Hanging Gardens: Parallel Lives 1.39m, 9.78m, 22.59m, 30.79m, 37.26m, and 42.0m², 2017

A permanent commission for NHS Cancer Centre at Guys Hospital, London.

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Hanging Gardens:Parallel Lives 1.39m, 9.78m, 22.59m, 30.79m, 37.26m, and 42.0m' 2017, is a permanent public installation commissioned by FutureCity for and with the NHS Cancer Centre at Guys Hospital, London. It is an audio visual installation filmed and recorded at the Tiputini Biodiversity Station in 2015, a scientific research centre in the Ecuadorian rainforest. The installation is screened on a video monitor in each of the 3 passenger lifts at the Cancer Centre. The videos show vertical tracking footage rising above the 35m forest canopy and descending to the forest floor. Each screen is embedded within the infrastructure of the lifts and sits alongside the window, of the same size, through which passengers are able to see the urban landscape as they travel up and down the building, thus showing parallel journeys, one in the rainforest, the other in the urban jungle of the city. The videos play in synchronisation with the movement of the lifts and are accompanied by an audio scape of jungle sounds.