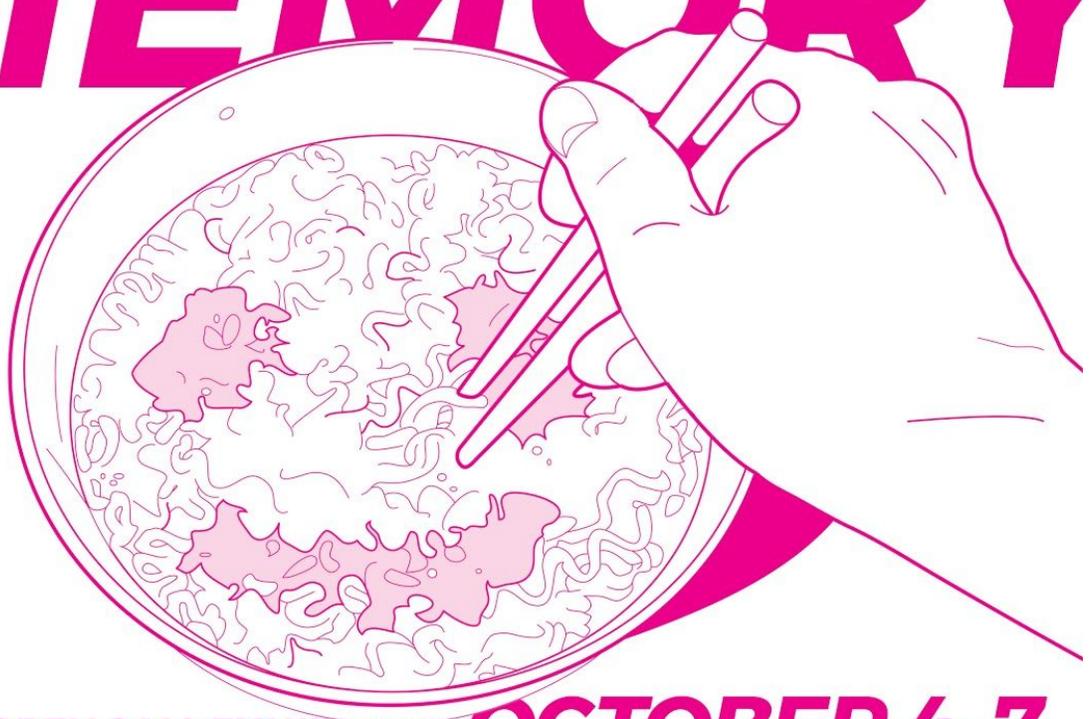


MUSCLE MEMORY



**AN OPEN CALL EXHIBITION
CURATED BY SAMANTHA
HERMAN AND GILLIAN MEAD**

**PERFORMANCES FROM
LOREN GROENENDAAL + TROUPE,
SHELL MYERS,
AND ALEJANDRO ACIERTO**

OCTOBER 4-7

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MUSCLE MEMORY was intended as an opportunity to find artists exploring repetition and systems within their body of work and examine the different means and methods they use. These pieces consider when and how intentionality extends into subconscious, habitual acts. They are evidence of the consequences engendered by recurring behaviors: the physical marks, sets of assumptions, and established canons.

These works exist with or without a gallery space. They exist online as videos you can stumble upon, blogs you can find, as routines performed without an audience, as labor done without recognition. The variety of mediums presented -- painting, video, performance, drawing, sculpture, writing, photography, and printmaking -- are only means to present the notion of abstraction as singularity, and figuration as facsimile, and then suggest a more symbiotic relationship between these two forms. Formal abstraction holds the same weight and political responsibility that figurative art has been relegated to uphold, meanwhile the purity of presence is revealed within works addressing the body.

MUSCLE MEMORY presents a dialogue between 37 artists that rests on the common practice of ritual, with performances by Vervet Dance directed by Loren Groenendaal, and Shell Myers, videos by Alejandro T. Acierto, Jaxson Arnold, Ben Bennett, Michael Evans, Richard Munaba, Yue Nakayama, and Michael White, and pieces by Michael Ambron, LeighAnn Bogner, Gabrielle Constantine, Chelsea Coon, Lucy Denegre, Luke Desmone, Justine Ditto, Lucia Garzòn, Christina Gesualdi, Travis Grant, Norah Gunn, Julia Haines, Melissa Joseph, Eric Juth, Joe Kusy, Mehves Lelic, Lizzy Lubitsky, Christine McDonald, Maija Miettinen, Evan Murphy, Morgan Nitz, Jessica Petrylak, Justin Phillips, Chloè Piñero, Jeremy Sims, EM L. Smith, Orli Swergold, and Kemar Wynter.

Curated by Samantha Herman and Gillian Mead

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