

**TITLE OF WORK:** Runscape

**ARTIST:** Map Office

**YEAR PRODUCED:** 2010

**MEDIUM:** Full HD (Canon EOS 5D Mark II), BETA SP – PAL 16/9 – STEREO

**DURATION:** 24 min 18 sec

*Runscape* is a film that depicts two young males sprinting through the public spaces of Hong Kong, almost invariably via the visual mode of the long shot, while a narrator describes this action through the rhetoric of post-structuralist urban theory. This narration makes repeated reference to a range of texts from the psychogeographical *dérive* of urbanism in Guy Debord and the Situationists to the biopolitical machines of Gilles Deleuze to the literary styles of Jean-Luc Nancy. The runners both follow existing paths and establish new ones, moving in straight lines through crowds and across rooftops while also using exterior walls as springboards for less-likely forms of motion. This is, however, far from parkour; it is a much more purposeful action that claims a certain territory or at least trajectory described within the narration through the image of the body as a “bullet that needs no gun.” A soundtrack contributed by Hong Kong rock band A Roller Control complements this aesthetic violence, guiding the eye and ear of the viewer across this novel interpretation of the definition and uses of public space. In this action, invisible facades are constructed across a grid that spans the area between the codified signs of polished facades, an open-ended and performative notion of being-in-transit. (Robin Peckham)

*Runscape* was shown along with *Viral Project* (2003) at MOMENTUM’s exhibition during Berlin’s 2011 Gallery Weekend. In collaboration with the gallery, MAP OFFICE returned to Berlin the following year to gather footage for “Runscape Berlin” (still in production). Donated after this initial exhibition, “Runscape” and MAP OFFICE’s other works exemplify MOMENTUM’s mission to exhibit and promote interdisciplinary time-based art on an

## **ARTIST'S CV**

MAP OFFICE is a multidisciplinary platform devised by Laurent Gutierrez (b. Casablanca, 1966) and Valérie Portefaix (b. Saint-Etienne, 1969). This duo of artists/architects has been based in Hong Kong since 1996, working on physical and imaginary territories using varied means of expression that includes drawing, photographs, video, installations, performance and literary and theoretical texts. Their entire project forms a critique of spatio-temporal anomalies and documents how human beings subvert and appropriate space.

Laurent Gutierrez is an Associate Professor at the School of Design, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, where he leads the Environment and Interior Design discipline and the Master of Strategic Design as well as the Master in Urban Environments Design. He is also the co-director of SD SPACE LAB. Gutierrez is currently finishing a PhD on the "Processes of Modernization and Urbanization in China focusing on the Pearl River Delta region."

Valérie Portefaix is the principal of MAP OFFICE. She received her Master of Architecture degree from the School of Architecture Paris-Belleville and a PhD in Urbanism from the Pierre Mendès University France. She is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at the School of Design, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Their projects have been included in major international art and architecture events, including: the 7th, 11th and 12th Venice Architecture Biennale (2000, 2008, 2010), the 7th Gwangju Biennale (2008), the 10th Istanbul Biennale (2007), the 15th Sydney Biennale (2006), and the 52nd Venice Art Biennale (2007).

### **SOLO EXHIBITION (SELECTION)**

#### **2010 RUNSCAPE**

Mix media installation, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

#### **The Chinese Box**

Retrospective, curated by Emilia Giorgi and Anne Palopoli, Exhibition designed by lan+, Officine Farneto, FONDAZIONE VOLUME!, Rome, Italy

#### **Moving Sideways**

Mix media installation, curated by Joseph Ng, Tang Gallery, Hong Kong

**2009 NO LAB on Tour #3**

in collaboration with Cao Fei, Scad Atlanta, Gallery ACA, Atlanta, Georgia USA

**Desert Islands**

Mixed media installation, Goethe Institute HK, Hong Kong

**NO LAB on Tour #2**

in collaboration with Cao Fei, Scad Savannah, Gallery Pei Ling Chan, Savannah, Georgia USA

**NO LAB on Tour #1**

in collaboration with Cao Fei, Scad Lacoste, Galerie Pfriem, Lacoste, France

**2008 J'aime l'argent\* (\*I Love Money)**

Mixed media installation, Goethe Institute HK, Hong Kong

**2007 Extended Territory**

Mixed media installation, Goethe Institute HK, Hong Kong

**2006 Plan B**

Mixed media installation, Timezone 8 Gallery, Beijing, China

**2004 Territories**

Mixed media installation, Para/site Art Space, Hong Kong

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)**

**2010 Underwear**

12th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition - Quotidian Architecture, Installation in the Hong Kong Pavilion, Curated by Juan Du, Venice, Italy

**FAX**

Print, Curated by Alvaro Rodriguez Fuminaya, Para/site Art Space, Hong Kong

**Black Twister**

Print in Contemplating the void, curated by Nancy Spector and David van der Leer, Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA

**PIXEL scroll**

Print in Ming Modern, curated by Larry Wayne Richards,  
Workshop Gallery, Toronto, Canada

**Simply Enjoy the Scenery**

Installation in Grid versus Chaos, Curated by Alvaro Rodriguez Fuminaya,  
Gallery Ver, Bangkok, Thailand

**2009 Unreal Estates of China - Poster in Post-it City**

Curated by Marti Peran, Centro De Cultura De Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Wills of Harmoney**

Mix media installation curated by Claire Louise Staunton, Inheritance  
Shenzhen, in Permanent Migrants, Shenzhen, China

**Bloody Haze**

Sculpture in BYOB curated by Marisa Yu, Kowloon West Cultural District,  
2nd Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale, Hong Kong

**Rural Masses**

curated by Stealth. Unlimited, T.I.C.A.B - Tirana International Contemporary  
Art Biannual, Tirana, Albania

**TriO - La nuit desenchantée**

Firework and burning structure, curated by Didier Faustino, EVENTO 2009 -  
First Bordeaux Biennial, Bordeaux, France

**NO-STOP Island**

Mixed media installation, curated by Alvaro Rodriguez Fuminaya, Second  
Biennial of the Canary Islands - Architecture, Art and  
Landscape, Espacio Cultural El Tanque, Tenerife, Spain

**2008 NO LAB**

Mixed media installation, in collaboration with Cao Fei, curated by  
Dan Cameron, Center for Contemporary Art (CCA), Prospect 1 - 1st New

Orleans Biennale, New Orleans, USA

**Underneath**

Installation in the Italian Pavilion, curated by Aaron Betsky and Emiliano  
Gandolfi, 11th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition - Out  
There Architecture Beyond Building, Venice, Italy

**Final Battle**

Performance curated by Claire Tancons POSITION PAPER, 7th Gwangju  
Biennale - Annual Report: A Year In Exhibitions, Gwangju, Korea,

### **Third Landscape**

In situ installation curated by Maurizio Bortolotti, Platform Paradise, Ein Hawd, Israel

### **Death with Objects**

Performance curated by Stefano Mirti (NABA), Milan Salone Del Mobile, Milan, Italy

### **The Parrot's Tale: Venice in Hong Kong**

Mixed media installation curated by Norman Ford, Osage Foundation, Hong Kong, China

### **Unreal Estates of China**

Poster in Post-it City, Curated by Marti Peran, Centre de Cultura Contemporària de Barcelona (CCCB), Barcelona, Spain

### **Re-mapping HK**

Installation in refabricating city curated by Wang Weijen, 1st Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism / Architecture, Former Police Headquarter, Hong Kong

## **2007 Unreal Estates of China**

Installation in City of Expiration and Regeneration curated by Ma Qingyun, OCT, 2nd Shenzhen & Hong Kong Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism / Architecture, Shenzhen, China

### **PIXEL**

Drawings in Urban New Spectacle curated by Philip Fung, Chongqing Planning Exhibition Museum, 2nd Shenzhen & Hong Kong Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism / Architecture, Chongqing, China

### **Cities of Production: A Fantastic Opportunity to Experiment with Positive Capitalism**

Installation in Not only possible, but also necessary: optimism in the age of global war, curated by Hou Hanru, World Factory, IMC, 10th International Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul, Turkey

### **Moving "Personal Island" from Hong Kong to China**

Installation in Reversing Horizons, curated by Chang Tsong-zung & Gao Shiming, Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA) Shanghai, Shanghai, China

### **Lean Planning: LEGO city**

Model for Building Asia Brick by Brick, organized by People's Architecture and Art Asia Pacific, Get It Louder, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Beijing

**Concrete Jungle and The Parrot's Tale**

Outdoor installation in Star Fairy, Hong Kong in Venice, Collateral Events, curated by Norman Ford, 52nd Venice Biennale International Art Exhibition - Think With the Senses, Venice, Italy

**Cartes Postales de Chine**

Postcard in Airs de Paris, curated by Valérie Guillaume, Centre National d'Art et de Culture Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

**Territories**

Installation in Pearl River City, curated by Tobias Berger, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC) Vilnius, Vilnius, Lithuania

**Cities of Production**

Video Installation in World Factory, curated by Hou Hanru, Mc Bean Gallery, San Francisco Art Institute (SFAI), San Francisco, USA

**Whose Values?**

Poster in Fotan Art Space, curated by Tobias Berger, Para/site Art Space, Hong Kong

**2006 Underneath**

Video installation in Talking Cities, curated by Francesca Ferguson, Entry 2006, Zollverein Coking Plant, Essen, Germany

**PIXEL: Wish space and other minute areas of illumination**

Mixed media installation in Zones of Contact, curated by Charles Merewether, Biennale of Sydney 2006, Museum of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

**Underneath**

Photo installation in 2006 recent acquisition, curated by Jean Louis Mauban, Institut d'Art Contemporain de Villeurbanne (ICA), Villeurbanne, France

**City of Production | City of Consumption**

Video installation in China Contemporary, curated by Linda Vlassenrood, Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAI), Rotterdam, The Netherlands

**Territories**

Installation in Pearl River City, curated by Tobias Berger, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland

**PRD Stories**

Video Installation in Through Popular Expression, curated by Hu Fang, Birmingham Institute of Art & Design (BIAD), Birmingham, UK

### **MAP OFFICE**

Projects in Wonderland, Young architecture from Europe, Architekturzentrum Wien Vienna, Austria

### **Back Home**

Mixed media installation at le Grand Palais, curated by Hou Hanru, La Triennale de Paris - La Force de l'Art, Paris

### **Homes for China**

Print in Through Popular Expression, curated by Hu Fang, Sittard, Museum Het Domein Sittard, The Netherlands

## **2005 Underneath**

Mixed media installation in Future for Cities, curated by Jean Louis Mauban, Nancy 2005, Le Temps des Lumieres, Site Alstom, Nancy

### **Homes at Junk Bay**

Photo installation curated by Warren Leung Chi Ho, Substation Art Space Singapore

### **My PRD Stories**

Mixed media installation in Beyond, curated by Hou Hanru and Hans Ulrich Obrist, The Second Guangzhou Triennial, Guangdong Museum of Contemporary Art, Guangzhou, China

### **Salons des Refusés**

Planning proposal for Kowloon West Cultural District, City Fringe Festival, Fringe Club, Hong Kong

## **2004 Peeping Gary**

Video installation for Hong Kong Pavilion, First Beijing Architecture Biennale, UHN, Beijing, China

### **My Chinese family**

Mixed media installation, curated by Norman Ford, Fringe Gallery, Hong Kong

### **China Metropolis: Double face**

Mixed media installation in NORD SOUTH - EAST WEST, curated by Michel Jacques, Centre d'Architecture Arc en Reve, Bordeaux, France

### **SOHO**

Photo installation, Art Statement Gallery, Hong Kong

### **Trading Spaces**

Video installation in collaboration with Norman Ford, City Fringe Festival, Map Gallery, Hong Kong

**2003 PRD: Lean Planning, Thin Pattern**

Mixed media installation in Mobility, curated by Francine Houben, First International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam (IABR), Netherlands  
Architecture Institute (NAI), Rotterdam, The Netherlands

**2001 Making Private**

Installation in Social Space, curated by Warren Leung Chi Ho, Para/site Art Space, Hong Kong

**Homes for China**

Prints, Berlin Congress Centrum, Union for International Architect (UIA)  
Congress Berlin, Berlin, Germany **One Square meter**

Mixed media installation in Landscape, curated by Young Hay, Hong Kong City Festival, Hong Kong Cultural Center, Hong Kong

**2000 Mapping Hong Kong**

EXPO ON LINE, curated by Massimiliano Fuksas, 7th Venice Biennale  
International Architecture Exhibition - Less Aesthetics, More Ethics,  
Venice, Italy

**1999 Mapping Hong Kong**

in Faculty exhibition, Hui's Gallery, The Chinese University of Hong Kong,  
Hong Kong

**FILM FESTIVALS / VIDEO SCREENING**

**2010 NO STOP Island**

7 mn video in This is Hong Kong, curated by Alvaro Rodriguez Fuminaya,  
Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan

**2009 City of Production**

52 mn film presentation for Case Study China, Asia Pacific Weeks Berlin 09,  
Berlin, Germany

**NO STOP Island**

7 mn video in This is Hong Kong, curated by Alvaro Rodriguez Fuminaya, Loop  
Festival 09, Casa Asia, Barcelona, Spain

**City of Production**

52 mn film in Selection for International competition, Migrating Forms  
Anthology Film Archives, New York, USA



**City of Production**

52 mn film in Selection for International competition, Cinema du Reel 2009, Pompidou Centre, BPI, Paris, France

**City of Production**

52 mn film in Selection for International competition, Rotterdam International Film Festival 2009 Rotterdam, The Netherlands

**2008 City of Production**

52 mn film screening on demand, 10th Rencontres Internationales Paris Madrid Berlin, Paris, France

**2006 PRD Stories**

20 mn video curated by Hu Fang, Singapore Biennale 2006, Singapore

**2005 Peeping Gary's Apartment**

14 mn video, curated by Mario Brizzi, Image 05, Ospedale degli Innocenti, Firenze, Italy

**PRD Stories**

20 mn video curated by Hu Fang, Guangzhou Photo Biennale 2005, Guangdong Museum of Contemporary Art, Guangzhou, China

**2003 Viral Operations**

7 mn video in Border Devices, curated by Multiplicity, 50th Venice Biennale International Art Exhibition - Utopia Station, Venice, Italy

**PUBLICATIONS / REVIEWS / FEATURE WORK**

**2009 Art Asia Pacific Almanac 2009**

Hong Kong, Review by AAP editors, Volume 4, English, pp.165-171

**Artforum**

2008 Gwangju Biennale, Review by Philip Tinari, Issue 5, January 2009, English, pp.199-201

**2008 Art in America 11**

Gwangju Biennale, Review by Eleanor Heartney, December 08, English, pp.94

**Art Asia Pacific Almanac 2008**

Hong Kong, Review by AAP editors, Volume 3, English, pp.173-177

**2007 Visual Production**

Preview of the 52nd Venice Biennale Hong Kong Pavilion, Interview with Norman Ford, Volume 1-2 / 2007, English, pp.206-207

**Perspective**

Brick Work, August 2007, English, pp.36

**Art Asia Pacific Almanac 2007**

Hong Kong - Review by AAP editors, Volume 2, English, pp.139-143

**2006 Hinge 135**

Laurent Gutierrez, Interview by James Saywell, October 2006, English, pp.16-18

**Yishu - Journal of Contemporary Chinese Art**

Through Popular Expression, International Project Space, Birmingham, United Kingdom. Review by Sally Lai, Summer Issue, June 2006, English, pp.81-84

**Yishu - Journal of Contemporary Chinese Art**

Interview With Hou Hanru, Review by Alice Ming Wai Jim, Spring Issue, March 2006, English, pp.71-78

**2005 Abitare 450**

Hong Kong issue, West Kowloon Cultural District Competition, English, pp.161, May 2005

**Yishu - Journal of Contemporary Chinese Art**

Do “(Hong Kong) Chinese “ artist dream of Electric Sheep? - Essay by Norman Ford, Winter Issue, December 2005, English, pp.29-40

**2004 L'Architecture d'aujourd'hui 352**

Yung Ho Chang / Atelier Feichang Jiangzhu, Book review by Corinne Tiry. Paris, Jean Michel Place, May/June 2004. French, pp.6-7

**Hinge 112**

Book Binding, Review by Anna Koor, July 2004. English, pp.46

**2000 Hinge 69**

City Limit - Review of the 7th Venice Biennale International Architecture exhibition, Mapping HK, June 2000. English, pp.67

**1999 Hinge 55**

Pre Faculty X Hibit, Review by Ackbar Abbas, April 1999. English, pp.32-34



**1998 Hinge 43**

Designing Hong Kong, May 1998. English, pp.33

**PUBLIC COLLECTION**

**FRAC**, Rhône-Alpes Lyon, France

**UCCA**, Beijing