

Fräulein, 2014 / Istvan Balogh

High Definition Video with Sound.

Duration: 9 min 13 sec. Loop.

Single Channel Video Projection.

Aspect Ratio 16:9

Installation dimensions variable.

A 13-year old girl is reading excerpts from a book. Obviously, because of her young age, she doesn't understand everything she reads. This video work is about the asymmetry of written text to the reading of it.

Arthur Schnitzler's novel „Fräulein Else“ (written in 1924) is about the very fragile mental condition of a 19 year old young woman. In her monologue she tries to solve the dilemma of familiar expectations, her longing for self-determined femininity and sexuality and confused suicidal thoughts. Her mental condition leads to a hysteric attack and a suicide attempt.