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***T 2018 je t'aime***

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List of works

All 2018

*Stack of double sided printed photographs*  
A4 paper, red: C:13 M:99 Y:67 K:1

T could stand for many things. My name compressed, also time, tea, testosterone and so on. I like to think that three fingers of T get me seeing through time.

Je t'aime means I love you in French, which brings me to Paris, the Eiffel tower, and so on – places I don't know very well. Here T stands for You, the most mystical of pronouns.<sup>1</sup> You call the past a place and next a storm broke in my mind.<sup>2</sup> Make sense of that.

I was thinking - je t'aime is from now on l'amour toujours. Both more abstract and pointing to music. I could drop this here for now and return to it in 40 – 6 + n days. Also, "I always tell myself to never speak again" from now would be "Could I really never speak again?" I'll consider it and could begin in any number of days now.

Meanwhile, the next day, it takes Mercury about 88 Earth days to orbit around the Sun (a year) and 59 Earth days to spin once around its axis (a day). But if we consider a day to be the time between two sunrises, it takes 176 Earth days for the Sun to rise, set and reappear in the same place in the sky on Mercury. In which case a day lasts more than two years.

*Much is communicated, very little understood and even less utilized*

Paper, oil paint, steel, epoxy, 260 x 120 x 45 cm

*Flower glass*

Paper, pencil, glass, hardware, 71 x 110 x 45 cm

*All I know is that we should have a problem with photography*

Moving image, plaster, 16 min., loop

*Virusflowerclock*

Carved plaster, 35 x 35 x 5 cm

This is a diagram of a retrovirus; a type of virus that carries RNA instead of DNA. In case of most viruses, as it infects a host cell, its DNA is transcribed into RNA (a type of inverse messenger<sup>3</sup>), which codes into amino acids that build protein. Retroviruses on the other hand don't carry DNA, but rather deliver RNA (the negative) into a host cell. With a reverse transcriptase enzyme, DNA (the positive) is produced and then incorporated into the host cell's DNA, which will thereafter reproduce the retroviral genes as part of its own living function. So the information contained in a retroviral gene generates protein via the sequence RNA → DNA → RNA → protein, like an egg which produces a new egg, which will then reproduce infinite eggs.

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<sup>1</sup> "What hole in the sky or the ground did you, the most mystical of the pronouns, fall or crawl out of?" Hannah Black, "Written in Parallel with Shug Avery's kiss", Recess Art

<sup>2</sup> I heard or read a version of this somewhere – I don't remember where. Ever since, it's stuck in my mind, popping up occasionally, attaching itself to other sentences, insisting its asinificance. First it didn't make sense, then it started to.

<sup>3</sup> RNA isn't exactly a mirror opposite of a single strand of DNA. There are structural differences making RNA more more susceptible to mutation and copying errors. Another difference is that DNA is made up from the four nitrogen bases A (Adenine), T (Thymine), C (Cytosine) and G (Guanine). In RNA, U (Uracil) replaces T.

