of documentary footage so that the viewer is prepared for the film Time of Aliquot Parts.

AVTOR O FILMU
THE AUTHOR ABOUT THE FILM

ČAS ALIKVOTNIH DELCEV

Miha Vipotnik

V filmu ČAS ALIKVOTNIH DELCEV asociativni tok raznoterih kadrov deli estetiko s posebno vizualno antropologijo. Preplet kinematografskih kodov in podkodov, kot da deli celoto brez ostankov in zavrnči pretekli in sedanji čas, med naravo in civilizacijo, med tradicijo in urbano kulturo, med skupnost in posameznika v en sam samcat prelet. Ta v svoji paradigmatični kategoriji izbere prisvoji in uredi posnetke arhiva iz Slovenskega etnografskega muzeja v novo optično in fonološko sled poetičnega prostora spomina. S tem dejanjem avtor filma ne želi oskrnuti originalov. Prav nasprotro. Izrezom filmskih in zvočnih dokumentov želi z igrivimi zasuki, skoki in potrkavanji vdahnuti popolnoma novo življenje. Tisto, ki ga resnični dogodki na originalih ne morejo sanjati. Podobno, kot se etnolog in kurator projekta razstavljanja v prostoru muzeja, se avtorja filma in zvočne kompozicije lotita gmot arhivov in spomina. Odrezkom materialnih, družbenih in duhovnih kultur uredita sidrišče podob v elektroakustičnem ambientu in abstraktni glasbeni kompoziciji. Zatopljena v slišno / vidne podobe iz različnih geografskih okolij se oba ustvarjalca zapleteta v neposreden odnos s filmskim in zvočnim arhivom, da tudi sama postaneta del filma.

TIME OF ALIQUOT PARTS

Miha Vipotnik

In the film TIME OF ALIQUOT PARTS, an associative flow of diverse scenes shares its aesthetics with a special visual anthropology. A complex of cinematographic codes and sub-codes, as if the whole is divided with no remainders and there is a whirlwind of past and present time, between nature and civilisation, between tradition and urban culture, between the community and the individual, combined in a single pass. In its paradigmatic category of choice it appropriates and edits footage from the archive of the Slovene Ethnographic Museum to create a new visual and phonological trace of the poetic space of memory. In doing this, the director of the film has no wish to desecrate originals – on the contrary. The cuts made to film and sound documents, through playful shifts, leaps and strokes, are intended to breath into them completely new life – of which the events on the originals cannot even dream. Just as an ethnologist and curator would approach exhibiting in the museum space, the creators of the film and the sound composition take on the mass of archive and memory. They provide clippings of material, social and spiritual culture with an anchorage of images in an electroacoustic ambience and abstract musical composition. Immersed in seen and heard images from different geographical environments, the creators weave a direct relationship with the film and sound archive, so that they, too, become part of the film.

O AVTORJU FILMA
ABOUT THE FILM AUTHOR

Miha Vipotnik je interdisciplinarni in multimedijski umetnik, slikar in televizijski / filmski režiser. Leta 1976 je diplomiral iz slikarstva in leta 1979 končal podiplomski študij videa in televizije na Akademiji za likovno umetnost v Ljubljani. Med letoma 1987 in 1991 je študiral MFA, Film and Live Action na California Institute of the Arts v Los Angelesu. Od leta 2002 predava o kreativnem videu na ustvarjalnih delavnicah v Mongoliji, na Hrvaškem, v Kirgiziji, Libanonu in Ljubljani. Prav tako poučuje dokumentarni video na Fakulteti za družbene vede v Ljubljani in eksperimentalni film, umetniški video in produkcijo interdisciplinarnih instalacij na Faculté des Beaux-Arts et des Arts appliqués na Univerzi USEK v Libanonu. Miha Vipotnik je avtor številnih interdisciplinarnih projektov in multimedijskih videoinstalacij.

O GLASBI FILMA
ABOUT THE MUSIC FOR THE FILM

SKLADATELJEVE MISLI

Marjan Šijanec

Ustvarjanje glasbe za film ČAS ALIKVOTNIH DELCEV avtorja Mihe Vipotnika je soppadol z mojo prejšnjo skladbo in potjo v razvoju, kjer je zelo izraženo moje novo občutenje zvokov starega sveta. Združevanje elektroakustičnega in konkretnega zvoka sta nekakšen bazalni konglomerat, ki se preko potomcev donedavnih naravnih ljudstev razodeva v sedanjosti ter vpliva na zvočno podobo našega sveta. Prepoznavanje zvokovne aure muzejskih eksponatov iz "navidezno" različnih geografskih ambientov in njihove arhetipske naplavine je bil poseben iziv, kajti bilo jih je treba prevesti v abstrakten glasbeni jezik. V izraznem fokusu sem imel človeka posameznika v vsej njegovi materialni in duhovni navzočnosti v zunanjem in predvsem notranjem svetu. Eksistenza posameznika, naroda, civilizacije; eksistenza SEM, SMO, SO je SVET.

ABOUT THE FILM

SEM – ALREADY 90 YEARS

Majda Širca

If in the field of ethnology you have already been for ninety years an institution that collects, studies, preserves, describes and shows stories of the world, of man, of identity, memories, experiences, customs, people and images of my or your world, it means that you are weaving together the sound of time and space. Like those almost inaudible aliquot tones without which there is neither harmony nor the key shades of the basic tone.

And it is this layering of time and space, culture and nature, image and sound – both laying down and uncovering remembering – that is the key to the film made to mark the 90th anniversary of the Slovene Ethnographic Museum in Ljubljana.

Miha Vipotnik is not some bureaucratic pedagogue who would use this opportunity to put together a film catalogue of timelines with notes from the museum collection and with a fanfare of well-worked facts that have woven the ninety year story. He prefers to create a new "exhibit" which speaks about himself, us and others through the layering and weaving of meanings, memories, associations and connections of known and less known images.

Fragments of our past are laid down apparently by chance, like a lottery and in a way that compels us to supplement what we have seen. Lace becomes a graphic that finds its reflection in the grass, carol singers lean on spirits, a woman's red headscarf dissolves into flowers on a painted chest, an ox pulling a cart is not far from a fičo car, a kurent carnival figure from an African. All this ethnological and anthropological perception of the time that people weave, as if it has been thrown into the centrifuge of a central register, into a database, mixed together and then reassembled, knits together a complete sample of the Slovene cloth.

The film with its structure tells us that our identity is a mere assembly of equal – aliquot – parts without a remainder, which time and space toss around in different orbits, depending on how and when someone fixes them. All these orbits – regardless of whether they are in a village, a stable, a skyscraper, Africa, on a dirt road, grass, asphalt – are our mental, experiential, material and spiritual world, which leaves fatal traces within us. In fact, more than that: it is because of them that we are what we are. Of course, in between we forget, push aside, overlook and are usually not even aware.

The film TIME OF ALIQUOT PARTS exercises our recall and at the same time fills our forgetting – especially in the word prologue, when a sequence of often obsolete or archaic Slovene words brenta, pranger, kimpež, remenka, jerbas, trnič, preslica, ponk, nečke, koledniki, navček, perkmandelj, čupa, limanice, ošpetelj, teslir, pindekelček, čelešnik, šege, lojternik tells us that in a relatively short time the mental Delete key has been activated and in an even shorter time the Insert key. But there is no need for regret here, for this sloughing off is in harmony with life, with change and travelling through time. It is crucial that on this unpaved-paved road we are aware that time is simply worth remembering. Especially if it is evoked by images that need to be peeled away like an onion. Miha Vipotnik's message is that with watery eyes pictures seem more valiant and meaningful.