



Hamlet Robot

Date

1996

Primary Maker

Nam June Paik

Medium

Video installation

Description

This is a video installation comprised of televisions in the form of a human figure; other elements, such as a sword, skull, crown and scepter, that are attached to the television simulate the William Shakespeare character, Hamlet. The work consists of the following: Eleven (11) vintage television cabinets; two (2) vintage radio cabinets; five (5) Samsung 13-inch televisions, model 1372; Six (6)

KEC 9-inch televisions, model 9BND; two (2) Sony 5-inch televisions, model FDT-5BX5; 1,000 watt transformer; two (2) Pioneer Laser disk players; two (2) original Paik Laser disks. Attached decorative elements: crown, scepter, sword, and skull. The televisions are on and display changing iconography relating to Hamlet.

Dimensions

Overall: 144 x 88 x 31 in. (365.8 x 223.5 x 78.7 cm)