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## *Hyperthreads*

Three interactive installations by Maureen Lander & John Fairclough  
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Fisher Gallery

Big glowing strings, black light, fantastic changing shapes and sounds - *Hyperthreads* transforms the Fisher Gallery into an interactive, fantastic environment. The exhibition, which opens on the 21st of July, is made up of three interactive installations in the spaces of the Fisher Gallery.

The first of the exhibitions *Digital String Games II*, by Maureen Lander and John Fairclough, combines traditional Maori string games with the digital realm. An interactive panel allows participants to manipulate digital 'strings' projected onto a giant screen to create a new and unique 'game'.

*Fingers + Figures* by Maureen Lander allows participants to explore string figures, one of the earliest forms of moving image to accompany storytelling and songs. Under black light, participants can try making their own string figures, guided by Maureen's glowing, fluorescent examples.

John Fairclough's *The Semantic Differential* is a computer-based interactive exhibit that is a 'drawing system' which allows the viewer to create images according to the rules of language. *The Semantic Differential* uses a language of John's invention called the 'Codex Interlingua' as it converts words or phrases typed at a keyboard into a corresponding image.

Rhoda Fowler, Fisher Gallery curator, says that "*Hyperthreads* is visually stunning and content-rich. In my opinion, a must-see exhibition!"

*Hyperthreads* runs until Sunday the 3rd of September. John Fairclough and Maureen Lander will be giving a free talk about their work at the Fisher Gallery on Sunday the 20th of August, 2pm. Fisher Gallery is open from 10 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday, and 1 to 4 pm weekends. The Gallery is closed on public holidays. Entry is free of charge.

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