Recursive Self Portrait #0
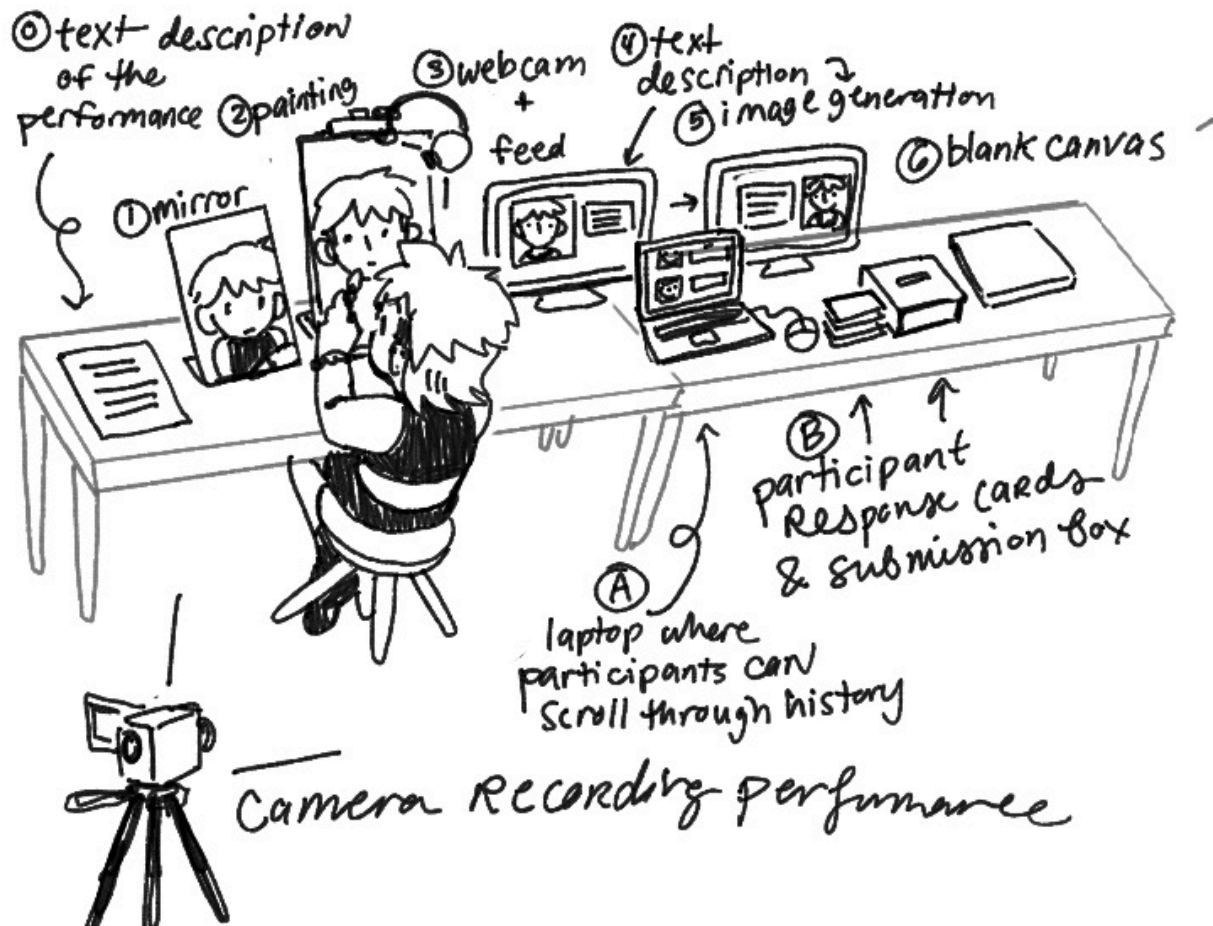

Labels in figure: ⓪text description of the performance ②painting ③webcam + feed ④text description 2 ⑤image generation ⑥blank canvas ①mirror Ⓑ participant Response cards & submission box Ⓐ laptop where participants can scroll through history / Camera Recording Performance

fig. 1

this is a performance art piece, wherein a human artist performs the following:

1. look at your self, and produce a painting of what you see.
2. **WHILE YOU COMPLETE STEP 1:**
    a. have a vision machine look at your self, and produce an image representation of what it sees.
    b. give the image to an image-to-text machine, and ask it to produce a text representation of what it sees
    c. give that text to a text-to-image machine, and ask it to produce an image of what it describes.
    d. repeat

this instance of the piece is complete when step 1 is complete.