

The Middler

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This Thing Called Love, It Can't Be Described

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Alien Ethics?

2012, video, 2'06"

Alien Ethics? is Urban's one-person encounter with ambassadors of an alien civilization. Filmed in the artist's apartment in Brooklyn, New York, in 2012.

Interview with Jusby the Clown

2012, video, 4'21"

Interview with Jusby the Clown presents a close look at Jusby, a clown for hire in the area of Olympia, Washington. Interview conducted by Urban on his porch in Olympia.

Cowboy Boots

2011, video, 0'39"

Urban made *Cowboy Boots* with Thomas Cooney on the Washington coast in 2011.

Ideas about: Narrative, Truth, and Reality

2015, video, 5'25"

A man was hired from Craigslist and paid ten dollars to narrate what he saw looking through the camera. Filmed in Olympia, Washington, in 2015.

Men: Living and Dying

2015, video, 10'19"

Three non-professional actors were hired from Los Angeles-area Craigslist to read a dialogue written by Urban. Each actor's part was filmed individually, and they were advised to read it in a style of their preference, creating a 'blindly' performed narrative exploring the nature of being. Filmed in Echo Park, Los Angeles, in 2015.

Comic Timing of History

2012, video, 1'03"

A short piece.

New work (Title TBD)

2017, video, 2'40"

A new work commissioned by The Middler that follows the format of *Men: Living and Dying*. Two non-professional actors were hired from New York City-area Craigslist to perform in a dialogue written by Urban. Both were filmed separately – continuing the 'blind' interactivity developed in the earlier video.