

## **The Towers of the Takers**

I made this installation with my collaboration partner Stephen Dydo especially for an exhibition in celebration of Victor Kuell's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2014. Vic was my first tutor when I was 17.

During a conversation I had with Vic some years ago about where our civilization might have taken a wrong turn I recommended him the book *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn. Ishmael teaches that the wrong turn was taken when hunter-gatherers became settlers and agriculturalists – the Takers. The Leavers had existed in balance with nature for tens of thousands of years; a few still survive in small tribal societies.

*The Towers of the Takers* was the start of *Vanishing Point*, a much bigger installation involving Leavers and Takers which we are currently working on.

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