

MALAK HELMY

Records from the Excited State, Chapter 3: Lost Referents of Some Attraction

2012

Video

6 minutes

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Malak Helmy (born Alexandria, Egypt, 1982) is based in Cairo, and her art focuses on video, text-based works, and collective initiatives. Much of Helmy's video work visually references the new cultural and architectural constructs of her native Egypt, disputing their too-easy claim on reality and seeking a truer center for psychical meaning. The rhythm of her videos emulates that of desire, but the pathos of the work is of desire left waiting, as time—and its trappings of expectation, language, will—is suspended. With this deft poetry, Helmy's video art succinctly and beautifully encapsulates the haunting liminality that defines this historical moment, in Egypt and everywhere. Helmy's work has been included in the Arsenal, Berlinale Film Festival (2013), the Ninth Gwangju Biennale (2012), Documenta 13's Cairo Seminar (2012), Art Dubai (2011), Southern Exposure (San Francisco, 2011), Krowwork (Oakland, 2011), Proyectos Monclova (Mexico City, 2011), Kunstcentrum Bergen (2011), Objectif Exhibitions (Antwerp, 2010), Mediamatic (Amsterdam, 2010), among others. She received her MFA from the California College of the Arts in 2010.

ABOUT THE GALLERY

Krowwork, a gallery in Oakland founded in 2009, provides a vibrant space for video art and photography in the Bay Area and beyond. As we navigate an increasingly mediated world, these art forms ideally serve as informed and inspired guides, reminding us of their unique transcendent and ritual possibilities. Cited as 'the Best New Innovative Gallery' in its initial year, Krowwork has proven itself to be one of the Bay Area's most consistent venues for experimentation among emerging artists. The gallery's exhibition *DocumentO* was selected by KQED Arts as one of the Top Ten Bay Area Art Experiences of 2012. Krowwork is named for crows, genus *corvus*, which, like video and photography at their best, are observant and fearless messengers, whose unique viewpoint helps to bridge the earthly and the divine, reconnecting the known with the unknown.

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