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How are you doing?



We are currently living in a strange time of insecurity and fear. Our daily life as we know it has been put on hold, which is altering time in many different ways. Our perception of place, people and society is being turned around, for better or for worse. It is a realization of how vulnerable we are, and how fast things may collapse if we do not stand together.

The arts are being heavily affected by the spread of the virus, and many of my colleagues in the performing arts sector are losing their opportunities and work. Because of these unexpected turns, it is important that we stay together and support each other.

COMING SOON! *GAKA*-the movie



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Due to the outbreak, many of my projects have been canceled or postponed. My first film **GAKA**, co-directed by Reinier van Brummelen and filmed by Wiro Felix, was supposed to premiere during the Dutch Cinedans festival later this month, but this event will be postponed to some other time in the future. This film was initiated by myself and filmmaker Aryan Kaganof, and is produced by Serious Film. It is an experimental dance film based on the performance [GAKA](#) I directed last year. I will keep you posted about the future release. In the meantime, watch the trailer of the film [here](#).

End and Beginning in progress



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Our biggest project of the year is an installation performance, called ***End and Beginning***. The music program of this project is a commissioned new piece by Alexander Raskatov and ***Dies Irae*** by Galina Ustvolskaya. ***End and Beginning*** is a project in development in collaboration with the Conservatorium of The Hague, cinematographer Reinier van Brummelen and technical director Yutaka Endo. I will keep you updated about further notices.

For now, I believe it is important that we must not lose (virtual) sight of each other. We are in this crisis together, and will eventually be able to leave it behind us. We will look back and be able to reflect upon what it has brought to us, and what lessons we have learned from these strange times. For now, let's take some time for ourselves to think, create and stand still.

Let's stay in touch and check in with each other from time to time. Be safe!

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