

Artist Statement



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SOHO HOUSE PRESENTS: **FORGOTTEN LIGHT**

MEMORY OF A STAR *Forgotten Light*

The Heartbeat of the Universe

What happens in the moments between things - between one thought and the next, between the motion of a party and the silence just outside it? Forgotten Light is a room built for those in-between moments: a place to drift, to recalibrate, or simply to breathe.

The installation pairs soft blue light, projection, and a shifting soundscape shaped from astrophysical recordings - the rhythms of millisecond pulsars and the long, low waves of the gravitational-wave background. These waves move through the galaxy like a slow pulse, often called *the heartbeat of the universe*, carrying the memory of collisions and cosmic events older than our sun.

Alongside the lounge is New Horizon, a single drawing tracing the shadow of the sun as it will fall across Eldborg Crater during the 2026 eclipse. The work imagines the crater as both instrument and observatory - a natural amphitheater receiving the movement of celestial bodies in real time. It marks a moment when the sky and the earth briefly align, reminding us how cosmic events reveal themselves through the most grounded places.

Together, Forgotten Light and New Horizon offer a moment of clarity within the intensity of Basel - a place to recalibrate, feel the weight of the cosmic rhythms around you, and step back into the night more deeply connected.

This installation is part of a larger body of work supported by ongoing research in gravitational-wave astronomy and the International Pulsar Timing Array, a galaxy-scale instrument listening for the faintest echoes from the universe's earliest moments.