

**ZABLUDOWICZ COLLECTION INVITES
CATINCA MALAIMARE
GAMMA AND OMEGA HOLD HANDS
9 MARCH–30 APRIL 2023**



Catinca Malaimare, *Gamma and Omega hold hands*, 2023. Title graphics: Deividas Vytautas. Courtesy the artist.

Zabludowicz Collection is pleased to present *Gamma and Omega hold hands*, a solo exhibition by Romanian-born London-based artist Catinca Malaimare. In it, Malaimare's choreography takes the form of performance, sculpture, audio and film, revealing our intimate relationship with technological tools.

Bathed in a cool blue light, the central motif of the installation – an industrial roller conveyor belt on movable wheels – rests patiently in a curved shape. A multi-channel audio narrative plays from a set of speakers hidden behind disco balls as the lead characters, Gamma and Omega slowly enter the exhibition space. Wearing repurposed vintage leather motorcycle racing costumes, religious stoles, and dyed mesh tops, the performers undertake an imagined ritual, their intuitive movements promoted through a series of cues and gestures.

For thirty minutes, Gamma and Omega intertwine and labour alongside the cumbersome conveyor belt. The machine acts as another body, each taking turns at being passive and active, connected and disconnected. Machines and devices depend on bodies to function, and in real time we watch Gamma and Omega portray the tenderness and toil of this dynamic. Using poetic, spiritual gestures, Malaimare facilitates an ephemeral, fleeting moment which acknowledges our technological co-dependence.

Outside the performance times, the installation continues to hold a history of bodies and movement. The artist's soundtrack continues, and a video record of the performance plays from a wall-mounted monitor in the exhibition space. Malaimare contextualises her characters and their intervention with the conveyor belt and space in a multidimensional, continuous loop, even without their physical presence. Together the components of the installation and the performance play with time and metaphor, building on the artist's ongoing observation of obsolete technologies.

Performance Schedule:

Thursday 9th March, 7pm
Saturday 11th March, 3pm
Saturday 18th March, 3pm
Saturday 25th March, 3pm
Saturday 15th April, 3pm
Saturday 29th April, 3pm
Duration of performance: 30 minutes

Performers: Sian Fan and ZE
Composer: Chlorys

BIOGRAPHY

Catinca Malaimare (b. 1996, Bucharest, Romania) received an MA from the Royal Academy Schools in 2022 and a BFA from the University of Creative Arts in 2018. Recent solo exhibitions include *Emergency Ex*, Catinca Tabacaru Gallery, Bucharest (2022); *22.200 LEDs*, Another Mobile Gallery, Romania (2020); and *LO Sodium*, Off Site Project, online (2020). Select group exhibitions include *The Picture*, Brooke Benington, London (2023); *Romanian Female Artists*, Maverick Chelsea, New York (2022); *STAYCATION*, Sandwich, Bucharest (2021); and *Dreams Made Flesh*, Catinca Tabacaru Gallery, Bucharest (2021). In 2022 Malaimare participated in the Very Contemporary Performance Festival in Aachen, Germany, and in the 20th Biennial of Art Pančevo in Serbia. Malaimare is working towards her first solo exhibition with Brooke Benington, London, which will take place in May 2023.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

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