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## 6DOF VR EXPERIENCE | 18 MINUTES Expected year of release 2027



Accidents is a VR documentary. Based on real fatal accident 3D scans, Anna's car set turns into a visual emotional thriller journey. Through a reenactment of the accident, we take part in her personal sexual awakening story— one bound to a traumatic past that unfolds for the first time.

> In every possible moment, you, the viewer, have the oppurtunity to quit an unwanted unconfortable situation. Unlike reality.



# 'REAL-TIME' CONTINUOUS EXPERIENCE FOLLOWING ONE HITCHHIKE RIDE

This story takes place on an unspecified road, from one of the cities towards a desert. Many men and women had taken this path. Traveling through, in its compartment of stories, we only tell a small fragment of what seems as one chosen reality. What seems yet like another decision to hop on a stranger's ride, is proven this time as a step towards an unexpected gripping emotional ride. Intrigued by her odd and mysterious presence, the driver's curiosity leads to an intense dialogue which reveals subtle clues of her past as a hitchhiker, starting at the age of 16 as an addictive thrill, and part of her constant seek for freedom and walking on an unknown edge. Anna gets into a role she is used to playing, leaving a bit of distant temptation around her.

### SYNOPSIS

ACCIDENTS is inspired by true events happening on one of those roads. We follow the story of Anna, a 34-year-old woman, as we experience her journey through a single, transformative car ride. The user, being evident to her real time story as a lifelong hitchhiker, joins at the back seat of a stranger's red Renault Clio car making its way towards a desert.

As the car continues on its path, something starts to crack...both in Anna's impenetrable fearless facade, as well as in the hyper realistic set of the car, which dissolves into a theatrical set of projections of men from her past journeys. We get a fragile glimpse of what she calls "grey tales" – of complex female sexuality, humorous mentions of 'taboos' and questionable sexual encounters.



### THE ACCIDENT

The driver's attempt to take a sudden suspicious turn from the highway with an unwanted hand on her thigh, develops into a confrontation, which violently causes the car to get off course and crash straight into another vehicle at high speed. The two cars perfectly merge into each other.

Time stands still. Anna sees her death in slow-motion. Blinding light and a highpitched sound engulf everything. The accident opens a portal and a pivotal moment in time, where the car turns into an inner unconscious breathtaking aesthetic experience. What may seem as an outer body experience, triggers a deep realization of past encounters with dissociative states and loss of control she could not admit to up until now. Recollection of sexual libidinal fantasy dreams she had right after the accident are blurred with the current scenery.

#### **REAL 3D SCAN**

The user wakes up at the real scan of the crashed car. The ruins of the vehicle transform into a set where the accident scene unfolds as a freezed moment. "Anna. 34. Female. Single. Accident survivor." The repeated protocol, that recited four times that day, triggers something profound. The words "survivor" and "female" stir buried emotions.

We actively participate in Anna's raw realization of what is an outer body experience and its active mechanism in her life. Only this time, she gets to retell her story and reflect upon a fragile journey of liberation, with compassion and a lot of humor, exposing the coping and healing processes from what she didn't know was PTSD.









### CHARACTERS

### ANNA (ALIAS); 34 YEARS OLD

Artist. Social activist. Used to play many differrent characters. Owns many names. Anna is based on the director's story.

### THE DRIVER; 55 YEARS OLD

A father. Drives to see the sea every other month when working outside of a village.

FOUR PROJECTIONS OF MALE PASSENGERS

# So what's your name ?

### USER EXPERIENCE > POV

#### FIRST PART - THE RIDE

**360VR video** with CG effects (Titles, text messages animation, projections of characters)



# THE ACCIDENT

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### USER EXPERIENCE > REAL 3D SCAN



**SECOND PART - THE ACCIDENT 6DOF** with surreal CG effects

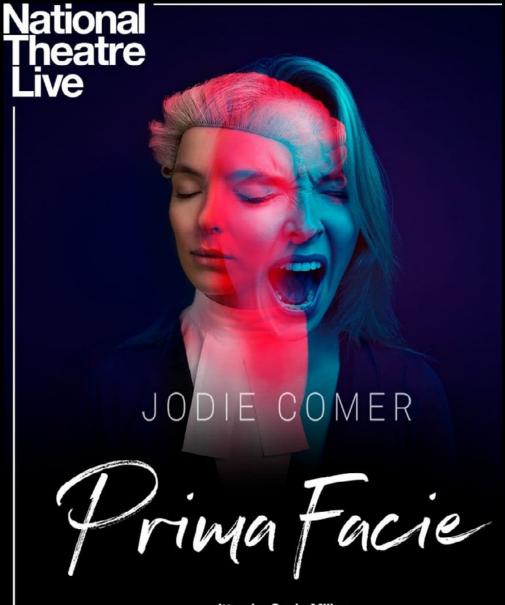
The space of the closed car set aims to create a full impactful sensorial surrounding which captivates the user into a luring aesthetic in one condensed trip. From a quite realistic look, taking place in a model of red Renault Clio car, it starts to shift more drastically into supernatural surreal scenery from the accident scene onwards.

ACCIDENTS brings out a heavy emotional topic to the table, but aims to build an eye pleasing alternative world, where reality, pop culture and surrealism meet. It has a pop cinematic feel to it, taking inspiration from American road trip films, where usually the female role in those old hollywood films is situated as the beauty

## THE CAR AS A SETTING

sitting next to the driver. Feeling her freedom just by some air blown into her hair. Only this tme, the hyper realistic feel breaks into a complex illusionate imaginative scenery that is opening up to the subconscious and inner world of Anna. Filming in a controlled car set allows for a fresh exploration of power dynamics. The car becomes a metaphorical space: it feels closed and condensed, blurs boundaries between inside and outside, private and public. This enables glimpses into both the interior space—interpersonal relationship and the unconscious—and the exterior space, which reflects the broader social, territorial, and political context.





directed by Justin Martin



### VR HYPER REALISM 'THEATRE'

The Man Who Couldn't Leave, and Quintero's VR experiences. Experiences breaking the "fourth wall".

## **REFERENCES AND STYLE**





### **BOLD FEMINIST THEATRE PLAYS**

'Prima Facie' by Suzie Miller and its adaptation into a cinematic experience -Feminist bold theatre plays such as 'Prima Facie' by Suzie Miller and its adaptation into a cinematic experience is a great inspiration for this project, as an expressive female monologue reference. Dealing with harsh content of sexual violence, but played as a luring, humorous fast-paced hypnotizing journey.





### **ARTISTIC & POETIC - SURREAL AND ANIMATIVE**

CG animation which breaks the realistic look and feel of the car set.

Revisiting the bold unconventional video works by video artist Pipilotti Rist -Exploring floral and vaginal motifs

## **REFERENCES AND STYLE**





#### **POP CULTURE – CINEMATIC FEEL**

American roadtrips. Buffalo 66.

Andy Warhol prints -'Orange Car Crash Fourteen Times'







#### Radio as the main source of soundtrack:

- > Atmospheric tool for soundtrack and storytelling
- > Adds subtext and combines docu interviews with Anna
- > Gives context to the imagined time and place

The sensory world and its soundscapes are masterfully designed in this experience. The music list from the radio that seeks constant reception, will create an emotional flow, build the tension and the changing scenery. It should be captivating, leading the user throughout the entire ride.

> The soundtrack – will be written especially for this experience, collaborating with a few female musicians.

### SCENERY / AMBISONIC SOUND



The time and place of this experience are deliberately unspecified. The changing scenery outside the window provides another place for the user to find comfort and distraction if needed. The scenery changes from a city to a desert, and based on the real route that was taken when the accident occurred, but with special CG touches and layers.

## LANDSCAPE



### What happens after the Me Too Movement? Talking about healing and dealing by retelling our life stories

ACCIDENTS aims to become an empowering project and future platform for the creation of content and 'other storytelling' of complex rich voices of women and other minority groups coping with PTSD as a result of sexual violence and abuse.

Based on the director's own life story, and her past work with young women who suffered from early sexual abuse, this project has a personal unique motivation. The making of this experience is done through a sincere therapeutic process of finding creative, healthy and beneficial tools for gaining back control and a strong sense of agency.

There are still lots of myths around sexual assault that lead to poor treatment of sexual assault survivors. It is crucial to learn how to tell our own story as an empowering act – before society does it for us.

## EMPOWER 'OTHER STORYTELLING'



> Meta Horizon Store

- > Educational Institutions
- > Museums art installations collaborating with Renault

Non profit organization for women's rights Non profit organizations that work to support victims of sexual violence

This project is aiming for educational screenings in cooperation with different women organizations and with the schooling system. The purpose is to get a wider distribution for non headset owners, bringing forward messages of empowerment and mediation of complex sensitive content.





# DISTRIBUTION

August 2025 - pre production 2nd half of 2025 - production January 2026 - post production Early 2027 - first release

To produce this experience 175,000 EU are needed:

 > 50,000 EU already sourced from Keren Makor XR
> 100,000 EU looking to raise with coproduction
> 25,000 EU in kind, and through different distribution agreement

### BUDGET







#### TAL STADLER

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