# KAHO ABE GAME DESIGNER AND MEDIA ARTIST

# ABOUT HER



- Based in NYC
- Was formerly a fashion designer
- MFA from the Design and Technology
  Program at Parsons New School of
  Design

### FASHION DESIGN

- Worked as fashion designer for 14 years
  - (up until 2010)
- Specialized in custom corseted strapless dresses with boning
- Still incorporates these skills into her current work through her wearable game controllers
  - And a recent focus exploring costumes as game controllers



## HER CURRENT WORK

- Focuses on improving social and personal experiences through technology fashion and games
- She creates installation games for public areas and builds custom controllers to go along with them
- Focus on the human experience

### HAPTIC MUSIC GLOVES

- Worked alongside another designer, Jung Sin
- Shown at 2nd Beijing New Media Arts Exhibition & Symposium and Chelsea
  Museum, NYC in 2005





http://kahoabe.net/img/portfolio/music-gloves/haptic\_demo.mp4

# **HOTARU**

• More recent work, some of the first work she did exploring costumes as game controllers



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https://vimeo.com/141234735

#### SELFIE DEATHMATCH

- 2 player game using selfie sticks and camera phones
- Players stand in small circle as the phone takes pictures on a timer
- The photos are judged by number of faces in each and number of retweets and likes
  - They are tweeted, and the images are all viewable on twitter

https://twitter.com/selfiedm







#### MECHA MOUSE

- Not an interactive game, but seems to relate some to our project so.....
- Collaboration with Ramsey Nasser
- "Mecha Mouse is a robot made from hacked consumer products and cardboard, driven by 5 elite, super-intelligent mice. This model was built for a multi-player VR game, specifically to help design the character, which was later recreated in Blender 3D and developed in Unity."

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