

Act 2: The Continuation

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Yuly Rojas Oyola, La Bruja Teatrera (Bogota, Colombia) (She)

La pandemia del abuso sexual

Esta es la continuación del abuso, esos que muchas niñas hemos sufrido en nuestra propia casa. De todo lo que se vive ahora, el hambre, el miedo, la desesperación y incertidumbre, la única cosa que me inquieta cada día es pensar que miles de niñas en este momento están encerradas en sus casas, más que seguras, presas de su abusador. Para las cuales la casa no es más que un campo de guerra donde se tienen que ocultar, creando trincheras con sábanas, cojines y sillas con la intención de que allí nadie pueda pasar. Con el único deseo de esconderse, porque si las descubren, una mirada lasciva las comienza a asechar, seguida por una mano con deseo de manosear.

Un primo, un tío, un hermano, el abuelo y hasta su propio papá, se convierten en amenazas que también las puede dañar. En 10 años serán mujeres, habrán sobrevivido a la pandemia, pero nunca la olvidarán. No la recordarán por los muertos o el hambre, no. Recordarán esta fecha por que fueron los eternos días que pasaron encerradas junto a su violador, soportando cada día las perversas ideas que a uno o más familiares se les ocurriera ejecutar, sus cuerpos nunca más serán los mismos porque hay un trauma que necesitaran sanar, pero talvez les tome la vida o unas mil cuarentenas más.

This is the continuation of the abuse, those that many girls have suffered in our own home. Of all that is lived now, hunger, fear, despair and uncertainty, the only thing that worries me every day is to think that thousands of girls right now are locked in their homes, more than safe, prey to their abuser. For which the house is nothing more than a war field where they have to hide, creating trenches with sheets, cushions and chairs with the intention that no one can pass there. With the only desire to hide, because if they are discovered, a lascivious look begins to haunt them, followed by a hand with a desire to grope. A cousin, uncle, brother, grandfather and even his own father become threats that can also harm them. In 10 years they will be women, they will have survived the pandemic, but they will never forget it. They won't remember her for the dead or the hunger, no. They will remember this date because they were the eternal days they spent locked up next to their rapist, enduring every day the perverse ideas that one or more family members thought to execute, their bodies will never be the same because there is a trauma that they need to heal, but maybe it will take their lives or a thousand or so more quarantines.

Alma Lowy (Mexico City, Mexico)

Esta es la continuación de la guerra.

This is the continuation of the war.

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Salah Elboukhari - (Moroccan Theatre Artist now in Spain)

This is an extension of the war between good and evil

Between God and Satan

Among all the prophets and the bad

The scholars are the inheritors of the prophets

With ethical science and sincere philosophy we must lead the world, neither the ignorant politicians nor the greedy bourgeois have a place in human leadership.

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Kuliye-ku-Suzyika Nyimbili - (Zambia) (He)

This is the continuation of...

Hate and propaganda

Same cloth new mask

The continuation of control of the system

Continuation of strengthening what divides us

The haves and the have nots continue to be

The story of the haves continues to be prominent

Still, the story of the have nots remains untold

Buried in the archives of history

But hope continues

It's what we remain with, we can never let go of it!

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Nathaniel Eras, Vertexx (Los Angeles, California, USA)

This is the continuation of chain

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Kelly Lamanna, Target Margin Theater

This is the continuation of...disregard for the livelihood of working people. It's clear now to see how our systems have failed us and continue to fail us. How will we fight this powerful force?

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Cristoffer Traffon Marquez (Tijuana, MX) (He)

This is the continuation of rebellion and revolution. Rebellion marks the end of ignorance and suffering; revolution the beginning of intelligence and healing. ¡Siempre vigilante, siempre al límite!

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David Alex Campbell, (from Rikers Prison, NYC, USA)

This is the continuation of the rising of the sea, of homo sapiens, of the What If?
Olympics, of the wind upon the trees.

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Husam Abed (Palestinian born, living in Prague)(He)

This is the continuation of Earth destruction.

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Thomas Walker (LES, NY, USA)(He)

This is the continuation of climate change and human and animal and microbial
evolution, of tragedy, melodrama, and farce. Use it.

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**Tanya Alexander- (Los Angeles, California, USA) -- From 'The Shift' by Tanya
Alexander-Henderson**

This is the continuation of...life in all its glory, chaotic order and ever-changing
sameness. There is truly nothing new under the sun.

"I know now, the story of all the eternities that has ever been told now. I understand
y'all, what my philosophy professor tried to drill into my head y'all. I have what you
have. What he has and she has. What every person that walks this earth that revolves
around in this great, yet tiny universe only has. Three words. THE. PRESENT.
MOMENT."

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Jessica Daugherty (Portland, Oregon, USA) (She)

This is the continuation of entropy which moves energy and never stops, but spreads. A melting down to the same stuff. The original material. Times arrow. When it has energy, it will spread out. Emergent. Disorderly. Expansive. Embracing disorder, living gracefully in discomfort.

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SORNE (Morgan) (Los Angeles, California, USA)

This is the continuation of...

The journey

Ever-seeking

Evolution

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Mizu Disierto- Headwaters Theater (Portland, Oregon, USA) (They)

This is the continuation of... creative culture

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Adriana Portillo (Mexico City, Mexico)(She)

Esta es la continuación de la creación, de la recuperación de la naturaleza de lo que le pertenece, continuación y reajuste de todos sus procesos, de su reapropiación del espacio, porque la vida exige que se le observe, que se le respete y que se le honre.

This is the continuation of creation, of the recovery of the nature of what belongs to it, continuation and readjustment of all its processes, of its reapropriation of space, because life demands that it be observed, respected and respected. honor him.

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Chelsea Rae Cole - (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA)

This is the continuation of community. Together we find strength, communal spirit born through new social distancing to neighbors both foreign and domestic.

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Reka Deak: (Hungarian born, living in Prague) (She)

This is the continuation of life. Life will always continue.

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Fransergio Araujo (São Paulo, Brazil) (He)

Está é a continuação da voz do planeta Terra.

This is the continuation of the voice of the planet Earth.

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Heidi Mae Edwards (Grass Valley)

This is the continuation of ancestral longing... a return to the Mother.

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Cisne Paola (Ecuador) (She)

Esta es la continuación de lo que sigue pasando hace más de un mes y la vida entera, y seguimos encerrados lo único que espero es que todo esto valga la pena y poder retomar nuestras actividades, aunque me hace bien estar con mi familia y con mis

animales que son lo que más amo, amo la forma en que me mirabas y me tocabas cuando me amabas, mientras más vivo veo cosas que nunca pensé ver y la verdad me asusta una tarántula que cae sin previo aviso desde la cortina a mi cabeza. Mi cabeza es la fundamental para seguir cuerdo y seguir adelante por mis hijas.

This is the continuation of what has been going on for more than a month and my whole life, and we are still locked in. The only thing I hope is that this is all worthwhile and to be able to resume our activities, although it does me good to be with my family and my animals that are what I love the most, I love the way you looked at me and touched me when you loved me, the longer I live I see things I never thought I would see and the truth scares me a tarantula that falls without warning from the curtain to my head. My head is the fundamental one to stay sane and move forward for my daughters.

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Georgia Inna (Athens, Greece)(She)

This is the continuation of my friendship jungle

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Douglas Sebamala (Uganda)

This is the continuation of my endless nights with the man I LOVE. Today, we are sitting in the front yard of our little town house in Foggy Bottom. He, sipping away on a chilled beer of boredom and a neat 3 shot whiskey glass. I, watching the single star in the navy-blue emptysky and wondering if this- is always going to be our life. So I turn to him and ask,

“Honey, what if this is always going to be our life?”.

“I hope so and I hope not.” He says, with a cheesy laugh across his beautiful grey chin.

I love his grey chin. So, I lean next to him, my head on his shoulder and say, at least I get to spend the rest of this life with the man I love.

“Ohhh, I hope that’s me!” he intimates to my not very pleasant surprise.

Is he even serious? Of course it’s him. Who else would it be?

“Is there anyone else in my bed?” I jab at him.

He is the love of my life. And I have no idea how I would have survived the stay home quarantine order without him. During these social distancing times, when no one can stand being in close proximity to another breathing human, I have him. Him to love on and share this solitude with. So yes, I’m happy living out the rest of my life, continuing my every day like this, as long as I have him.

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Katya Chizhayeva (Ukraine / New Orleans)

this is a continuation of

hate and love, for self and others. for the planet. continuation of reptilian brain ruling desire for total greed, search for the prey. they do what they do, they don't know better, feel better. Genocides, phobias, and social moral fabric is fractured from top down.

trying to be repaired from down up. we will meet in the middle.

domestic violence, guns and murders, prison and detention, activists trying to control the oil spill like ants crawling on the banks of Mississippi.

continuation of faith and hope and love. mutual aid. agility, flexibility of those who always knew to be flexible. This is a continuation of our dreams.

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Ileri Romero (Ciudad de México, Mexico)(She)

Esta es la continuación de los abrazos que sanan las heridas.

Los abrazos de madres que paran en tiempo.

De un abrazo de ti para ti después de bailar.
De que en esta tierra abracemos como método de sobrevivencia.
Esta es una pausa del abrazo colectivo.
Pero la continuación del abrazo que revive.

This is the continuation of the hugs that heal the wounds.
The hugs of mothers who stop in time.
Give you a hug to you after dancing.
That on this earth we embrace as a method of survival.
This is a pause from the collective hug.
But the continuation of the embrace that revives.

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Hideo Kushiyama (São Paulo, Brazil) (He)

This is the continuation of the pact with the presence, the pact with the theater, with the infinite arts that they share. It is the continuation of touch, of need. It is the continuation of the desire to be together, to keep the flame burning, the revolution is a collective desire, it is in the distance and impossibility that the border is an invitation! Invitation to be present!

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Monica Hunken (Brooklyn, NY, USA) (She/they)

This is the continuation of the desperate yawn of the working class
The coffers of the rich stuffed to bursting
Like a Thanksgiving turkey
Greasy and tired
Our heads on platters served up

To keep

Business

As

Usual

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Stephanie Degreas (São Paulo, Brazil) (She)

Note * I've answered the questions from two standpoints, my own and then tried to imagine what one of the pro-bolsonaro protesters (the ones who are against quarantine) must be thinking.

Writers Point of View:

Esta é a continuação... da nossa vida pós-cerca, pós "isto é meu". Ainda não sei exatamente como, mas sinto, talvez por necessidade, talvez por realidade, que entre xs que discordam das decisões que nos trouxeram ao atual terror, seremos em maior quantidade. E que, sendo em maior quantidade, talvez mudemos algo. Esta é a continuação de uma tentativa de mudança, mas talvez estejamos mais perto. Pelo menos agora é mais fácil saber quem são xs entusiastas dos grandes muros, de um grande escroto passado. Pelo menos agora não tem como haver argumentos que relativizem muros e escrotidão.

This is the continuation ... of our post-fence life, post "this is mine". I still don't know exactly how, but I feel, perhaps out of necessity, perhaps out of reality, that among Xs who disagree with the decisions that brought us to the current terror, we will be in greater quantity. And that, being in greater quantity, perhaps we will change something. This is the continuation of an attempt at change, but perhaps we are closer. At least now it is easier to know who are enthusiasts of the great walls, of a great past scrotum. At least now there can be no arguments that relativize walls and scrotum.

Point of view of the Businessman of Death:

esta é a continuação da nossa luta. A gente vai trazer de volta e melhorar o que o pessoal lá dos anos setenta começou. Vamos juntos acabar com essa mamata, botar

uma ordem nessa bagunça. Vamos fazer o Brasil brilhar de novo – custe o que custar.
Quem tá comigo?!

this is the continuation of our struggle. We are going to bring it back and improve what
people from the seventies started. Let's end this mamata together, put an order in this
mess. We are going to make Brazil shine again - whatever the cost. Who's with me ?!

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Elena Griggio (Venice, Italy) (She)

This is the continuation of the act of drinking

of swimming,

of letting go

what was before frightening us to death is now nourishing.

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Cypress Atlas (New Orleans, Louisiana, USA)

this is the continuation of

the work that has been done

for centuries by those who came before, we are those who come now.

we are those who come now.

we are the ones we've been waiting for.

look around you and see.

we are not alone in our chronicity.

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Ulises Anel (Mexico City, Mexico)(He)

This is the continuation of life, of instinct, of human congruence.

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Maira Lana - Brazil (Superviventes Collective)

This is the continuation of... those who truly care.

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Athina K (Athens, Greece)

PART 3:AWAKENING

This is the continuation of this endless TV bombing. This is the continuation of human's confinement. This situation makes me feel asphyxiated, I try to breathe but I cannot. A climate of fear and panic. It's too late for dreams they say. So I guess this is it ladies and gentlemen. This is the society of death and amorality that we live in. Death is now like a spectacle like the dolls in the stores. I don't want this system. I don't want this life.

I just don't want another day of uncertainty, misery in front of a TV or a computer screen, that throw up parasites and odor everywhere. One more day of not seeing you. One more day of seeing the boats leaving the island's port.. I don't even know how are you. You want me to lose my senses..This is what you want...So here's my answer... I

have flowers inside my brain and my soul, red like the blood. Instead of all these terrifying crap, I'm gonna throw up flowers. I am gonna dance, laugh, sing, write, perform, fight for a colorful world with my soul that looks like a small child. I dream that all the screens in the world break in a million pieces. Your bullets won't kill me. I'm not afraid of your dictatorship. I'm gonna wander proud, without purpose at nights and I'm gonna paint red poppies in the cement.

I'm going to live do you hear me?? I'm going to live!

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Castle Russell - (Bay Area, California, USA)

This is the continuation of creation.

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Jane Park-Smith - (Los Angeles, California, USA)

This is the continuation of redemption.

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Israel Rodríguez (Tijuana, Mexico) (He)

This is the continuation of the cosmic dreams that reflect our most precious gaze

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Miguel Rodriguez (Tijuana, Mexico)(He)

Esta es la continuación de nuestra evolución. Históricamente hemos atravesado otras epidemias y situaciones límite. Nuestra sensibilidad y cooperación mutua nos ha mantenido con vida. Es momento de regresar a la fuente primigenia, de recordar el camino que llevábamos y en algún punto perdimos o distorsionamos. Nuestra especie solo puede existir como colectivo. Mantengamos la esperanza, la Fe, la empatía, la acción y principalmente el amor.

This is the continuation of our evolution. Historically we have gone through other epidemics and borderline situations. Our sensitivity and mutual cooperation has kept us alive. It is time to return to the original source, to remember the path we were taking and at some point we lost or distorted. Our species can only exist as a collective. Let's keep hope, faith, empathy, action and mainly love.

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Camarena Del Toro (Tijuana, Mexico)

Esta es la continuación sea cual sea tu decision.

This is the continuation whatever your decision.

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Laura Diaz (São Paulo, Brazil)(She)

Esta é a continuação... do drama. Um teatro que se recusa a tornar-se, e impede a todos e a qualquer um, exceto a barbárie, de ser te-ato. Resta viver, brilhar y lutar.

This is a continuation ... of the drama. A theater that refuses to become, and prevents everyone and anyone except barbarism, to be you act. It remains living, shining and fighting..

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Joel Vences (Tijuana, Mexico) (He)

Esta es la continuación de ... seguir respirando, de estar contentos por el único y sencillo motivo de estar vivo.

This is the continuation of ... keep breathing, of being happy for the only and simple reason of being alive.

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Nina Ki, Korean American playwright

This is the continuation of...

Hopefully not status quo and business as usual. I would love for this to be the continuation of community coming together, conversations about the true meaning of equality, and an exploration of how we can change our broken system into one that actually works for us. But I think on a larger scale, this is the continuation of the human spirit. As people of color it is in our genes to survive, and thrive. Han!

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Sissy Doutsio from Institute for Experimental Arts (Athens, Greece)

This is the continuation of...our dreams. We dream all together at the same time. Our dreams follow the continuation of history. History is the timeline of our being. History is a woman, she is tall and dynamic, she can be scary and extraordinarily beautiful.

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Cuauhtémoc (Mexico City, Mexico) (He)

About continuation I'm afraid this could be an escalation of racism/classism of the global north against the migration flow from the south during the last years, but I also feel this could be a great opportunity to look to the south and listen to them, giving women the power, understanding that it's time to switch roles, future should be female from now on, future should be sudaca from now on, our planet is counting on it, and sometimes I feel optimistic this could be the time.

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Arthur Ban, Burundi

This is the continuation of life after all...

This is a time in which we'll remember our frustrations, stresses, despair...

This is the continuation of life after those times of fear, where a brother became the first threat to his sister, his parents and vice-versa...

This is continuation of life after this time of confusion and doubt of millions of people lost in hypotheses to understand if really a human being can be so destructive to himself, or how God can be that wicked to destroy his own creature....

This is the continuation of life of the same people with a new perspective, a new understanding, a new departure...

This is the continuation of that beautiful smile that the sky was offering; that lungs soothing aroma that have been generously given to the world by the sky during this time of hiding...

This is the continuation of that beautiful song sang by the rivers, lakes, seas and oceans during this time of hiding...

This is the continuation of the fight of those minorities whose voices have been covered by the greed of this world when they were crying for safe air and water...I wonder if they'll be lonely travelers forever...I wonder...

This is the continuation of life!

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Eric Ramirez Salas (Septima Eleusis Laboratorio Teatral, Mexico City, Mexico)
(He)

This is the continuation of eternal return.

SHADOW (Brooklyn/Los Angeles)

This is the continuation of more of the same things. Nothing has changed, nothing will ever change. A zebra can never change its stripes, neither does this society. The rich will continue to amass more wealth while the have-nots continue to spiral into their own poor demise.

This is the continuation of more of the same things. The voices of activism might be louder but their cries continue to fall on deaf ears.

This is the continuation of more of the same things. Our divisions amongst ourselves continue. Political divisions, economic divisions, social divisions, ethnic divisions, religious divisions, et al... WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE DIVIDED. True unity will never cease to exist.

This is the continuation of more of the same things. Our dreams continue...just like what they are...just dreams.

Leah Bachar (La Panica) New York City

This is the continuation of our Surreal Animal Soul Scream.

Of our sounds, visions, sex, and purpose.

Of our strange impermanence.

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Brad Hamers (Portland, OR)

this is the continuation of the great destructive nothing
if we let it be

a continuation of the one part of you that makes it through the day

the crack of light that reads every sentence

this is the continuation of the amount of your own determination, passion and agency
you decide to employ, harness and dance, daily
while

not being naive about/ or a folding chair to the writers of time and utopia that precede
you, that proceed in you
as much as possible /or un-pushover-able

endless semi hand down truck
of same bounce and swagger
falls asleep on semi-sweet rations
on the same sequestered road
10 thought-family pile up
concentration camp highway
waving to the other passengers
waving to the driver of the rose
sound the thorns

awake the questions
rise the leveraged bread
un-taste the money and its tender
where the car coming head on came from

a room filled only with items to break out

the beginning of, hopefully, an ever changing norm

the Continuation of, only the parts of us that can bring that forth

