

Sismógrafo

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Rachael Mauney

5 e 6 Maio / 5 and 6 May 2023

Performance

*Como posso conceber-me como homossexual
Se não parto de uma sexualidade pré-concebida
Assombram-me histórias do nosso silêncio
Assombra-me a sensação de conquistar
Conquistar algo que não se é, para evitar a violência
de se ser o que se é
Mas existe sempre violência*

GRACELESS é uma história de resiliência, de recusa em dissociar o corpo da sua história, um campo de batalha sexual, um refúgio *queer*. GRACELESS é a história de um corpo não conformante, um corpo *queer*, um corpo lésbico, um corpo sulista, um corpo rural, um corpo rejeitado. GRACELESS é a história do crescimento de uma lésbica de género não conformante numa pequena cidade do sul americano.

Esta performance autobiográfica a solo explora a natureza erótica da emancipação. Devolve a minha história ao meu corpo, perguntando como é que ainda se sente, o que é que ainda significa, o que se transformou, o que foi abolido.

Nota: Este solo contém nudez e referências à violência, embora nunca reproduzidas fisicamente.

RACHAEL MAUNNEY (elu/delu) é performer queer, activista, que cria e escreve. Vive em Lisboa e nasceu na Carolina do Norte, passando os seus primeiros 22 anos no sul dos Estados Unidos. O seu trabalho é influenciado pelo cruzamento da sua educação cultural com a sua identidade queer. Rachael leva a cabo uma actuação interdisciplinar através da sua prática “O Corpo Arqueológico”, uma abordagem interbiográfica à condição queer, um protesto político, abolição de deus, do patriarcado e da opressão colonial. O seu trabalho tem vindo a ser mostrado na Carolina do Norte, em Washington DC, Seattle, Estocolmo, Atenas, Nova Iorque, Lisboa, Munique e Berlim. Tem sido apoiado pelo Dachverband Tanz Deutschland, National Performance Netz DE/ Joint Adventures, Goethe Institut, Fonds Darstellende der Künste, Polo Cultural das Gaivotas, Companhia Olga Roriz, Estúdios Victor Cordon, Initiativ Luna Park, #share AckerStadtPalast, Hosek Contemporary, and Cordillera Berlin's AIR. As a guest performer, they have performed at such venues as Jacob's Pillow, American Dance Festival, Ailey Citigroup Theater, Ruth Page Center for the Arts, Dance Place DC, the Kennedy Center, Dock 11 Berlin, Uferstudios Berlin, Underground Theater Athens, among others. In addition to their performance practice, Rachael organizes the political project “Amplify: Queer Solidarity in Performance”. This project fairly compensates local queer performers, while raising financial aid for LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers in Afghanistan and Iran and he also curates performance, photography and installation. The exhibition “Acts of Disappearance”, awarded by the Parallel award, was presented, among others, in the 2019 edition of Photo London. Humberto also has an experimental solo music project and is part of the bands CATARATA and Orchestra Elastique.

*How can I understand myself to be homosexual
If I don't understand I have a sexuality to begin with
I am haunted by stories of our silence
I am haunted by the feeling of conquering
Conquering being something that you are not, to avoid
the violence of being what you are
But there is violence anyways*

GRACELESS is a story of resilience, of refusing to dissociate the body from its history, a sexual battleground, a queer refuge. GRACELESS is the story of a non conforming body, a queer body, a lesbian body, a southern body, a rural body, a rejected body. GRACELESS is the story of growing up as a gender non conforming lesbian in a small town in the american south.

This autobiographical solo performance explores the erotic nature of emancipation. It places my history back onto my body, and asks how it still feels, what it still means, what has transformed, what has been abolished.

Content note: This solo contains nudity and references to violence, although never physically re-enacted.

RACHAEL MAUNNEY (they/them) is a queer performance maker, writer, and activist based in Lisbon. Born in North Carolina, they spent the first 22 years of their life in the southern united states, and their work is heavily influenced by the intersection of their cultural upbringing with their queer identity. Rachael develops interdisciplinary performance through their practice “The Archaeological Body”, an interbiographical approach to queerness, political protest, and the abolition of god, patriarchy, and colonial oppression. Their work has been shown in North Carolina, Washington DC, Seattle, Stockholm, Athens, NYC, Lisbon, Münich, and Berlin. They have received support from Dachverband Tanz Deutschland, National Performance Netz, Joint Adventures, the Goethe Institut, Fonds Darstellende der Künste, Polo Cultural das Gaivotas, Cie. Olga Roriz, Estudios Victor Cordon, Initiativ Luna Park, #share AckerStadtPalast, Hosek Contemporary, and Cordillera Berlin's AIR. As a guest performer, they have performed at such venues as Jacob's Pillow, American Dance Festival, Ailey Citigroup Theater, Ruth Page Center for the Arts, Dance Place DC, the Kennedy Center, Dock 11 Berlin, Uferstudios Berlin, Underground Theater Athens, among others. In addition to their performance practice, Rachael organizes the political project “Amplify: Queer Solidarity in Performance”. This project fairly compensates local queer performers, while raising financial aid for LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers in Afghanistan and Iran and he also curates performance, photography and installation. The exhibition “Acts of Disappearance”, awarded by the Parallel award, was presented, among others, in the 2019 edition of Photo London. Humberto also has an experimental solo music project and is part of the bands CATARATA and Orchestra Elastique.