

**ZABLUDOWICZ COLLECTION INVITES:
FANI PARALI: *THE TERRACE OF LUNGS*
2-19 MAY**

Opening performances

Thursday 2 May, 7PM, 7.30PM, 8PM, 8.30PM



Fani Parali, *The Creatures*, 2018, performance documentation, courtesy of the artist

Zabludowicz Collection is pleased to present *The Terrace of Lungs*, an Invites presentation by London-based artist Fani Parali, focussing solely on a commissioned live performance work.

Parali uses text, song, audio recording, performers and physical props as materials to create (dis)embodied and otherworldly narratives, exploring identity and absence. *The Terrace of Lungs* is a new work for two characters, revealed through objects, choreography and song. Set within a sculptural stage that echoes the shape and scale of the gallery space, the performance occurs for an intimate audience in close proximity. Intended to be experienced more than once, the work will repeat on select Thursday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

At the centre of the work is the entwined relationship between voice and body, and their simultaneous presence and absence. Creating a complex dynamic, the work addresses intimacy and the need for support, attempting to break down boundaries that keep beings at a distance, be they place, or gender, or any of the other demarcations we use to delineate who we are and what we are not. Recorded voices are mediated through the bodies of the performers, the characters emerging as part human, part animal, part spirit, and part landscape – as *other*. The poetic and physical encounter between these polymorphous creatures allows the viewer to enter their world – ‘the terrace of lungs’.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

BIOGRAPHY

Fani Parali (b. Greece, lives in London) studied BA Sculpture at Camberwell College of Arts and completed her postgraduate studies at the Royal Academy Schools in 2017. Selected solo and group exhibitions include: *Drawing Biennale 2019*, Drawing Room, London; *Hyper Mesh*, Assembly Point, London, 2019; *Arc*, Herrick Gallery, London, 2018; *The Creatures*, Chalton Gallery, London, 2018; *Chumming*, The Pipe Factory (part of GI Festival), Glasgow, 2018; *Bearing Liability*, Strange Cargo Gallery, Folkestone, 2017; *RA Schools Show 2017*, Royal Academy Schools, London; *Gender, Identity and Material*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, 2017; *MONO7*, Courtyard Theatre, London, 2017; *Oral Rinse 2*, Waterloo Action Centre, London, 2016; *Dark Water*, Dilston Grove, London, 2016; *A COOL DRINK TO CHEEK*, Plazaplaza, London, 2014. Parali was one of the recipients of the *Studiomakers Prize*, by Outset and Tiffany and Co, 2017.

Zabludowicz Collection Invites: Dedicated to solo presentations by UK-based artists without UK commercial gallery representation.

ZABLUDOWICZ COLLECTION

Zabludowicz Collection is a philanthropic organisation including a growing collection of contemporary art and a programme of international exhibitions, events and artists' residencies. Founded in 1994, the Collection is dedicated to fostering new audiences and a sustainable environment for contemporary art, offering a variety of opportunities and support for artists and art organisations. All of its activities are privately funded and free for the public to access.

The collection contains over 3000 works of art by more than 600 artists, spanning 40 years of art production. Its focus is on emerging art from the late 20th century to the present day and it is in constant development. The Collection has been directed since 2006 by Elizabeth Neilson.

In 2007 the Collection opened its main exhibition space in London, in a 19th Century former Methodist Chapel, where it has worked with artists, curators and the collection to produce exhibitions and events examining contemporary art practice in a public forum. The Collection now also runs an international programme of exhibitions, events, residencies and commissions across four permanent venues in the UK, USA and Finland. The programme is directed by Maitreyi Maheshwari.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Admission: FREE

Thursday–Sunday,
12–6pm or by appointment

Café, Library and Shop

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