# Al more than human

**Barbican Immersive** 

## **Exhibition overview**

Al: More than Human tells the rapidly developing story of Al, from its extraordinary ancient roots in Japanese Shintoism and Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage's early experiments in computing, to Al's major developmental leaps from the 1940s to the present day to show how an age-old dream of creating intelligence has already become today's reality. Incorporating a broad range of digital media and immersive art installations Ai: More than Human gives visitors the chance to interact directly with exhibits to experience Al's capabilities first-hand.

The exhibition was Guest Curated by Suzanne Livingston and Maholo Uchida, who were supported by a group of specialist advisors including Ramon Amaro (Goldsmiths University), Paola Antonelli (MoMA), Hiroshi Ishiguro (Intelligent Robotics Laboratory, Osaka), Kenric McDowell (Google Research), Prof Murray Shanahan (Imperial College, University of London) and Anders Sandberg (Future of Humanity Institute, Oxford University).

The co-production partner was Forum Groningen.



The exhibition presents commissions and projects by, artists, researchers and scientists including:

Memo Akten, Joy Buolamwini, Certain Measures (Andrew Witt & Tobias Nolte), Es Devlin, Justine Emard, Alexandra Daisy Ginsberg, Stefan Hurtig & Detlef Weitz, Mario Klingemann, Kode 9, Lawrence Lek, Daito Manabe & Yukiyasu Kamitani, Massive Attack & Mick Grierson, Lauren McCarthy, Yoichi Ochiai, Neri Oxman, Qosmo, Anna **Ridler, Chris Salter in collaboration with** Sofian Audry, Takashi Ikegami, Alexandre Saunier and Thomas Spier , Sam Twidale and Marija Avramovic, Yuri Suzuki, and Universal **Everything.** 

AI: More than Human also includes some of the most prominent and cutting-edge research projects, from:

DeepMind, Jigsaw, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Computer **Science Artificial Intelligence** Laboratory (MIT CSAIL), IBM, Sony **Computer Science Laboratories,** Google Arts and Culture, Google PAIR, Affectiva, Lichtman Lab at Harvard, Eyewire, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Wyss Institute and Emulate Inc.



The narrative is explored through four sections and a series of commissions and installations

- The Dream of AI
- Mind Machines
- Data Worlds
- Endless Evolution



The Dream of Al



People have always been intrigued by the artificial creation of living beings, whether through magic, science, religion or illusion.

This interest has expressed itself differently across civilisations, from the religious traditions of Shintoism and Judaism to the science of Arabic alchemy, ideas of the Gothic and early developments in mathematics.

By giving life to non-living things, people have explored their place in the world — sometimes feeling powerful, and sometimes feeling fearful of a world they can't control.

This belief inspired attempts to create human-like figures with special abilities and to develop systems of intelligence that extend the mind. These two dimensions have driven the project of artificial intelligence to where it is today.



*AE/MAETH* Stefan Hurtig and Detlef Weitz









**Mind Machines** 

Installation view Forum Groningen

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The ancient desire to recreate the workings of the brain through technology gained momentum in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The early belief was that rational thought could be systematised and turned into formulaic rules. In the 1940s, this classic approach was transformed by the desire to not just decode the brain but mimic its workings.

By copying the behaviour of the brain's own neurons, it was possible to develop the first 'neural network'. Neural networks are computer programmes which self-improve over time. During the data explosion of the 2000s, they evolved to become the machine learning and deep learning that we know today.

Technology that is able to teach itself can endlessly surprise us with its apparent creativity and its ability to see, hear and move.





*SoFi* Daniela Rus and MIT CSAIL

*Atilla* Mobot Lab, MIT Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

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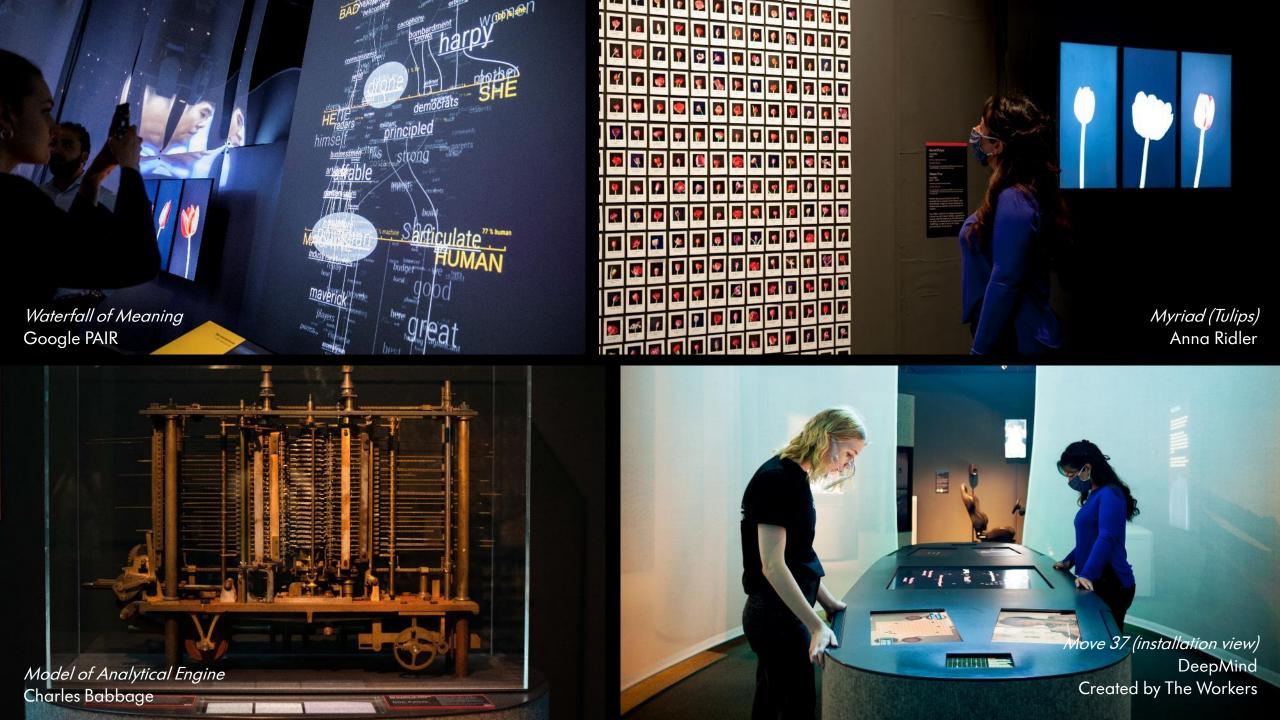


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Sander van Dijk, Marcus Scheunemann and Daniel Polani of Bold Hearts Robocup team



*Jeopardy! vs. IBM Watson* IBM DeepDream: The Artificial Pareidolia Alexander Mordvintsev



Data Worlds





Today, AI is used all around us, all the time, shaping our lives in public and private space, through the media we consume and the products we buy.

While we might be aware of some of AI's manifestations, others are out of sight, entwined in global systems so complex that they are impossible to fully understand.

Data Worlds brings the reality of AI up close, by surfacing its hidden workings and opening up a future that is often exciting and sometimes disturbing.

This increasing proximity of AI raises ethical questions. Will our prejudices be amplified by the technologies we create? Who will be accountable for mistakes? How will AI affect privacy, freedom and truth?



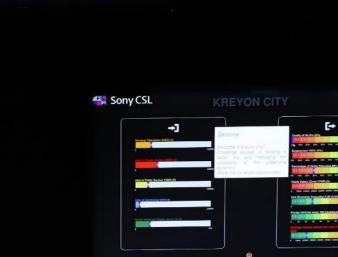
*Learning to See* Memo Akten



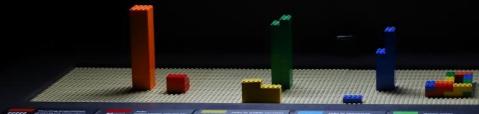
*Emotion recognition technology* Affectiva Gender Shades and Mask Joy Buolamwini Sony CSL

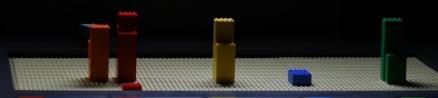
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**Endless Evolution** 

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As Al infiltrates our lives it merges with other scientific and artisic disciplines, this means that no area of life is untouched.

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> Installation view Guangdong Science Center

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*Synthetic Apiary* Neri Oxman and The Mediated Matter Group

*Perspective of Digital Nature* Yoichi Ochiai



*Mezzanine vs. MAGNet* Mick Grierson and Rob Del Naja *Europa Mission* MIT, NASA, Schmidt Oceanographic Institute and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

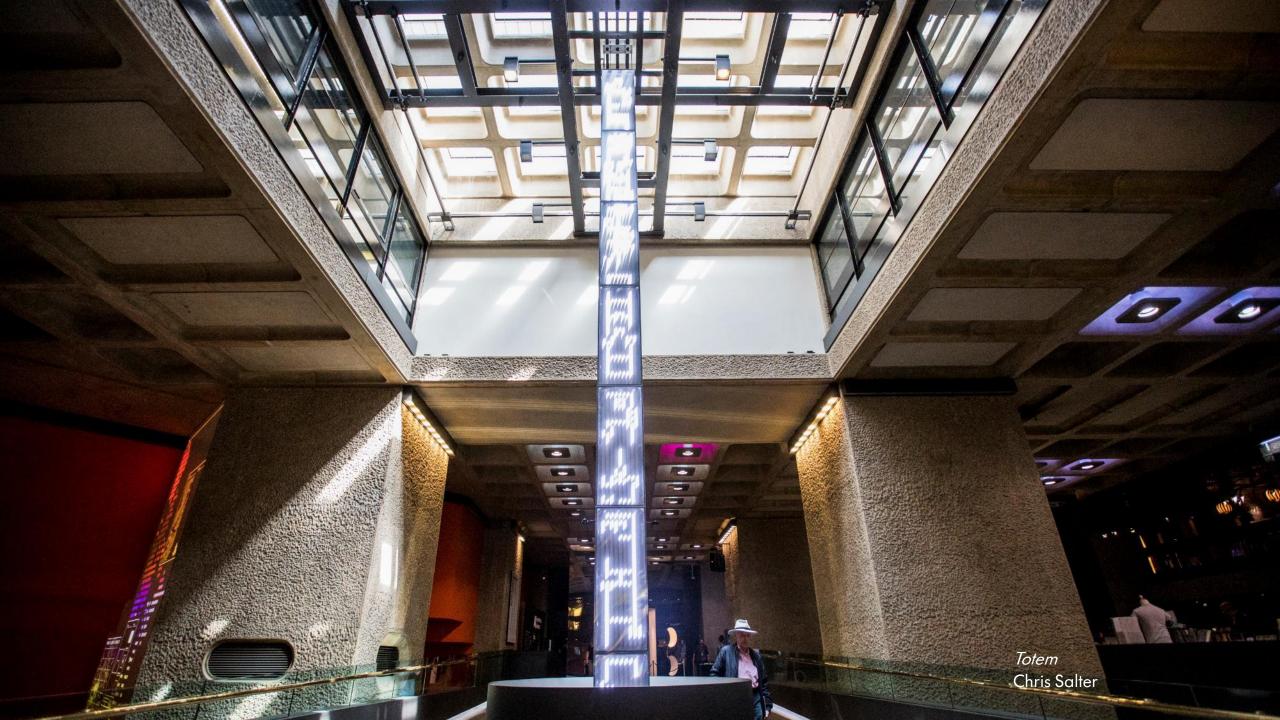


# Selected Commissions and Installations

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With a focus on contemporary culture, emerging technology and digital creativity. Barbican Immersive create holistic environments in which contemporary art, immersive experiences, historical artefacts, design, music and videogaming can provide the platform for a creative exploration of essential narratives.

# Presented by Barbican Immersive

Universal Everything - Future You ©ILUX Visual Technologies BIE has been to **54** venues across **27** countries and still growing Worldwide **Over 6,407,216 visitors** have visited a BIE exhibition





## Game On

13 venues11 countries2,366,839 visitors

## Watch Me Move

venues
countries
685,469 visitors

## Digital Revolution

7 venues6 countries616,801 visitors

Into the Unknown

4 venues 4 countries

166,712 visitors

## **Designing 007**

9 venues10 countries511,317 visitors

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- Tetsuya Mizuguchi
- Chris Milk
- Es Devlin
- teamLab
- Marshmallow Laser Feast
- Rhizomatiks
- Will.i.am
- Conrad Shawcross
- Hideo Kojima

- Larissa Sansour
- Trevor Paglen
- Isaac Julien
- Massive Attack
- east Neri Oxman
  - Joy Buolamwini
  - Takeshi Murakami
  - Jenova Chen

## A selection of previous artists and collaborators

AI: More than Human, installation photo ©Robin Alysha, Forum Groningen, Netherland

## 1 teamLab

What a Loving, and Beautiful World Al: More than Human, Barbican Centre 16 May - 26 August 2019

2 Takashi Murakami Big Box Pko2

> Mangasia, Palazzo delle Esposizioni 7 Oct 2017 - 20 Jan 2018

3 Chris Milk Treachery of Sanctuary Digital Revolution, WF Central 16 Jan - 20 May 2019

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Virtual Realms, ArtScience Museum 12 Jun 2021 - 9 Jan 2022

# A selection of previous artists and collaborators



## A selection of previous Venue Partners

- Miraikan, Japan
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- Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Brazil
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- 10,00,000+ tickets sold last year
- 3,835+ events across all art forms every year
- 4,310 + artists from 58 nations
- 20,00,000+ estimated visitors
- 4,100,000 million unique website visitors
- 2 million+ social media followers
- 40,000 people reached through creative learning programmes

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