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# Qatar-based Sound Artist Says It's Time To Slow Down And Listen

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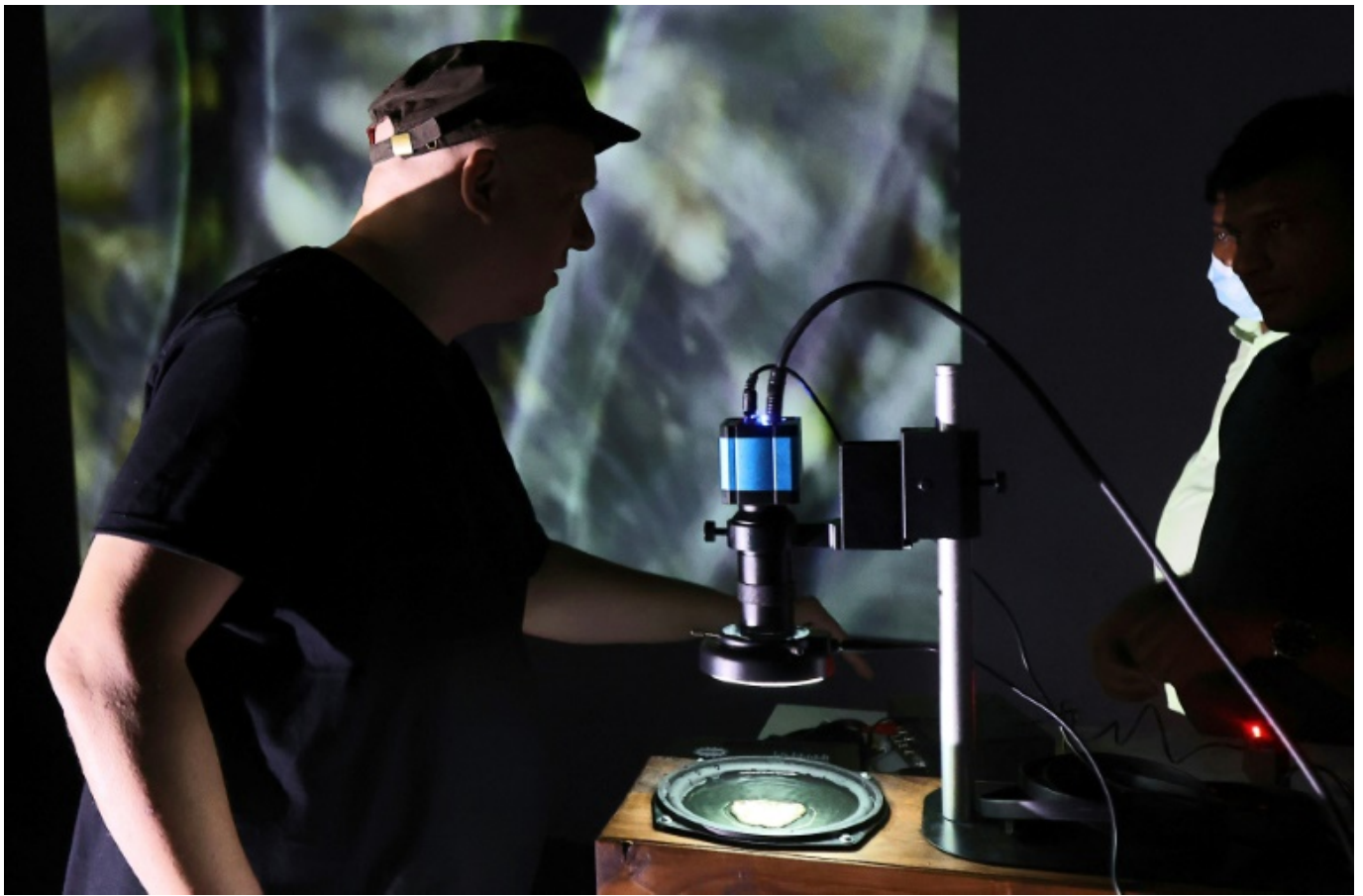
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In a loud, chaotic and fast-paced world, the Qatar-based sound artist Guillaume Rousere is on a mission: to get individuals to decelerate and pay attention once more.

Birdsong, bugs chirping, the sound of wind brushing via tall grass or over sand dunes — all these kind a part of what the 44-year-old Frenchman calls his “sound artwork”.

“Sound artwork is a self-discipline the place the principal medium is sound and the place the intention is to pay attention,” mentioned Rousere, who lives within the Gulf state that may quickly host the World Cup.

For a current audio undertaking, he arrange a microphone at an natural farm in Qatar, the place he additionally recorded man-made sounds similar to these of automobiles, planes and farm machines.

“I stroll across the website I wish to discover and let my ears information me if I hear something that pulls me,” he mentioned, including that always “it is a matter of luck”.



Rousere says his artwork shouldn't be confused with music, made up of "organised sounds". For a current audio undertaking, he arrange his microphone at an natural farm

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"I place the microphone and depart," Rousere instructed AFP. "I do not hearken to it earlier than I am again in my studio."

His sonic art work is "to not be confused with music" made up of "organised sounds", burdened Rousere, who defined that his ardour began in childhood when he would pop balloons to review the noise it made in numerous environments.

His new, water-themed set up, "The World As We Know It Is Altering", goals to "take the viewers on a journey, to pay attention and disconnect from the world," Rousere instructed AFP.

"It is turn into all of the extra necessary to me as a result of.. we stay in fast-paced societies which have stopped listening."

Guests sit in a darkened room, surrounded by 4 loudspeakers, for his or her expertise of "profound listening", at Mathaf, a contemporary artwork museum in Doha's college district Training Metropolis.

They quickly discover themselves immersed in an ever-shifting soundscape, with flowing river water and the noise of human exercise, but additionally narrated recollections related to water in numerous languages, as associated photographs are projected on the wall.

A earlier set up, "Fragile Resilience", impressed by the sails of dhows that ply Arabian seas,

was proven on the Paris UNESCO headquarters, at an occasion organised by a Qatari basis.



Rousere says that the looming soccer World Cup has given an additional enhance to the artwork scene in Qatar, the place he has been based mostly for the previous 9 years

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Rousere, who up to now managed musicians in Britain and studied sound artwork in Belgium, has lived in Qatar for 9 years and was a resident artist on the up to date artwork area Fireplace Station.

His sculpture "Enable Me" — this one fabricated from stone — is displayed on the Msheireb metro station in downtown Doha.

"Ever since I have been right here, there has at all times been help for native and worldwide artists," he mentioned.

The World Cup, which kicks off on November 20, has given the native artwork scene an extra enhance, he instructed AFP.

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