

# ANTONI ABAD

MEGAFONE.NET/2004–2014



Alexandre, mensajero participante del proyecto canal "MOTOBOT", São Paulo 2007–2014

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megafone.net, es un altavoz comunicativo dirigido a grupos sociales que las estructuras dominantes han situado en los márgenes de la sociedad: personas con diversidad funcional, inmigrantes ilegales, refugiados políticos, comunidades desplazadas, trabajadoras sexuales, y sectores profesionales como taxistas y mensajeros motoristas. A través de reuniones presenciales, apoyándose en aplicaciones móviles desarrolladas a medida, Abad promueve que estos colectivos creen sus propios registros de sonido, texto, fotografía o vídeo, y puedan publicarlos de forma inmediata en la web. Con ello, la obra deviene una especie de megáfono digital –de ahí su nombre– que amplifica los testimonios de estas comunidades a menudo ignoradas o desfiguradas por los medios de comunicación hegemónicos, así como por los estereotipos que suelen estigmatizarlas. Durante sus primeros diez años de actividad, megafone.net ha explorado contextos urbanos tan distintos como los de México D.F., Lleida, Ginebra, São Paulo, Tinduf (Argelia), Montreal y Manizales (Colombia). It has also addressed groups such as young gypsies (León), sex workers (Madrid), Nicaraguan immigrants (San José, Costa Rica), people with visual impairments (Barcelona) and Latin American and Asian immigrants (New York), among others. The exhibition at Matadero Madrid gathers an extensive range of documentation relating to the thirteen topics addressed in megafone.net, presenting it as an interactive audiovisual installation. The material compiled includes randomly selected projections of the audiovisual work published by the participants on the web; tablets with internet access for online consultation of each project; portraits of the people and groups involved; and three documentaries, made by Glòria Martí, compiling the testimonies of each project.

**ANTONI ABAD** (Lleida, 1956) licenciado en Historia del Arte por la Universidad de Barcelona y European Media Master por la Universidad Pompeu Fabra de Barcelona. Ha participado en las bienales de Venecia, Iberoamericana de Lima, Sevilla, Mercosul/Porto Alegre, FotoMASP/São Paulo and Curitiba. His projects have been presented at MACBA in Barcelona; MNCARS in Madrid; MAMBA in Buenos Aires; ZKM in Karlsruhe; MUSAC in León; New Museum of Contemporary Art and MoMA PS1 in New York; Hamburger Bahnhof in Berlin; Centro Cultural de España in Mexico City; La Panera in Lleida; La Casa Encendida in Madrid; Centre d'Art Santa Mònica and Fundació Joan Miró in Barcelona; Laboral in Gijón; Fundación TEOR/éTica in San José, Costa Rica; Centro Cultural in São Paulo; Centre d'Art Contemporain in Geneva; Concordia University in Montreal; Fundación Botín in Santander; and Laboratorio de Arte Alameda in Mexico City, among other venues. He has been awarded the Premi Ciutat de Barcelona (1998 and 2003); the Premio Nacional d'Arts Visuales de la Generalitat de Catalunya (2006) and the Prix Ars Electronica Digital Communities Golden Nica in Linz (2006) among others.

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De martes a viernes, de 16 a 22 h

Sábados, domingos y festivos, de 11 a 22 h

Entrada gratuita

megafone.net, is a communicative speaker addressed to social groups pushed to the margins of society by the dominant structures that be: people with limited mobility, illegal immigrants, political refugees, displaced communities, sex workers, and professionals such as taxi drivers and motorcycle couriers. Through face-to-face meetings and drawing on custom-made mobile and web applications, Abad fosters the creation, by these groups, of their own sound recordings, text, photo and video that are immediately uploaded to the web. With this, the work becomes a sort of digital megaphone –hence its name- that amplifies the testimony of these communities often ignored or misrepresented by the mass media, as well as stigmatised by stereotypes. Over these first ten years, megafone.net has explored urban contexts as diverse as Mexico City, Lleida, Geneva, São Paulo, Tinduf (Algeria), Montreal and Manizales (Colombia). It has also addressed groups such as young gypsies (León), sex workers (Madrid), Nicaraguan immigrants (San José, Costa Rica), people with visual impairments (Barcelona) and Latin American and Asian immigrants (New York), among others. The exhibition at Matadero Madrid gathers an extensive range of documentation relating to the thirteen topics addressed in megafone.net, presenting it as an interactive audiovisual installation. The material compiled includes randomly selected projections of the audiovisual work published by the participants on the web; tablets with internet access for online consultation of each project; portraits of the people and groups involved; and three documentaries, made by Glòria Martí, compiling the testimonies of each project.

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Un proyecto de Antoni Abad para Gran Escala. Línea de programación de Matadero Madrid que investiga la relación de la obra y su volumen en el espacio. A project by Antoni Abad for Large Escala. A programme reflecting on the relationship between the artwork and its volume in the exhibition space.

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Un especial agradecimiento a los 260 participantes que en estos diez años han publicado 54.000 fotografías, videos y registros de audio, en los siguientes proyectos.  
Special thanks to the 260 participants that in these 10 years have published 54.000 photographs, videos and audio recordings for the following projects.

2004/2013 México DF, México–sítio\*TAXI: Taxistas  
2005 Lleida, España–canal\*GITANO: Jóvenes gitanos  
2005 León, España–canal\*GITANO: Jóvenes gitanos  
2005 Madrid, España–canal\*INVISIBLE: Trabajadoras sexuales  
2006/2013 Barcelona, España–BARCELONA\*accessible:  
Personas con diversidad funcional  
2006/2007 San José, Costa Rica–canal\*CENTRAL:  
Inmigrantes nicaragüenses  
2007/2014 São Paulo, Brasil–canal\*MOTOBOTY:  
Mensajeros en motocicleta  
2008 Ginebra, Suiza–GENÈVE\*accessible:  
Personas con diversidad funcional  
2009/2010 Manizales, Colombia–canal\*TEMPORAL:  
Comunidades desplazadas y personas desmovilizadas a causa del conflicto armado  
2010/2011 Tinduf, Argelia–canal\*SAHARAUI:  
Refugiados saharauis  
2010/2011 Barcelona, España–Punt de vista cec:  
Personas con diversidad visual  
2011/2013 Nueva York, Estados Unidos–canal\*PLURAL:  
Inmigrantes latinos y asiáticos  
2012/2013 Montreal, Canadá–MONTREAL\*in/accessible:  
Personas con diversidad funcional

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