

THE INSISTING BODY: Chor(e)ographies of Erasure and Return MICHAEL(A) DAOUD





The Insisting Body traces violence not as a singular event but as a force extending across time, place, and the body itself. Each day, the performer inhabits Berlin's charged sites where layers of historical and contemporary violence are inscribed, erased, or ignored. This becomes a chorography—from the Greek chōra (place) and graphein (to write)—a writing of places through the body.

Through repetition, slowness, and exhaustion, hidden architectures of violence surface. Aligned with lunar cycles, the work refuses capitalist linearity, embracing rhythms of shadow and illumination.

Through spatial choreographies, visual interventions, and embodied cartographies, the project reconfigures histories, mythologies, and migrations, inviting audiences to reflect on their relation to memory, time, and persistence.

A project by Michael(a) Daoud

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17 & 18 November 2025 20:00h

陸肇欣 Frieda Shao Shin Luk This Uncharted Tongue 母知

Artist talk in English after the show on 17 November

23 & 24 November 2025 20:00h

Leon Locher Headline

Artist talk in English after the show on 23 November

29 & 30 November 2025 20:00h

Angélica Roa To Critter

Artist talk in English after the show on 29 November

5 & 6 December 2025 20:00h

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Artist talk in English after the show on 5 December

11 & 12 December 2025 20:00h

Jemima Rose Dean Working Title

Artist talk in English after the show on 12 December

18 & 19 December 2025 18:00h & 20:00h

Andrii Romanenko SHELTERS in direct strike

Artist talks in English after the second shows on 18 & 19 December

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