



As part of the 2023 Drift Arts Festival, Silver Leaf Art Box is thrilled to present *How We Rise* by Naarm (Melbourne) based queer artist and choreographer Zoë Bastin.

How We Rise is an exciting new iteration of Zoë's ongoing project, *Waves Are Disturbances*. Waves become a poetic allegory to explore ideas of consent and control in personal and political contexts. Informed by five days of intensive development at Merricks and Merricks Beach on Bunurong/Boon Wurrung country, *How We Rise* is a response to place.

Comprising three events over three days:

1. Friday 21 April: *How We Rise* premiere - a compelling hour-long performance that sees four dancers traverse highly rigorous improvised choreography with sound composed and performed by Grace Ferguson.
2. Saturday 22 April: workshop - through guided movement, self-exploration and conversation, participants will consider relationships to forces stronger than ourselves.
3. Sunday 23 April: panel discussion facilitated by artist and writer Katie Paine. An opportunity to reflect on the project and discuss what it means to make and engage with site-specific art. What is the potential to inform/transform connection to place, ourselves and each other?

In her practice Zoë considers situations, movements and objects to be connected in artistic production. Her projects span artistic modes, and operate within academic, gallery, theatre and public art realms. This expanded practice emerged during visual art studies (BFA, Hon, PhD) considering the sculptural potential of the physical body. Zoë studied, and later taught, at Mangala Studios, Carlton, an important site in the lineage of Australian German Expressionist dance. Her research is interested in the complexity of practices, ideologies, and aesthetic modes of making within settler Australian legacies of dance and their intersection with visual art.

Zoë Bastin is available for interview, as is composer Grace Ferguson. Please direct enquiries to: Penelope Gebhardt: E: penelope@silverleaf-artbox.com.au Ph: +61 422 132 525 www.silverleaf-artbox.com.au

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