

# TENSE

**Eilit Marom** (Haifa), **Anna Massoni** (Paris), **Elpida Orfanidou** (Berlin/Athens), **Adina Secretan** (Lausanne) and **Simone Truong** (Zurich) are five creators that conceived, choreographed and performed the performance *(To) Come and See* together. The project was initiated in 2014 when Simone Truong proposed a research about the notion of eroticism. She wanted to open up the discourse in a larger context with other accomplices. What began as a curiosity became a journey of multiple gatherings, researches and performances all over the world. Along the way, the widely varied experiences and encounters made the project develop and grow organically into a triptych. Since September 2017 the work also includes *(To) Keep in Touch* - a workshop on touch with local residents, and *(To) Give a Hand* - a durational performative experience with the workshop participants.

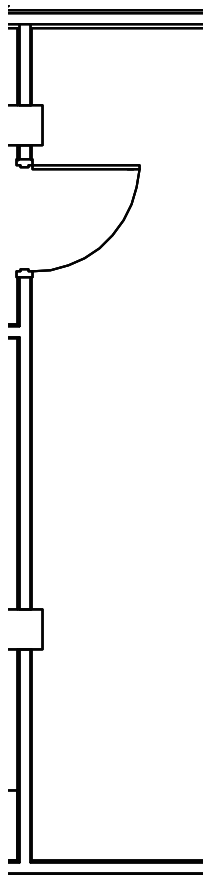


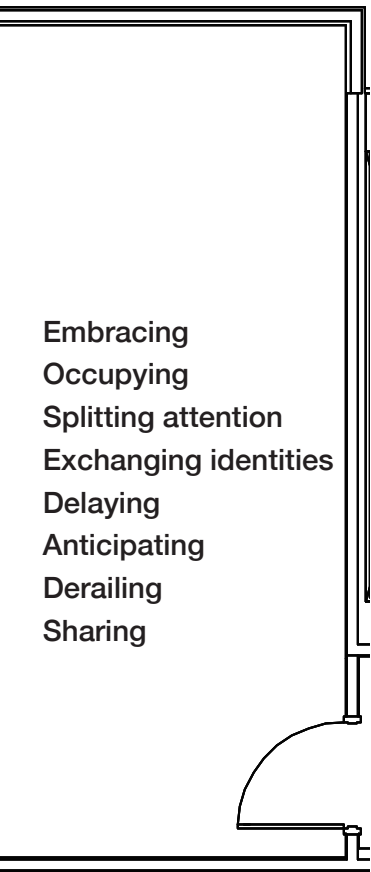
**« while reading, touch the paper  
with your eyes »**

Hello,

We are Anna, Adina, Eilit, Elpida and Simone and we invite you to play. The space you are in right now is your playground, you can claim it as an ecosystem where tenderness, intimacy and even fear can appear. The instructions written here offer you ways to operate in it. Use the game board map to create your own path. Remember one door needs to be opened before we can go to the next, but the path to open each door is unknown, it has to be worked-through in real-time. There is a secret « toolbox » on the side at your disposal made of verbs. You can apply them to each room and behaviors written on the map while following it, and discover the constant path. Listen, so serendipity could appear by itself, observing the coincidences, together and alone. Everything matters. There is no goal or climax. Everything keeps TENSE because it's ongoing. Everything keeps unfolding, surfing the waves of desire.

It is like an endless kiss.





notice the sounds  
around you

prepare to start  
again

suspend the end

look around,  
change your  
position in the  
room and look  
around again

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is your desire  
right now ?  
do it later

you know what I  
like about you ?

at a small zone  
of your body while  
loving as if it is  
the first time

together  
alone

get lost in your  
sensation

touch the paper  
and be touched  
by it

gather your  
thoughts

imagine someone  
is looking at you  
from outside. look  
at that person as  
well.







I enter the labyrinth,  
Of the vibrating facts in front of  
my body.  
I sing their surface;  
The textures of each are my  
nests for the night.  
I am happy to sense you around;  
And then I can taste time.  
Faithfully.

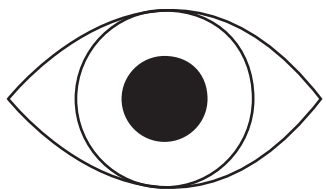






look through here





« has the light changed ? »

*(To) Come and See* is not merely a performance. Rather, it is an experience where one is allowed to surrender, let go of aim and control and feel vulnerability and fear whilst feeling protected by genuine tenderness and sensuality.

The practice explores the idea of an erotic dramaturgy, which claims to stay open and therefore turns sensuality into a liberating experience, free of the idea of a goal. Between proximity and distance, disappearing and presence, a sensual landscape, joyful and uncanny, emerges.

Along the way, the widely varied experiences and encounters made the project develop and grow organically: one and half years after the premier of *(To) Come and See*, the work has been extended to a triptych including *(To) Keep in Touch*, a series of workshops about touch, and *(To) Give a Hand*, a durational performance about desire with the participants from the workshops.

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**Concept, Choreography, Performance** / Simone Truong, Eilit Marom, Anna Massoni, Elpida Orfanidou, Adina Secretan - **Light, Stage** / Roger Studer - **Mask** / Dana Hesse, Katharina Kroll - **Dramaturgy** / Igor Dobricic - **Outside eye** / Jessica Huber - **Production management** / Anke Hoffmann - **Assistance** / Samira Bösch.

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