

## About the Venue

Here is the link to the venue: <https://arium.xyz/spaces/originofsomu>

Our virtual venue is a space that lives on the computer browser through the Arium 3D meeting platform. **It is not recommended that you use a mobile phone or tablet to enter Arium.** Use your keyboard and mouse to move your avatar around the space. We will first meet at the entrance of the virtual venue for general access coordination.

### A note about documentation:

We plan to document the Arium experience. If you do not want to be recorded, you can keep your video and microphone off when you join. Please keep your microphone muted during the performance.

## Things to Know Before You Join

- Arium is available from your computer web browser. Google Chrome works best.
- Arium uses a lot of CPU, or Central Processing Unit. For smoothness, close other running applications on your computer or check to [ensure your browser's hardware acceleration is enabled](#).
- Keep your computer plugged-in to power throughout the event.
- After you click to enter the Arium space you will be prompted to enter a username.
- Please "Allow Webcam and Microphone Access" when entering the space. You can turn these off and on as you please.
- Please use headphones to ensure a clear, echo-free experience for yourself and other guests.
- Once you're in the space you are welcome to navigate as you desire.
- To look around, click & drag using your mouse or trackpad.
- Move using the arrow keys or W A S D keys, Q and E keys to turn.
- On mobile, move using the joystick on screen.

- Refresh the window if there are loading or glitching issues.
- If your computer fan turns on, don't worry. That's normal.

Using a computer and ethernet cable during the event will give you the best and most consistent connectivity.

## Experiencing Arium

It may take you a second to get oriented in Arium. Here are some tips to help you get acquainted with the 3D world:

- When you enter the space you will appear in what is called the “spawning area.” Wait here, as you will be guided into the performance area together with the group.
- Arium uses spatial audio. This means the audio coming from others will be loudest when you are closest to someone and will diminish as you move away. This also means you may hear people talking as you move past them in the space.
- Your video feed will appear as a box on the head of your avatar. So you may want to have your camera pointing rather close on your face. But of course there's fun to be had here if you'd like to play with the form!
- There is a chatbox available in Arium on the right side of the screen. Click the chat dialog to open it. **Everyone in the room will see what is in the chatbox.**
- If something is not working right, simply refresh your window and re-enter the space. You can join back in at any time.

## Navigation and Controls in Arium

You have options for navigation and control of your avatar's movement in Arium via your computer's keyboard and mouse or trackpad.

- **Jump** by using the spacebar.
- **Move** by using the arrow keys to move forward, backward, left or right. The W A S D keys are also available for these directions.
- **Zoom** in or out by using the scroll wheel on the mouse or pinch/expand motion with fingers on the trackpad.
- **Hide the user interface** to view the full environment - H key.
- You can also use the joystick on the lower left corner of your screen for mouse navigation