**Nobody’s Land: LIKE A MAN**

---Open call for men of all ages to participate in a theatre project on masculinity---

Are you a man?

Great! What does that mean though?

In recent years, the role of men in society has changed a lot.

Are you providing for a family?

Have you thought in a war?

When you feel sad, do you allow yourself to cry?

Do you like sport?

What gender do you feel attracted to?

How ever you answered these questions, you might be a man.

We are Levin and Luis. Luis Villegas is a man who lives in Tlatelolco, Mexico City. He is a Research Artist who loves to move, to be moved, to learn and to share. Quiet. The son of an absent man, he grew up in the love of his mother. He takes advantage of the privileges granted by his gender to enjoy the vices derived from it. He identifies himself as attractive, masculine, intelligent, undaunted. His behavior shows an inability to recognize his emotions and vulnerabilities. He suffers from insecurity, anxiety, attachment, controlling behaviors. He does not tolerate rejection. He is currently working on changing his harmful masculine behavior, the starting point for collaborating on this project.

Levin Eichert, born and raised in Germany currently lives in Prague. He mostly uses masculine pronouns but often feels misplaced when being in masculine contexts. He gets irritated and annoyed when people have expectations towards him concerning how to and how not to behave. Many things that people associate with being a man seem foreign and unfitting to him. Sometimes he wonders if he is even a man. A part of his interest in doing this project is because he wants to find out more about his own relation to masculinity.

We are looking for men of all ages to talk about what it means to be a man in the current world. Is there something specific to being a man, that men in general share? Some harmful characteristics of men are criticised under the term *toxic masculinity:* aggressiveness, having difficulty to admit weaknesses, failures and to ask for help, constantly striving for dominance and competition, … Are there also positive traits, that are specific to being a man? What are values we want boys to grow up with and men to learn?

In three weekend workshops, we want to:

1. Discuss with you in a small group of men, what it means for you to be a man. We hope for exchange between men from different generations and backgrounds.
2. Explore with you the performative, theatrical and aesthetic dimensions of being a man:
3. What do we look like, how do we move, what do we think and talk about, how do we relate to each other and how can we find new ways to do that?
4. Create an exhibition based on our thoughts, our conversations at “Rohovka” at VZLET. It will also include some smaller performance that we will create together.

What we offer:

* Conversations on masculinity: A space to share, and hear, and exchange
* Workshops on different techniques in the area of theatre and performance
* The chance to create and to also perform in the exhibition. (But you don’t have to if you don’t want to.)

Requirements:

* You self-identify as a man
* You are 16 years old or older
* You speak enough English to understand this open call

Dates:

* **09.09. + 10.09.23** (weekend, Sa+So, each day 10am-2pm)

First meeting, getting to know each other, thematic conversations

* **16.09. + 17.09.23** (weekend, Sa+So, each day 10am-2pm)

Thematic conversations and workshop on theatre and performance techniques

* **30.09. + 01.10.23** (weekend, Sa+So, each day 10am-2pm, possibly individual rehearsals in the afternoon by arrangement)

Creation of the exhibition and small performances

* **15.10. + 22.10.23**

Exhibitions and performances at VZLET, according to your availability and interest

Register

To register, send us your answers to the following three questions to levin.eichert@gmail.com:

1. Are you a man and why?
2. What do or don’t you like about being a man?
3. What question should every man ask himself?

If you have any questions, please contact: levin.eichert@gmail.com

We are looking forward to meeting you!
Levin and Luis