

Acquisition Proposal

destiny's child

Miream Salameh and Jonathan Homsey

Miream and Jonathan are trying to get in each other's shoes. This will inevitably fail.

Miream is from Homs, Syria ; Jonathan is a Homsey. Together they connect emotionally across two performances using calligraphy, choreography and destruction with colour. *destiny's child* is a work aiming to embody their empathy for each other's experience as migrants and the failure of doing so. Both artists share a darkness of feeling an outsider, but on opposite ends of the spectrum. This work is a tap dance around the truth of privilege, freedom and domination.

Understanding a migrant's story 100% is impossible unless it is from your own lived experience. Salameh and Homsey honour the home of blue stones--Homs,Syria--and its in honouring find emotional peace for both of them as they yearn for a home that is now in ruins.

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Rehearsal documentation by Wild Hardt.



Part 1: Approximately 11-13 minutes, tap shoes, charcoal. Linen, Showworks tap wooden board

Part 2: Approximately 13-15 minutes, blue acrylic paint, Showworks tap wooden board, rope

Duration: 22-25 mins with 2-4 hour interval in between Part 1 & 2 (interval to be negotiated with gallery)

Acquisition total fee: \$15950 (*excludes travel costs for artists if outside of metropolitan Melbourne*)

Fee includes rehearsal, 10 performances across 12 months and auspice fees; production consumables; and materials.

All editions of the performances and the accumulated linen installations are acquired solely by the gallery.

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MAV acts as an auspice through the acquisition process and then the relationship with artists is to directly to the gallery.

It is imagined the gallery space/site is estimated 7 meters by 4 meters. The work will start with the linen on the floor ; in part 2 at its climatic ending the artists will pull up the linen by two ropes farthest from the entrance/exit of the gallery space. The work will be site-specific for the gallery but there is a preference for a rectangular space.

Viewers can be from all sides and distances. The sound in the space will also play on loop until the next Part 1 performance.

Sketch from a bird's eye view by Miream Salameh.

