

Avocado

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When I was 7 years old I lived in Stillwater, Minnesota.
There were no avocados there at that time.

14 years old. Fallbrook, California.
Visiting grandma and grandpa. Avocado tree in the garden.

21 years old. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.
Enchiladas, guacamole.

28. Young professional. Los Angeles, California.
Avocado sandwiches, avocado smoothies, avocado shakes, avocado shampoo.

35. Migration. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
Do you want me here?
Do you need me here?
Should I go back to where I came from?
No avocados here either.

42. 49. 56.
63 years old. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
The United States and the Netherlands are
the two largest importers of avocados in the world.
From Mexico, South America, South Africa.
I take my avocado.
Cut it open.
Drop the seed out.

Do I want this avocado?
Do I need this avocado?
Should I send this avocado back to where it came from?

Go back to where you came from.

I created the first version of *Avocado* during an artist residency at Civitelli Ranieri in Italy in 2019.

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I worked on using data from my runs and from the weather to guide audio parameters and compositional structure. I spent many fruitful hours with CSV sheets, Excel sheets, TXT files, Max, Kyma and my imagination.

Avocado was initially a study using these techniques. Since then it has become part of my repertoire and I have performed versions of it all over the world.

I am proud to say that more than a handful of people have come up to me after a concert or even weeks later to say that they are limiting their avocado use. Some have even stopped buying them all together.

Go back to where you came from. Was one of Trump's many horrific statements made during his 2017 - 2021 presidency. He was referring to all immigrants and refugees who were trying to enter the United States.