**Something like this, but better.**

On Sunday, December 12, CASSTL presents the first Hantrax Dolls Exhibition.

*Hantrax Dolls* is a visual project by Antwerp based composer, performer, and pianist Han Swolfs (1984). Renowned for his live electronic performances and imaginative piano stage productions, his shows are kinetic, atmospheric, hypnotic, and cinematic. A multi-faceted musician who is both enigmatic and kind, Hantrax traverses music categories with whimsical ease from classical to jazz to sharp electronic music.
Dubbed the illustrious prince of the Antwerp underground, Hantrax creates transformative music championed by connoisseurs and barbarians alike.

*Hantrax Dolls* is an ongoing experimental and non-intentional visual project, an *ecriture automatique*with fabrics, found objects and long lost memories. The doll like figures are reflective collages of daily life in a fantastic world.
With references to music, personal memories, philosophy and true stories *Hantrax Dolls* welcomes you to his permanent bubble, called fantasy world:

*“Hi I just called to say I will stay in fantasy world, it makes me feel more secure, fairies tell me that outside this, in reality, feelings are more alive, great things can be felt, but every time I go in I’m aware of danger, mostly I translate those awakenings in a silent voice, one that whispers one that cares, when I feel brave I realise that it’s alright, reality is alright but I don’t always understand, fantasy world is a way of understanding, just letting you know I’m alright and that I understand.” – Hantrax*

For the exhibition opening Hantrax invited befriended artist to create a series of ‘artist-dolls’ wearing the label ‘Hantrax Dolls by …’. The artist dolls will be on view in the Christmas tree throughout the exhibition.

**Participating artists**; Carla Arocha, Guillaume Bijl, Daems van Remoortere, Ann Demeulemeester, Floor Wyns, Mekhitar Garabedian, Chris Gillis, Kati Heck, Shayli Harrison, Stefan Kartchev, Vedran Kopljar, Clara Lissens, Rufus Michielsen, Ria Pacquée, Sven Rayen, Stéphane Schraenen, Renée Simons, Luc Tuymans, Dennis Tyfus, Anne-Mie Van Kerckhoven, Ken Verhoeven, David Wauters...

**Hantrax dolls before Christmas**

12/12/21 – 22/12/21

Opening: Sunday, December 12 from 2 - 10pm

Visiting hours: Monday-Friday, 2 - 6pm

Closed on Saturday and Sunday