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Showcase Premier: Cyborg Drummers at Pioneers '19

Vienna – A drumming cyborg activist will be joining the Pioneers flagship event in Vienna for the first time. Visitors to the Hofburg on May 9th-10th will be able to enjoy Catalan avant-garde artist and Cyborg Foundation Co-Founder Moon Ribas giving a rendition of her ‘Seismic Percussion’ using her body implant to drum out the earth’s tremors in real time.

As Ribas will explain in her talk, what makes this display of drumming unique is that the rhythm is composed by Planet Earth. To put that a little more clearly, Ribas will be hammering out the seismic vibrations she’ll feel in her feet. That’s where the tech comes in: **she’ll pick up the earth’s tremors from the online seismic sensor she has implanted in her body.**

This device, which Ribas developed, is called Seismic Sense. It allows her to perceive the earthquakes taking place anywhere on the planet in that moment. She can translate this not only into drumming, but into dance as well.

Showing the potential of technology when integrated with the human body goes hand in hand with our event narrative, which will take the form of a technological walk through human life.

Not only is Ribas a drummer and dancer, but has also been coined cyborg activist. In 2010 Ribas co-founded the Cyborg Foundation, an international organisation that aims to help people become cyborgs, defend cyborg rights and promote cyborg art. In 2017 Ribas also co-founded the Transpecies Society, an association that gives voice to non-human identities, defends the freedom of self-design and offers the creation of new senses and new organs.

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