

'diary of quarantine' 2020

photographic catalogue from installation

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digital photography

wood and glass window, tracing paper, acrylic paint, wax, gesso, dried flowers, varnish



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with three days notice, my partner and i left our life in australia to return to europe due to the covid-19 pandemy. we had no choice but to return as our visas where about to expire and we both lost our jobs.

OUR FLIGHTS GOT CANCELLED THE MORNING OF DEPARTURE.

in between desperate phonecalls to the embassy and reassuring other young backpackers that found themself in our same situation; the customer service noticed us that they found the last two seats MELBOURNE\_PARIS.

two hours after we flew out of australia. twenty-four hours after we arrived in paris, france.

nine hours after we arrived at my partner's family house. we spent fourteen days self-isolating IN in the basement of the house before joining the household.

it has now been seven weeks of quarantine for my partner and i and twelve for the rest of the family.



saint-cyr, france

TWELVE WEEKS OF QUARANTINE,

aline, mother in-law

she likes to watch old movies and sew; last week she made many d.i.y reusable masks that she gifted to family and friends. it is impossible to find proper masks at the moment SO SHE DECIDED TO MAKE HER OWN FROM OLD JUMPERS.

she is very kind, a calming motherly figure for us all.

sometimes her positive spirit gets swept away by reality; she misses her grandsons and her voice breaks on the phone when they ask when they can play with her. they know her grandma is in potential health danger so they patiently wait until it will be safe again.

SHE DREAMS OF HUGGING HER GRANDSONS AND HER MOTHER AGAIN.



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ELEVEN WEEKS OF QUARANTINE,

sylvain, brother-in-law

he likes to read novels under a cherry tree and meditate in his bed.

he escaped from his small studio in lyon to return to his family house in the country before the blockage of transits.

he was very anxious at the beginning of quarantine as he loves being social and spending lots of his time outside. he realised not longer after that it is a great occasion to rest and take care of himself.

he misses the city life and going on dates , but he is also very happy to have spent this precious time with his family.

when bars will open again, he is looking forward to drink a beer with his brother and friends.





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SIX WEEKS OF QUARANTINE,

olivier, my partner

he likes to play with his rubick cube and tend the garden. he used the quarantine to focus on his master application for next year.

for him it is very important to be social and spend time outside therefore the quarantine had a big effect on his mental wellbeing. it is really hard for him to spend an entire day inside so, when he can, he goes on walks with the family dog or rides the mountain bike around the fields surrounding the house.

when the quarantine will be over he is looking forward to go rock climbing and drink a beer at a bar with his brother and friends.