



**Experimental Action: Performance Art Houston, February 23 – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Festival Hours: 8pm-12am

Thursday, February 23:	Notsuoh, 314 Main St, Houston, TX 77002
Friday, February 24th:	The Secret Group, 2101 Polk St, Houston, TX 77003
Saturday February 25th: Afternoon	Walter's, 1120 Naylor St, Houston, TX 77002 Contemporary Art Museum

2-2:30 Welcome and Q&A with Evan McCarley and Julia Claire Wallace, Directors of Experimental Action  
2:30-3:30 *Performance As Praxis: Essential Interpretation*, Alison Starr - artist, lecturer, studio art instructor, and co-Manager, Cliff Gallery, Mountain View College, Q&A to follow  
3:30-4 Selected Artist Q&A

Houston's groundbreaking international performance art festival set for Feb. 23-25, 2017 Experimental Action will showcase groundbreaking performance art from across the globe. The Experimental Action Performance Art Festival will take place over the course of three nights in three downtown Houston venues. This year's roster consists of local performance artists alongside visiting artists from across the globe, representing: Spain, Canada, China, Serbia, Brooklyn, as well as many other geographies and cultures.

Additionally, a FREE presentation and discussion panel featuring Alison Starr (Dallas) and artists participating in the festival will take place at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Experimental Action international performance art festival facilitates and spotlights avant-garde experimental art that excites, inspires, and pioneers ideas. The objective of the event is to cultivate an environment of engagement, exchange, and exploration through progressive creative action while exposing Houston audiences to innovative performance art. This festival has taken over two years to come to fruition and was born out of Houston's underground performance art community. The management team consists of Julia Wallace, Evan McCarley, Jonatan Lopez and Jana Whatley. "Even though we are a few weeks away from this year's event, the energy and excitement is already building to a fever pitch," ExA co-founder, co-curator, and co-director Julia Wallace says. "We are absolutely thrilled by the roster of incredible artists joining us from all over the world, and we feel honored by the opportunity to engage and shine a spotlight on such powerful creativity. I can assure you that Houston will never be the same after this year's event."

Performer's traveling to this year's festival include: Abel Azcona (Spain), Chun Hua Catherine Dong (Canada/China), Marta Jovanovic (Serbia), Miao Jiaxin (China/NYC), Peter Clough (NYC), Amanda Gregory (San Francisco), Vincent Tiley (NYC), Christian Cruz (Dallas), Michael Anthony Garcia (Austin), and Ryan Hawk (Austin).

Local performers include: Jim Pirtle, Clay Zapalac, Celestina Billington, Eric Thayer, Nestor Topchy, Brittani Broussard, Jeremiah Carroll, CAT SCOTT, Unna Bettie, Emmanuel Nuno Arambula, Andrew DiMatteo and more.

Those interested in learning more about Experimental Action 2017 should visit the festival's official website at <http://www.experimentalaction.com/>

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