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Artist Statement

As I go through my everyday life, I am drawn to seemingly uninspiring observations and experiences, such as watching a bug walking across a leaf, riding a bike, taking apart a machine to see how it works or pondering a question from my child which I just can not answer. These simple occurrences inspire me to explore these ideas further through art. Through experiments with sculpture, installation, mechanics, electronics, computers, the Internet, interactivity, sound and video, I have put together a diverse body of work that revolves around my conscious experience of the world. All of these pieces have elements of humor, absurdity and the mundane. Many of the pieces are interactive, creating situations where the viewer becomes a part of the piece. The experience of the work is unique depending upon how the viewers choose to interact with it. I place common everyday items in situations that give them characteristics of human behavior. By merging new digital technologies with old mechanical technologies I animate these humble materials seeking to change their context. The resulting videos, sculptures, and installations are metaphors for various aspects of the human condition.