THE IMMATERIAL'S

Language - Molecules - Vibrations

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Ann Finegan

Text: Parramatta Mangroves

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David Haines

Notes for:

2 x 2.5ml fragrance/parfum, denatured alcohol 85 % Ghost Leaves

Includes notes of Lantana and Fennel, fresh cut grass, river water/ozone, violet leaf and macrocylic musk.

Ozone Rubber

Includes notes of Goodyear Tyre Rubber, Sea Water, floral Ozone, Chypre (Isobutyl Quinoline) and vetiveryl acetate mud accord.

III

Amanda Williams

Text: Melancholy Suburbia

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Joyce Hinterding

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David Haines and Joyce Hinterding

Photographic Images: Parramatta River Series October 2008

Introduction

URBAN EXPLORE David Haines

We should make a map out in the districts for all the invisible forces. Before a thunderstorm – the asphalt seems to float up six feet releasing its medicinal phenolic vapour like a blanket. Another invisible force as movement and shape – the road rises off the ground transmitting aura - a second body - a ghostly double - an invisible twin, its particle version. How many of these things form part of our world? The road as a perfume.

Forked lightning nearby and the sky booms. We smell gunpowder, like the smell given off by smashing rock on rock, a particular smell of dry. A white hot flash of a lizards tongue in the sky. A winged dragon sits on top of us. Ozone; excited particles, the burning air, the olfactory equivalent carries within it the smell of river water. Sun spot cycles that blast the earth with radiation, everything's in a cycle, a wave, a movement. The Sky as Perfume.

Fresh water on one side of the weir and salty below, eventually becoming the harbor proper and then into the Pacific. Everyone knows the Eel story.

In the furthest reaches and catchments there is a wonderland of weed tangled creeks, the jungles of Borneo, the Tiger Lily zone, Snake Alley and the Tar Pits, these were the names we thought up for these places as kids.

On the banks in the tidal section, twisted Mangroves rising out of rich, acrid, super mud? On the banks, in some places wild Fennel, one of the essential oils of amphetamine, tangled in amongst the natives. Was the fennel planted by migrants? I suspect that's the case.

Rust is blood and the hulks of industrial machinery lay dead in a battlefield. Then, the marvel of the Shell Oil refinery, a Sydney landmark with its eternal flame, seen daily by thousands of commuters and the subject of a brilliant novel by one of our finest writers, David Ireland. Do people watch for the flame like it's a beacon of life? What if it went out?

And then in the uplands, the creek system that becomes a full blown river further down. Often in flood or showing the signs of a former flood – reeds along the banks swept back like a flick back hairdo, skylarking on the grassy strip in the nowhere land of the corridor. In the grey afternoon light I sense something darker. Another kid sucked into a drainpipe during a storm, tumbled in dirty black water, end over end swept out of the territory into the death zone.

Along the main channel below the Parramatta weir a number of interesting bridges and eventually fast tracked little utopias – a machine for everyday living. It's a dreamscape worthy of J.G. Ballard, cut grass and jacaranda and shiny rails and square windows and grey bag renderings and running tracks.

We found on the bank a dumped car, more rust smell, this time with oil and in keeping with the theme of Ballard, a mud soaked G string, once red - now a sun faded pale menstrual pink, also muddy - a used condom catches the light in the sun looking very deflated and sad and what looks like spatters of something like blood on the car bonnet, but probably is some other substance, spilt chocolate milk?

The electromagnetic field recordings reveal a river corridor of super-saturated electromagnetic energy, the output of industry that flanks the parts of the river that we visited. Remarkably, we are still able to occasionally hear the pings of the universe's natural radio, (solar activity and the background noise of the stars) through this blanket of energy that surrounds the area.

There is a place at the junction of Duck Creek and Parramatta River that can be found under the mangroves, on the edge of a green park. Look over the concrete wall and you will see a small miracle. A kaleidoscope of coloured tinsel wrapper star scapes and sea shells scattered on the perfect white sands of an ancient beach.



I



Parramatta Mangroves

Ann Finegan

Black water, oil slicks, the refinery, dank mangrove clumps and the slipperiness of a healthy population of eels: the Parramatta River is recalled as such, of a childhood spent canoeing in the dark. Breaking into old stone structures through twisted ironwork everything is pervaded by that very particular mangrove stench - in chemcial terms, a mixture of salt and ozone.

The swamp has its own heavy oxygen industry. Down there among the mud bubbles of crabs and gases, the mangrove-root fingers stick up like mini smokestacks. As in the upper atmosphere, an abundance of 0_2 is fusing through the action of UV light to make ozone, 0_3 . In practical terms the sun hitting the mangrove tops is enough to trigger the chemical reaction which produces the scent of the sun. In connection with the river, ozone, apparently, takes on floral, watery notes.

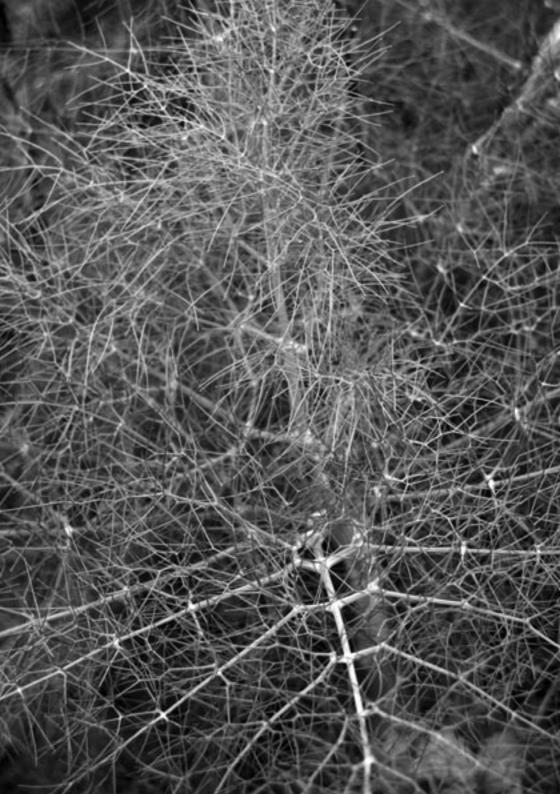
This suggests an uncanny notion - the scent of the swamp is the smell of the sun. The sun, impossibly hot, and so very far away, can be imagined as transmitting its scent through the surrogate of locally produced river ozone.

Perceptual Modes.

Heat and light are our usual modes of perceptual interface with the sun - its electromagnetic waves bouncing off objects and entering our eyes, or warming our flesh directly through absorption of rays. But the sun's ozone, for lack of an interplanetary atmosphere, cannot transmit its actual odour. Smell and light travel on different pathways: smell, on a slower journey of molecular bump and proximity, and light with the near instantaneous speed of the blink of an eye.

Poetically, the sun's scent catches up with its light in the mangroves, in a whiff of ozone - fried 0_2 - that same scent detectable in a room of hot electricals burning the air.

Haines/Hinterding's The Immaterial's, Language - Molecules - Vibrations explores this link between the electromagnetic spectrum and mangrove scent.



From the perspective of ordinary human perception, both pertain to orders of the invisible, one wave-particle, the other molecular.

Thus, in order to be experienced, both require a medium of manifestation: perfume for the detection of the subtle molecular vapours of smell, and electromagnetic mapping to image the variance in wave-particle densities and effects.

In Deleuze's terms, *The Immaterial's*, *Language - Molecules - Vibrations* is no longer in the world of the molar, a world of perceptible things and entities of everyday life, of trees, rocks, rivers, cars, commerce. In short, the bodies which make up the world of Spinoza's materialist philosophy. Instead, we are at the other pole of Deleuze's molar-molecular dichotomy, entering into the interplay of "forces of the Cosmos", inside the densities and intensities of a "becoming-molecular," a "becoming-wave."

In terms of art this means "matters of expression are superseded by a material of capture." [A Thousand Plateaus, 342, their italics]. Art no longer cares to imitate, to copy forms in an accurate mimesis, but to enter into forces of becoming through a process of harnessing or capture.

The forces to be captured are no longer those of the earth, which still constitute a great expressive Form, but the forces of an immaterial, and energetic Cosmos. [A Thousand Plateaus, 342-3]

As such perfume-makers are artists who trade in molecular densities and vapors, given that scent releases molecules in a becoming-gaseous from its liquid substrate. Scent, therefore, functions within energetic invisible processes and zones of proximity, in sum, through the forces of vibratory diffusions. Luca Turin, author of *The Secret of Scent*, similarly describes the workings of perfume in terms of molecular vibration. Breaking with a scientific tradition which attempted to predict scent on the shape of molecules, Turin became interested in a scientist named Dyson who theorized, instead, that chemical groups, as connected to each other, have their own particular vibration.

The theory goes that the nose doesn't detect shapes (it's not an eye) but is attuned to the flow of breath and vibrations. Turin sketches a theory in which "molecular vibrations are like dance movements" (*The Secret of Scent*, 120):

A typical smelly molecule with, say, twenty atoms, would have sixty dance steps or vibratory modes. The spectrum of vibrations







is like a keyboard, with the lower half (1970s) taken up by vibrations involving most of the atoms of the molecule. The upper half (Indian dance) is where all the signatures of chemical groups live...accurate measurements of molecular vibrations provide a 'fingerprint' of the molecule. [The Secret of Scent, 120]

What he next set out to correlate was that *different* chemicals with the *same* vibrations produced a similar smell, confirming the vibratory theory of scent. Perfume-making as an art form, therefore, participates in Deleuze and Guattari's vibratory dance of the molecules, the first phase in a progression towards a "becoming-imperceptible", the "immanent end of becoming, its cosmic formula." [A Thousand Plateaus, 279]

In lay terms Deleuze is tracking a movement from the becoming-molecular to the immanent play of the cosmos. "One is then like grass: one has made the world, everybody/everything, into a becoming." [A Thousand Plateaus, 280] Pink Floyd: "Set your controls for the heart of the sun."

Ozone, as a perfume component, enters into this play of forces. Haines has selected ozone as the energetic - and hence vibratory link - in a chain which connects the mangrove swamps of his childhood to the adult's cosmic idea of the sun. Water, trees, nature, sun, the ecological signifiers of the natural world connect at the deep level of molecular resonance in a perfume that is "in tune" with the sun's vibrational spectrum at the same time as it recalls the local.

Never mind the childhood cautions, particularly during a solar eclipse, not to ever look directly into the sun. Instead think laterally; form other assemblages. In this uncannily local and lateral work the vibrations of the cosmos are captured in the delicate ozone whiff of a perfume based on memories of a mangrove swamp. The scent doesn't have to be unpleasant. Turin has noted that the memorable stink of SH compounds, "rocket fuel in the morning', like the boranes, smell of chocolate when dilute. (Turin, 124). Haines has applied the perfumier's skill to the swamp, retaining its vibrational imprint.

Classical Philosophy and Freud or, why scent retains a resonant power of affect. It's said that a scent goes direct to the brain without passing through the usual cognitive filters. Scent is all around, pervasive, intense. Or so goes the doxa of heresay in respect of perfume's workings on the faculties of perception. Indeed it's well accepted that the eyes have limits; heads have to be turned in



ocular sweeps; but scent gets the creep from all sides. While an aroma is a welcome intrusion, a stench attacks with a sudden awareness, in an impression of a flooding of the senses.

It follows that what Hegel and Husserl have said of sound can be applied to scent: it's harder to shut your ears or your nose than to close your eyes or look away. Freud, privileging sight, accorded the olfactory a more primitive role in the perceptual system. Scent let us find each other in the primitive forest. Odours travelled on the wind or lingered in molecular traces. According to Freud our ancestors were most likely sniffers of the anal erotic before we walked upright and tuned our mating rituals to "love at first sight." Turin notes in his study of perfume that some scents still carry a trace of shit 1 which can be traced back to these earlier modes of ancestral arousal.

The point is that the unpleasant is not always unpleasant, that the molecular vibrations of a diluted form can in fact shift register. The normally acrid scent of fried 02, dark mangrove swamp smell, can, in dilution, consolidate a subsconscious link to the fertile swamp.

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¹ Turin, Luca, in The Secret of Scent detects in Fougere Royale the "smell of coumarin, to be sure but it also smells fresh, clean, austere, almost bitter. This is a reference smell of freshly scrubbed bathrooms... But wait! There's a funny thing in there, something not altogether pleasant. It's a touch of natural civet, something that comes from the rear end of an Asian cat and smells like it does. Suddenly I understand we're in a bathroom! The idea here is shit... that faint shock of a slightly repellent intimacy... At a distance, he who wears it everyone's favourite son-in-law, up close a bit of an animal." [22]



II

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Acqua as Gio - (style)

Selected Aroma Chemicals A-Z

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Melancholia Suburbia

Amanda Williams

II est des parfums frais comme des chairs d'enfants,

Doux comme les hautbois, verts comme les prairies,

— Et d'autres, corrompus, riches et triomphants,

Ayant l'expansion des choses infinies, Comme l'ambre, le musc, le benjoin et l'encens, Qui chantent les transports de l'esprit et des sens.

Correspondences — Charles Baudelaire

As children, we live shamelessly in our own poetic landscape; a fantasy world peopled by inanimate things – both prosaic and remarkable. It is a world of images and the actual; forests of chair legs, caves of cardboard, rivers of fabric, matchbox armies and myriad collections - ordered and cherished: ants, dead bees, scraps of paper, small pieces of glass, smooth rocks and crumbling leaves...a mysterious logic, cloaked in the unfathomable darkness of the frontier...invisible to the gaze of the adult.

Perhaps this labyrinthine world of things can be re-discovered elsewhere. Between the here and there, in a potential space where the expansive power of infinities expresses the elemental force of nature and continuous renewal. Somewhere between translated words, sight and seeing, listening and hearing, touch and feeling, scent and smell. For Baudelaire, the invisible metaphor was perfume, 'a blazon of correspondences. ¹

¹ Julia Kristeva, Tales of Love. New York: Columbia University Press, 1987, p334.



There are perfumes fresh as children's flesh ⁱ
Some perfumes are as fragrant as a child, ⁱⁱ
Some perfumes are as fresh as infants' skins, ⁱⁱⁱ
Some perfumes are, like children, innocent, ^{iv}

There are perfumes fresh and cool as the flesh of children, ^v
Perfumes there are as sweet as the music of pipes and strings, ^{vi}
Some scents are cool as children's flesh is cool, ^{vii}
Cool as an infant's brow some perfumes are ^{viii}
There are perfumes fresh as children's flesh ^{ix}

Sweet as oboes, green as meadows,
Sweet as the sound of hautboys, meadow-green;
Dulcet as oboes, green as summer sward;
As sweet as oboes, green as meadow sward,
Mellow as oboes, green as fields;
As pure as the naked flesh of children, as full of peace
— As wide green prairies
Sweet as are oboes, green as meadowlands,
Softer than oboes, green as rainy leas;
Soft as oboes, green as meadows

And others corrupt, rich and triumphant
Others, corrupted, rich, exultant, wild,
Others, their rich, depraved kin,
And others, complex, rich and jubilant,
And others that are corrupted, rich, triumphant,
And there are others, having the whole
corrupt proud all-pervasiveness
And others rich, corrupt, triumphant, full,
Others, corrupt, exultant, rich,
And others, corrupted, rich, triumphant







Sharing the capacity of expansion that infinite things have,
Have all the expansion of things infinite:
Diffuse themselves like boundless things abroad,
The vastness of infinity afford,
That have the infinite expansion of infinite things
Of infinite things,
Expanding as infinity expands:
Unbar wide infinities wherein we move at ease:
Possessing the diffusion of infinite things

Such as amber, musk, balsam and incense,

As amber, incense, musk, and benzoin,
As incense, amber, musk and benjamin,
Like musk and amber, incense, bergamot,
Such as amber, musk, benjamin, incense,
Like frankincense, and musk, and myrrh, and ambergris,
Benzoin or musk or amber that incenses,
Musk, ambergris, frankincense, benjamin,
Like amber, musk, incense, and aromatic resin,

Which hymn the transports of mind and the senses.
Which sing the sense's and the soul's delight.
Spanning all joys that soul or sense can win.
Which sing the sense's and the soul's delight.
Which chant the ecstasies of the mind and senses.
That cry of the ecstasy of the body and of the soul.
Hymning the ecstasy of soul and senses.
Chant all our soul or sense can revel in.
Chanting the ecstasies of spirit and senses.



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TRANSRIVER

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Electro-magnetic Field recordings

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1 Headwaters 7 min 2 Transmission Lines 7 min 3 Mangroves 7 min



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