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### Review

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### About the Author

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Tony Oursler a obtenu son baccalaureat en arts visuels au California Institute of the Arts de Valencia en 1979. Sa production artistique fait appel a une multitude de techniques: video, sculpture, installation, performance et peinture. L'oeuvre d'Oursler a ete exposee dans des etablissements prestigieux tels le Walker Art Center de Minneapolis, les documenta VIII et IX de Cassel, le Museum of Modern Art et le Whitney Museum of American Art de New York, le Centre Georges-Pompidou de Paris, le Carnegie Museum of Art de Pittsburgh, Skulptur Projekte de M&#252nster, le Museum Ludwig à Cologne, le musee Hirshhorn de Washington et le Tate Liverpool. Oursler vit et travaille a New York.

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