

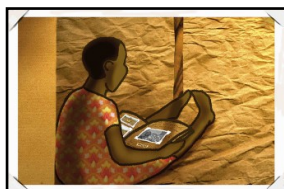
Samantha Moore – *The Beloved Ones*

TALKING PORTRAIT

This approach to creative video production will introduce animating synchronised lip movements to accompany a recorded human voice.

Applicable for a wide range of studies, including:

Art–Media–Sociology–Drama–Modern Languages–Philosophy–Politics–Biology–ICT.



SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

ANIMATION
LIP-SYNCH

MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

1 CAMERA AND/OR SCANNER
1 COMPUTER WITH EDIT SOFTWARE
MIRRORS

TALKING SELF-PORTRAIT PRODUCTION (4 hours+)

- 1) **watch** the video of Samantha Moore's *The Beloved Ones* – pay special attention to the speakers' lip movements as you listen to the women
- 2) **discuss** the artist's intentions in making the work
- 3) students **draw, paint** or **photograph** a self-portrait – it may be easier to leave out the mouth
- 4) **record** their voices (individually or in small groups)
– e.g. "My name is Sam"
- 5) **draw** the different shapes of their lips as they speak the same words in front of a mirror – lip-synch diagram below uses 3 basic mouth shapes... closed, half-open, fully-open
- 6) **combine** lip drawings with portrait – see below for techniques
- 7) **edit** still images of portrait with different lip shapes using editing software to match the audio – the animation will work even the lip synch is fairly rough
- 8) **edit** the individual animations together and **marvel** at the result!

TECHNICAL ADVICE

Plenty of free video editing software is available, including Windows Movie Maker and iMovie.

There are two basic methods students could use to create the still images to be edited together to create the animation:

1. Use Photoshop to combine the scanned portrait with the scanned lip shapes. Export as .JPG files and import into video edit software.
2. Tape the portrait to the wall. Place a tripod and camera in front of the portrait. Cut out the lip shapes. Bluetac them sequentially onto the portrait. Photograph or video the different movements. Import into video edit software.



EXHIBIT WORK

If students would like to exhibit their work on the artists' moving image website, please contact info@artistsmovingimage.com.