

*Arctic Water Column* (2011) – W. Benjamin Bray (sound, video and projection; 15 mins.)

As part of the 2011 Arctic Circle Residency, an iPhone and a small digital projector were situated in a clear, waterproof container and dropped to the bottom of the Arctic Ocean near three locations in Spitsbergen: Liefdefjorden, Blomstrandharrid, and Skansbukta, to depths of 16m, 17m, and 45m, respectively. At the first two locations, the iPhone recorded sound and video of projections as it approached the seafloor, and at the third, sound and video of the descent and ascent.

The Arctic seabed is the most expensive and complicated frontier of oil and gas exploration ever encountered.

