Sense of place: Networked art probes virtual worlds

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This year's art gallery at the Siggraph computer graphics conference beginning next week in Vancouver, Canada, explores the interface between physical and virtual realities through networked pieces that connect distinct spaces. Virtually squat a home in Florida, see the wind in real time indoors and sense the physical presence of a faraway partner in this selection of digital and technologically mediated pieces.

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**ItSpace**

Peter Traub's interactive installation presents the viewer with mounted photographs of the artist's personal effects, which include egg timers, a shower head, a banister and a reclining chair. Each object has its own sound, created using the objects themselves, which play from nearby speakers.

ItSpace began online as a MySpace venture with identities created for each object, each with its own 1-minute soundtrack. But don't be disappointed when the recliner declines your friend request – these objects only associate with one another in their very own social network.

(Image: Peter Traub)