

Noé Duboutay

Noé Duboutay is a performance artist and writer based in Berlin and Luxembourg. They perform with their body and voice, making installations and props and writing scripts, poems, and prose exploring human identities' entanglements with non-human entities and materialities.

Noé's artistic practice moves within finding ways of experiencing a body and forms of embodiments that questions what makes a body and what reads a body. He navigates with the entanglements of social and political constructs of gender and sexuality and creates space for fragile uncertainty and softness.

Through fictive and virtual realms of writing and moving, Noé creates ways of finding queer connections, ally- and kinships as means to mutate with pleasure.

Born and raised in Luxembourg, they graduated in 2019 from HBKsaar with a Bachelor's in Fine Arts, 2021 with a Master of Fine Arts from ZHdK, and they finished their performance studies in Live Art Forms at ADBK Nürnberg in 2023.

Noé won the Akademiepreis ADBK Nürnberg in 2022 and received the Bourse Auguste van Werveke-Hanno the same year. In 2023, Noé published his first literary publication, "mud and the bros" with Lemon Press Zurich.

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and Berlin

mud and the bros (2023)

performance 60 min

pictures by: Leman Sevda Daricioglu, Mark Anthony

AdBK Nürnberg 2023

sic_elephant, Sweet Spots for Soft Bodies 2023

Stadtgalerie Saarbrücken, Erschöpfung 2023

video trailer: <https://vimeo.com/noeduboutay/mudandthebros>

in mud and the bros, Noe Duboutay performs as the Amphibian, who shape-shifts and reads different accounts of desire and lust. the Amphibian brings stories about his relationships to Gender and Bread, fantasies and experiences, dust that becomes mud, gel that becomes waves, voices, and whispers to the space to understand his longing for change.



wet dusk (2023)

performance 45min, in collaboration with Gabriel_le Taillefert & Joni Maus
pictures by: Massimiliano Rossetto

Zentralwäscherei Zürich, Zürich 2023

video trailer: <https://vimeo.com/noeduboutay/wetdusk>

Can you hold onto what is fluid? wet dusk is a performative iteration of tracing fluidity in queer bodies, a rehearsal of unlearning fixed identity constructs, and finding ways back to fluids that connect spit and river and snail and teeth. wet dusk is a choreographed performance that has its first publication at ZW, we are happy to welcome you and soak together into other-worldly spheres. The music shifts gently between the push of dark rave, industrial chilling and the depths of ambient.

concept and performance: Joni Maus/iionye, Gabriel_le Taillefert & Noe Duboutay

music: Joni Maus/iionye

texts: Noe Duboutay

costume: Lynn Kelders

dramaturgical assistance: Johannes Schmidt



there is a body, their bones are made of rocks (2022)

performance with latex pieces, engraved stones, poems, aphrodisiac tea
pictures by Alessandra Leta

Akademepreis 2022 der AdBK Nürnberg

AdBK Jahresausstellung, Nürnberg 2022

*Lust*Art im Rahmen der Kunsttage Basel 2022, Galerie Durchgang, Basel*

“There is a body, their bones are made of rocks” is a conglomeration of tools for body transitions through different materials (latex, stones, text, aphrodisiac tea, wooden stick (made by Maria Scaroni)). The performance is questioning gender within social structures and representations while using lived embodied information as its expression.

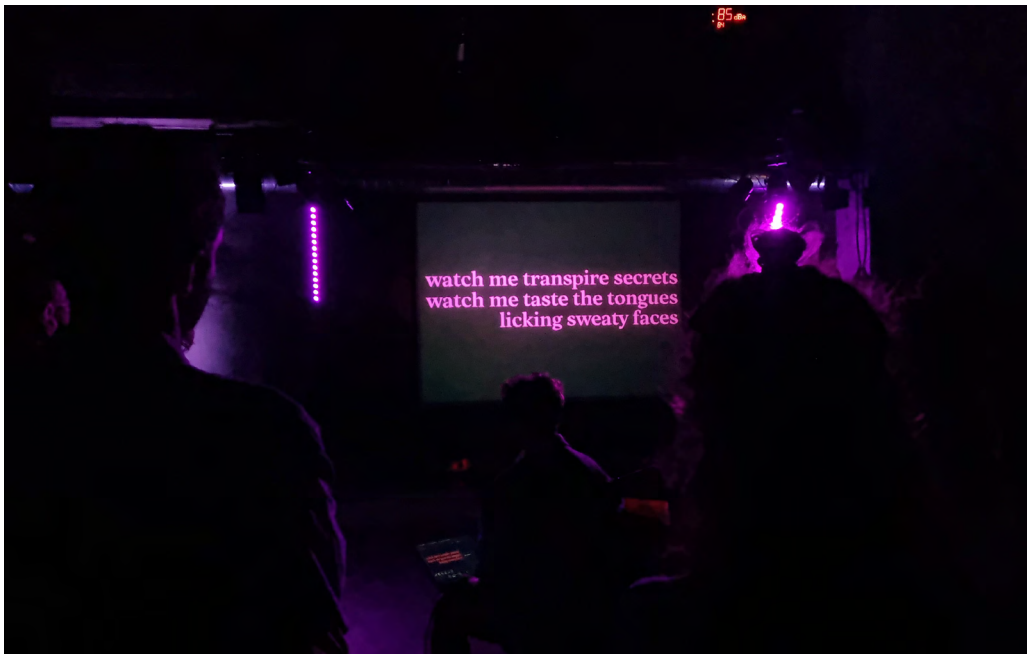


can you sense the friction? (2022)

performative poem readings in collaboration with
Johannes Schmidt

the friction, Zentralwäscherei Zürich 2022

Johannes Schmidt is hosting queer artists to create performances which are being shown during one evening of queer clubbing. I chose three poems, which are separately performed by Johannes himself. The poems talk about queerness, the straight gaze, struggles of being a nonconforming body and the fluidity that comes with that.



Space of Wildness (2022)

installation and performance, chatbot, aphrodisiac teas, sound installation
pictures by nola.lu

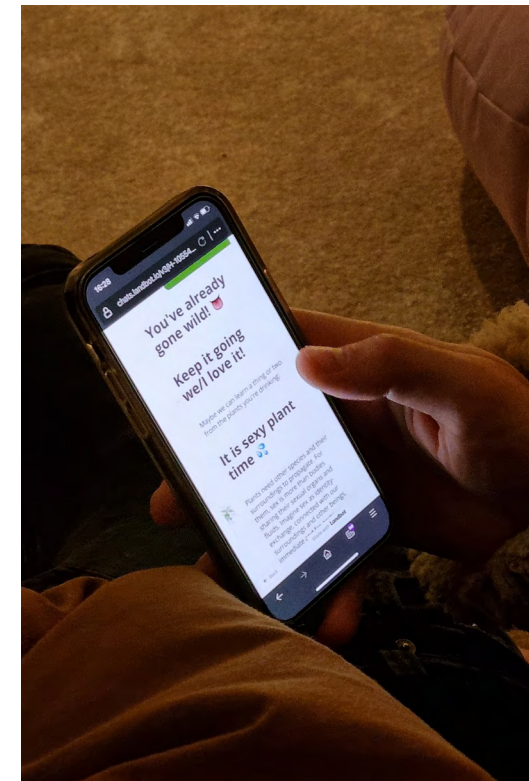
Woven In Vegetal Fabric, Casino Disply, Luxembourg, 2022

chatbot: <https://chats.landbot.io/v3/H-1055482-QV4ZEIJ5UTNHJ6RC/index.html>

Space of Wildness invites you to experience a bodily connection between plant aphrodisiacs, gender deconstructions, and bewilderment.

You are invited to merge with the space and welcome the effects of the aphrodisiac teas.

Entering a space of wildness is a method of unlearning and deconstructing social concepts of gender and nature/culture dichotomy. The active bewilderment through aphrodisiacs and plant ingestion is a tool to access other forms of knowing away from social expectations and exchange that knowledge.

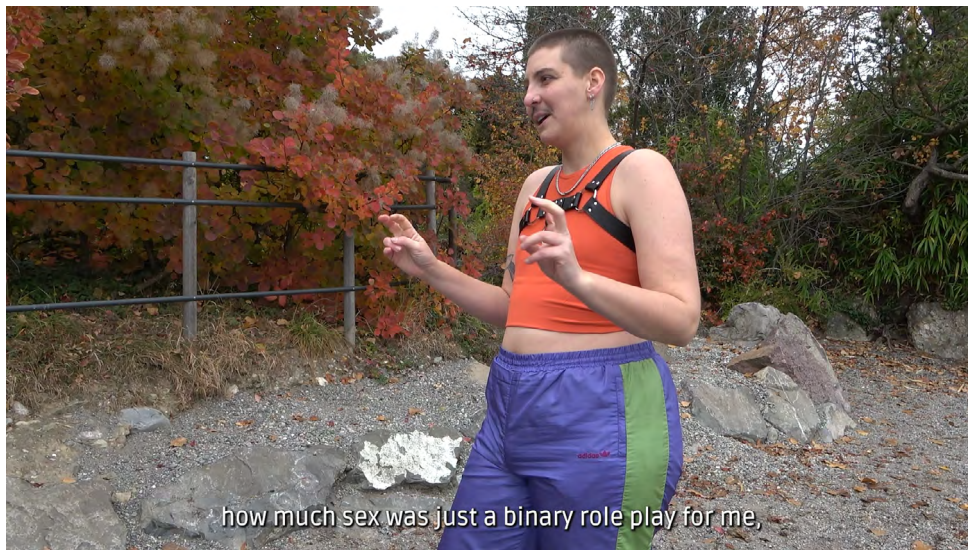


identity exchange and personal aphrodisiacs (2022)

video, sound, 1h10min, interviews with gender non conforming people on gender, sex, and aphrodisiacs

Stay Furieuse, tonspur club, Kanonengasse, Zürich 2022
CID, Jubiläumsfeier, Luxemburg 2022
Woven In Vegetal Fabric, Casino Display, Luxembourg 2022

video: <https://vimeo.com/673077129>



but actually we are Worm (2021)

3-channel video installation, sound, 8min
picture by Hanni Maierl

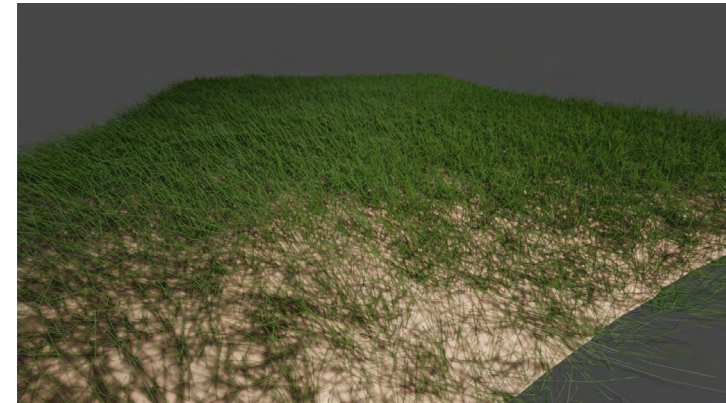
The Library of Alexandria... And Other Stories, Rindermarkt 23, Zürich 2021
There's Always Tomorrow, Löwenbräu Areal, Zürich 2021

video: <https://vimeo.com/557932885>

The 3-channel video installation invites visitors to imagine being Worm. A voice is leading through the imagination of becoming Worm.

For me, moving with Worm is a tool to navigate through different concepts and Ideas away from binary systems.

The Idea of Worm as a body, which constitutes of mouth, digestive system, and anus, is an image to understand the ingestion and digestion of information, such as text, concepts, images, experiences, and emotions. Thinking with Worm is a process of embodiment. Imagining being Worm can make us more aware of who we are as fluid bodies and as always implicated with-in the world.



The dialectic of the worm (2020)

video, sound, 5min 37sec

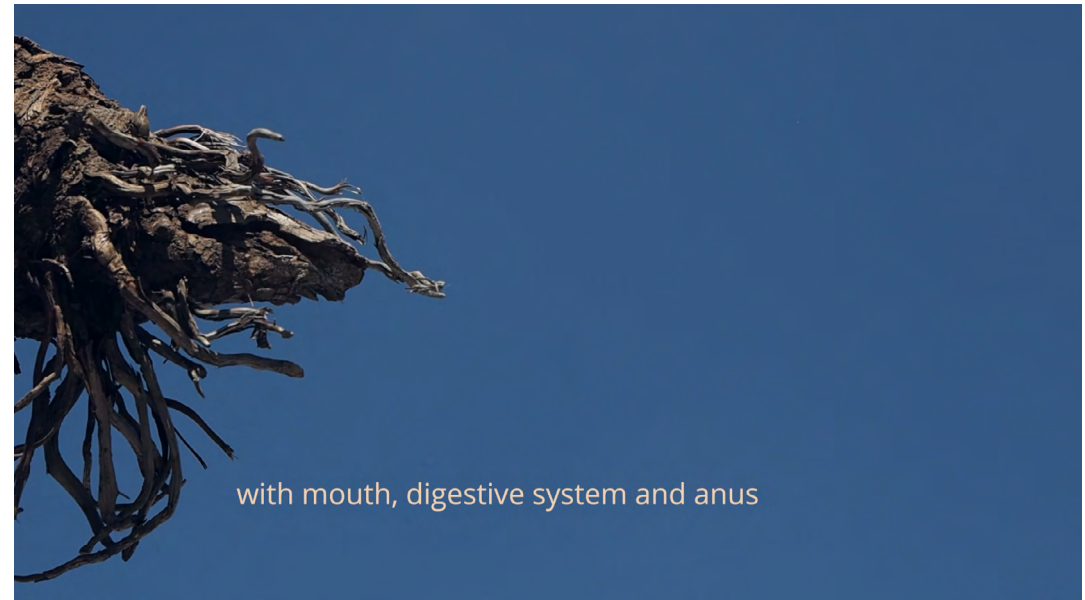
The Lab Program, Estudio Abierto, Mexico City, 2020

video: <https://vimeo.com/484479550>

Bilaterians are animals with two-sided symmetry, i.e., having a left and a right side that are mirror images of each other.

This notion of symmetry is explored in the worms that Duboutay has been working on. On the dialectic of the worm video, Duboutay tries to diffuse some of the anthropocentric binarism that inevitably happens while working with other living organisms that aren't human.

- Valeria Montoya



Hülle (2019)

3-channel video installation, loop

Allez Allez, Abschlussausstellung HBKsaar, Saarbrücken, 2019

trailer: <https://vimeo.com/546186609>

Massaging is a method of mobilizing mentally fixed bodily borders (Didier Anzieu) resulting from traumatic experiences and the societal view of the body as an enclosed entity. Crucial to the massage is direct skin contact.

The videos show a close-up of a person being massaged by two hands in plastic gloves, which greatly hampers interpersonal contact and prevents the massage from working as described.

The videos are supported by the clean white space, in which it is impossible to stand upright and stable due to the soft floor and flexible but low ceiling.



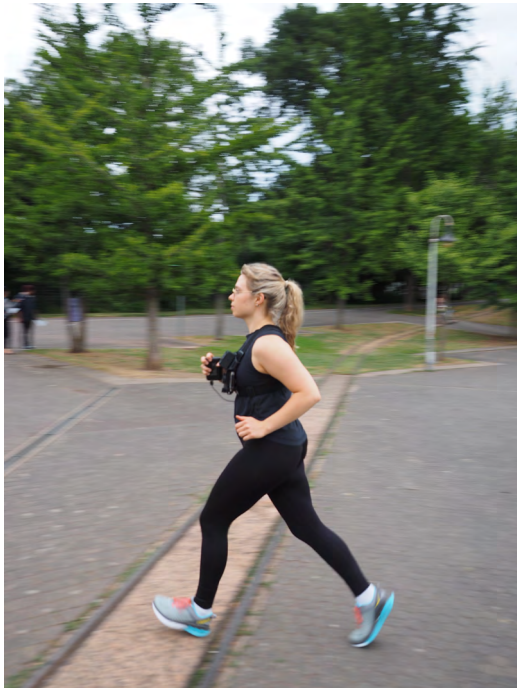
Jogging (2018/19)

performance, headsets, monitors, laptops, action cameras, loudspeakers
in collaboration with Leo Scheidt
pictures by Leo Scheidt

Baum & Bild, Deutsch-Französischer Garten, Saarbrücken 2019
2019 warum weinen performance event, Atelier Orbit 24, Frankfurt (DE)
Rundgang HBKsaar 2018

Two joggers move quickly, sometimes slowly, choppily, occasionally stopping abruptly through the park.

They are equipped with a belt to which a smartphone and a loudspeaker are attached. The faces are lifeless, and they do not speak, but you can hear instructions from another person from the speakers. There are two small stations in which screens are positioned. Here you see a live broadcast of the cameras attached to the avatars. Next to each is a headset ready to put on. A manual explains to explore the park and the ongoing exhibition from the comfort of the station by speaking into the headset's microphone. One can control the avatar, who responds with the instructed movements by giving commands.



Fügen (2018)

video, 9min, loop

matters manners, UG im Folkwang, Essen 2018
Rundgang HBKsaar 2018

video: <https://vimeo.com/546136335>

[Their] seemingly desperate, repetitive attempt to stuff a hand into a preserving jar is deliberately staged as a simple video recorded in the studio. On the one hand, associations with traditional forms of „conservation“ come to mind, but also the disturbingly compulsive nature of this action becomes gradually apparent: the active and the passive hand belong, after all, outside of the picture, to the same body! At the same time, the action itself in its digital repetition reveals as a sterilized preserve.

- Eric Lanz

