

#3 COMMA FESTIVAL – DAY 4

17:00hrs – 22:00hrs

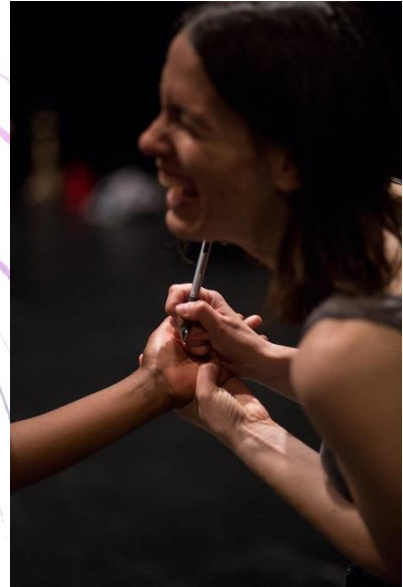
‘Comma Master Performance - on Plants and Community’

Petra Zanki

27 May 2023

Place: Root Art Gallery Rotterdam

Find and play with something that is common to us all, that we do not know the meaning of quite well, a mystery, a ritual, a game, as simple and intricate as friendship, a cat's cradle, an ancient game, that does not colonize, a vessel, a starting point, and a basis, thought the sense of ecofeminism, and use alternative theories (rather than white androtheories) that include immigrant, BIPOC+ and LGBTQIA standpoints towards adductive and alternative epistemologies that always include various contexts, towards the ecology of mind and denouement of double bind, to heal and enjoy.



The performance is a guided tour around the neighbourhood: part installation-performance, part dance around trees, part community-building game, part educational lecture-performance, part meditation practice, and part witnessing experience. It starts in front of the gallery and ends in the gallery.

‘L’image de Soi’

Femke Luyckx

27 May 2023

Place: Root Art Gallery Rotterdam



L’image de soi is a performance about the self-image.

About the influence on and the confrontation with your own regard.

Everyone has an image of themselves, everyone thinks something of themselves.

Positive, negative and everything in between.

What impact does that have on you?

If you would start a conversation with your self-image, how could that go?

L’image de soi is a solo, performed in the natural environment, between two trees.

Nature being the antidote for stress and providing the invitation to reflect.

The underlying artistic approach was a two way research:

the choreographic research into expectations, omission and the psychology of self-image;

the apparatus research to understand what form, materials and rigging

suited best for both choreographic research and subject of L’image de soi.

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Bas van der Kruk

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You're invited to the iconic. If that alone does not convince you to come, then what will? Come to Root Gallery. Step up your game, be part of something bigger, be an artist, be an icon! Ravel in the beauty of vanity, of creation, of inspiration, of exaggeration of letting go and having fun. It's okay to be seduced. Embrace the moment. Enjoy the journey. Take a risk, live a little. Razzle-dazzle and be va-va-voomed. Be curious, be open, be you. The best version of you. The only you. The ICON that is you.

And i. i will be with you. i will show you, ask you, invite you, entice you, surprise you, be just like you.



Octagon Blues

27 May 2023

Place: Root Art Gallery Rotterdam

Rotterdam-based cross disciplinary art collective 'Octagon Blues', is the creative output of a group of interdisciplinary artists. Jeroen Janssen, Rodrigo Ribeiro and Samuel van der Veer come from Valkenburg (NL), Porto (PT) and Rotterdam (NL) respectively, and met in 2017 during their Bachelor of Dance at Codarts University of the Arts. There, they frequently collaborated on creating and performing contemporary dance, but it wasn't until 2019 that they found out about their shared ambitions of becoming interdisciplinary artists. Not long after, the decision to form a collective was made, and since then they've been working and curating in the fields of dance, electronic music, graphic art and filmmaking.

In May 2021, Octagon Blues released their single 'Pink Moon', driven by the Super Pink Moon that rose one month earlier on a cloudy night in April. With two releases under their belt, OB continues to push their musical ideas forward by showcasing their first ever live set at Eendracht Festival, MOMO Fabrique, exhibiting earlier recordings by the collective alongside their personal repertoire.

They'll also be showcasing a glimpse of their upcoming EP, 'Innerflexions'.

