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Abstract

Contemporary art is not only an alternative currency but the currency to drive an alternative. Once ISCA has gathered adequate symbolic capital from a reputation garnered through its disruptive institutional model, it will transition-up to the role of gatekeeper, setting a premium on in-house contemporary art products. Revenue from these activities will bootstrap the third and culminating phase of ISCA's institutional plan: a think-tank and space for the production of knowledge that can eclipse the inherited stasis of contemporary art. ISCA is a cybernetic system, which will train the heart and the mind. The goal of automating contemporary art is to ultimately become emancipated from it.

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