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Press Release

**MAK NITE Lab 12/12**  
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**MAK NITE Lab**  
**Extended Curating (Coded Cultures)**  
**Presents:**  
**Toy-Kit Architectures,**  
**an Architecture Performance**  
**by Rainer Prohaska**

In his *Toy-Kit Architectures* project, the Austrian artist and former MAK-Schindler resident Rainer Prohaska creates temporary structures from prefab elements. With his interventions, he alters the appearance of spaces and existing structures, with the building itself as a performative act playing a central role. In the MAK NITE Lab framework, the Vienna-based Coded Cultures platform curates one of his spectacular architecture performances.

A monolithic block of more than 1,000 wood moldings provides the starting point for the three-hour performance. Together with the audience, large space-taking objects are constructed only to be dismantled again and disappear at the end of the evening. The modular structure of the *Toy Kit* system enables easy setup and dismantling on site; planning and design stages fuse into the building process proper, facilitating an open outcome dramaturgy.

Coded Cultures has operated at the interface of contemporary art, media, and new technologies since 2004, exploring their impact on society and culture. Starting out from a test of new processual forms of presentation and exhibition at the Coded Cultures media-art festival, Extended Curating works in the development of new communication and participation formats for use in media-based art fields and practices. Against the background of new process and project-oriented presentation forms, the role of curating is interrogated in the context of the dynamics of participative creation.

> [codedcultures.net](http://codedcultures.net)

Rainer Prohaska, born 1966 in Krems, Austria, studied Experimental Media Art and Digital Art at the Vienna University of Applied Arts. His cross-media art interventions use photography, architecture, graphic art, installation and performance. In 2009, Rainer was a MAK-Schindler resident in Los Angeles. He lives and works in Vienna.  
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