

A million Times (San José)

Artist: Humans since 1982

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San José Mineta Airport, 1700 Airport Blvd., San José, CA 95110 / Council District 3

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The passage of time is part of any airport visit, whether we are waiting patiently (or restlessly) for a departing flight, arriving loved ones, or suitcases. This new media artwork at the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport's Terminal B offers an alternative reflection on time by presenting clocks as objects that transcend their ordinary functional existence, transforming waiting into a hypnotic experience for the viewer. The effect is best seen in the video of the artwork: <https://tinyurl.com/43acjy9d>.



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Photo: John Janca Photography

Within the collection of choreographies, three compositions were custom designed by the artists for *A million Times (San José)*, each taking inspiration from the location of the artwork within airport and San José itself. These abstract patterns draw upon San José as an engine for technological development, the city's proximity to the ocean, and the busy hub of the airport with its ever-rotating arrivals and departures. These reference points share a common, cyclical theme: everything is perpetually in motion, fluid, and changing.



Artwork keeps time in digital forma



Time display dissolves into an abstract pattern

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Based in Stockholm, Sweden, Humans since 1982 is an interdisciplinary team of international specialists including programmers, designers and technicians. They are known for their subversion of everyday objects including clocks, smartphones and surveillance equipment. Their collaboration brings together conceptual exploration with mischievousness and meticulous problem solving to create works that are deceptively minimal, despite the complex methodology behind each piece. For more about the artists, visit <https://www.humanssince1982.com/>

ABOUT THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

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