

Press Release

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**Trains of Thoughts LIVE
feat. Timo Novotny, Wolfgang Frisch
& Markus Kienzl**

In his remarkable filmic essay *Trains of Thought*, the film director and visual artist Timo Novotny sets off on an unusual trip through the underground train systems in New York, Los Angeles, Tokyo, and Moscow. He tells of the architectural aesthetic of the subway as probably the most defining symbol for urban mobility, also of the fates and stories of individual people, anecdotes and absurdities that are enacted in megacity underground systems. After its premiere at the opening of the Austrian Pavilion at the 13th Architecture Biennale in Venice in 2012, *Trains of Thought* is being shown exclusively at the fifth MAK NITE Lab 2013 as audio-visual live remix show.

Accompanied by the unmistakable sound of the Sofa Surfers, Timo Novotny—also a member of the well-known Viennese band—breaks through the incessant flow of the massed crowds shouldering their way through shafts, tubes, and escalators. His unconventional megacity film sketches the parallel world of the underground as a complex social system, as a place of hectic bustle, but also a space for dropping out and indulging in leisurely contemplation. *Trains of Thoughts* gives the anonymous mass a face, lets people tell their stories as voice-overs, or philosophize about the underground, their town, and its inhabitants.

Supported by his band mates Markus Kienzl and Wolfgang Frisch, Novotny rearranges footage from *Trains of Thought* anew for the MAK NITE Lab into a cinematic experience with the exclusive Sofa Surfers' live beat as backing.

trainsofthoughts.com

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