

V+M

A 9 CHANNEL VIDEO
AND SOUND INSTALLATION

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V+M IS A RETELLING OF THE STORY OF VENUS AND MARS PRESENTING A CROSS-GENDER INTERPRETATION OF THE MYTHIC PAIRING OF EROS AND CHAOS. THE UNION OF VENUS AND MARS HAS FACINATED US AS THE ALLEGORICAL EXAMPLE OF BALANCE BETWEEN OPPOSING ENERGIES - BEAUTY AND BRUTALITY, ORDER AND MAGIC; GRACE AND STENGTH. V+M GOES BEYOND THE HETERNORMATIVE CODE IN ORDER TO GET TO THE SOURCE MATERIAL TO UNDERSTAND THE BALANCE OF POWER INRELATIONSHIPS, THE NATURE OF MYTH MAKING AND THE ORIGNS OF DESIRE.



EVERY PARTICLE
OF MATTER

ATTRACTS
EVERY OTHER
PARTICLE



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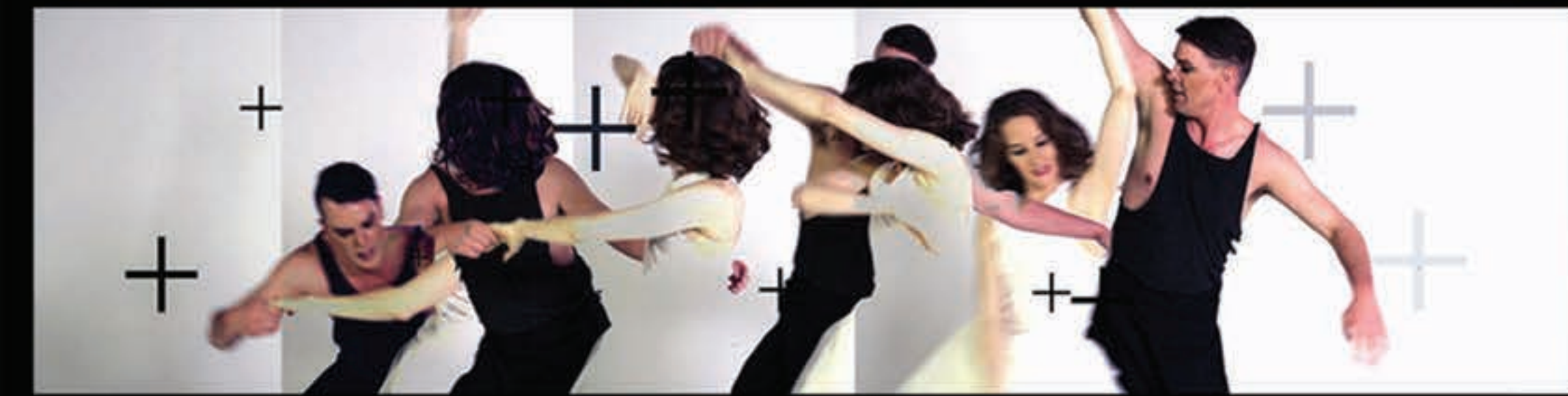
IS TOLD ACROSS THREE 4096X768 PANARAMIC VIDEOS, DISPLAYED ON 9 CHANNELS.
THE STORY UNFOLDS IN 12 CHAPTERS, INTRODUCING US TO VENUS AND MARS IN THEIR MODERN DAY INCARNATIONS;
ILLUSTRATING THE STORY OF THEIR LOVE, EXPULSION FROM HEAVEN, SHAME AND JOYFUL RESOLUTION.



CASUAL LOVERS IF SO INCLINED
INTO THE TRANSIT OF VENUS
INQUIRING PASSIONATE MIND
SACRED FIRE A SOUL RAGED
SIREN'S CHARMS BEYOND
SENSE MEMORIES ENGAGED
WITH SMALL ENTHUSIASM SAW
EMLESS RATIONAL EXCUSES
NEVER WILL BE AS BEFORE
CURIOUS RULES CANNOT RESIST
BENDING OF WILL WITHOUT FAIL
THE MIND CEASES TO EXIST



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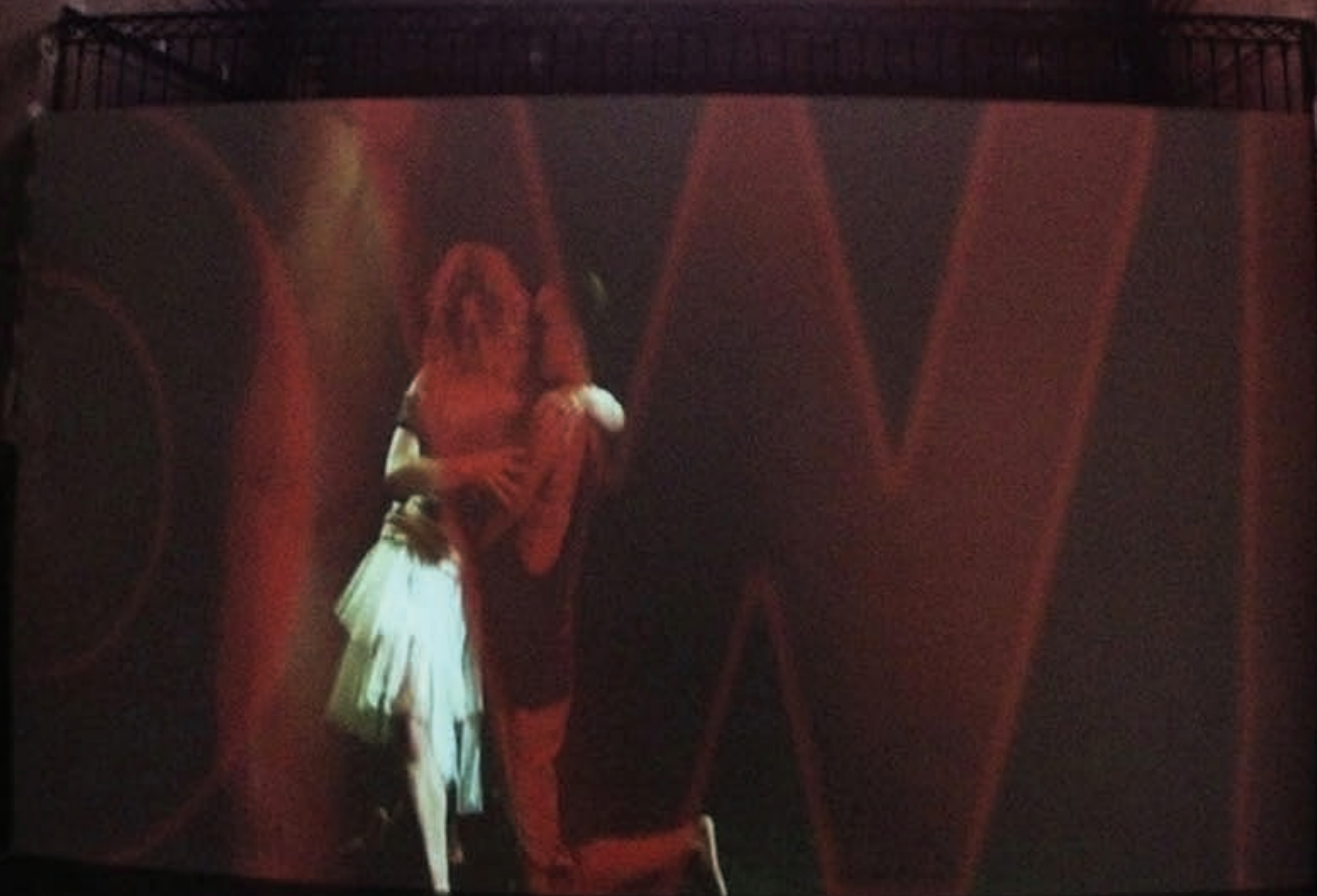




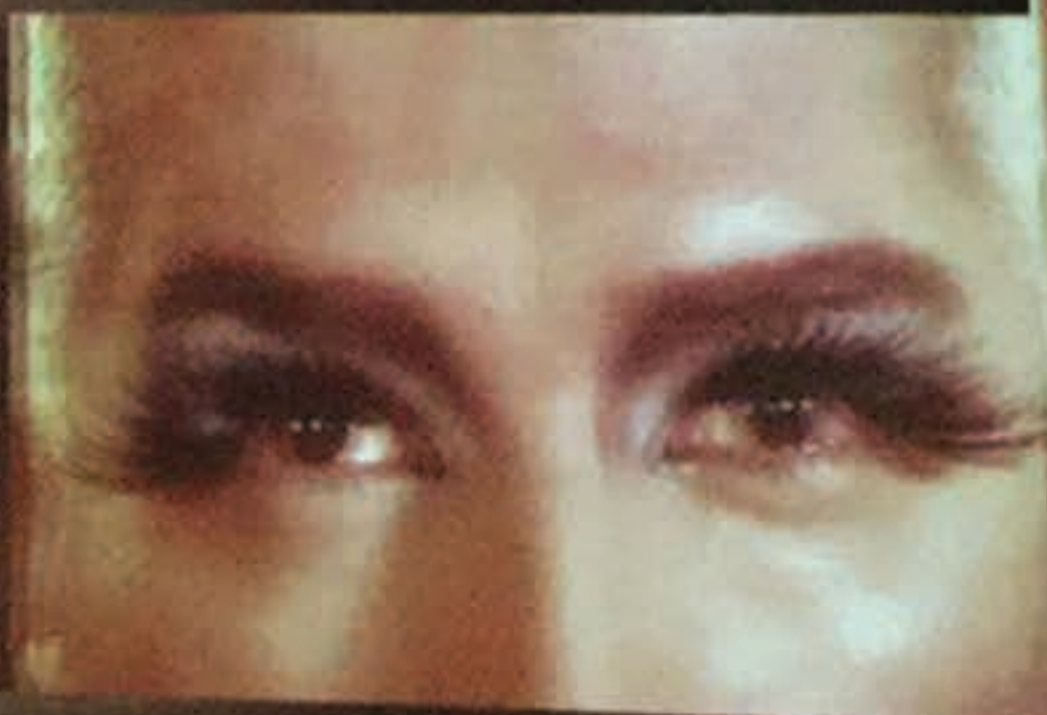
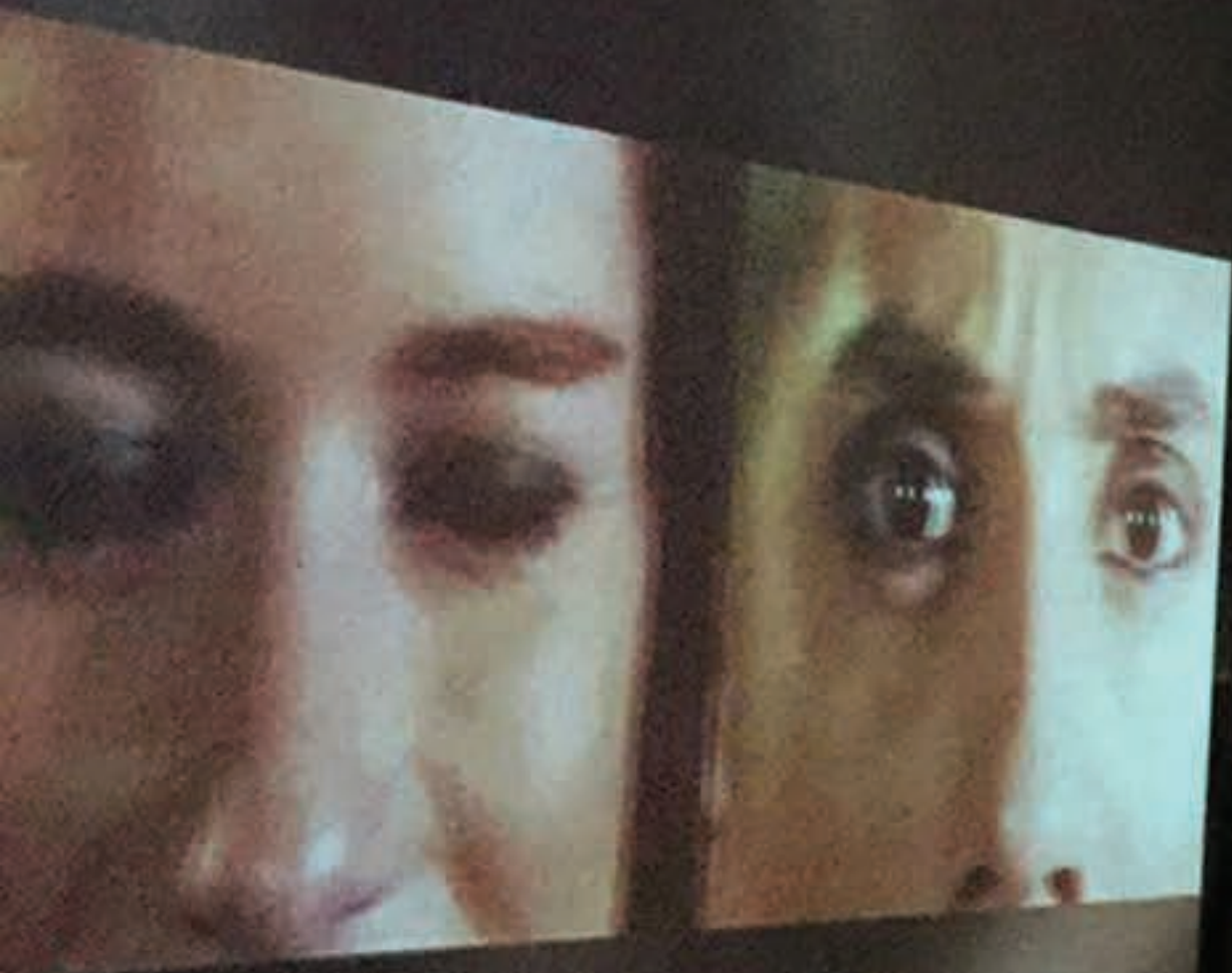
ENDURANCE AND RESISTANCE EMPOWER
DEMONSTRATIONS OF HUMAN STRENGTH
METAPHORS FROM MYTH AND LEGEND
DEFYING A LIFE WITHOUT STRINGS

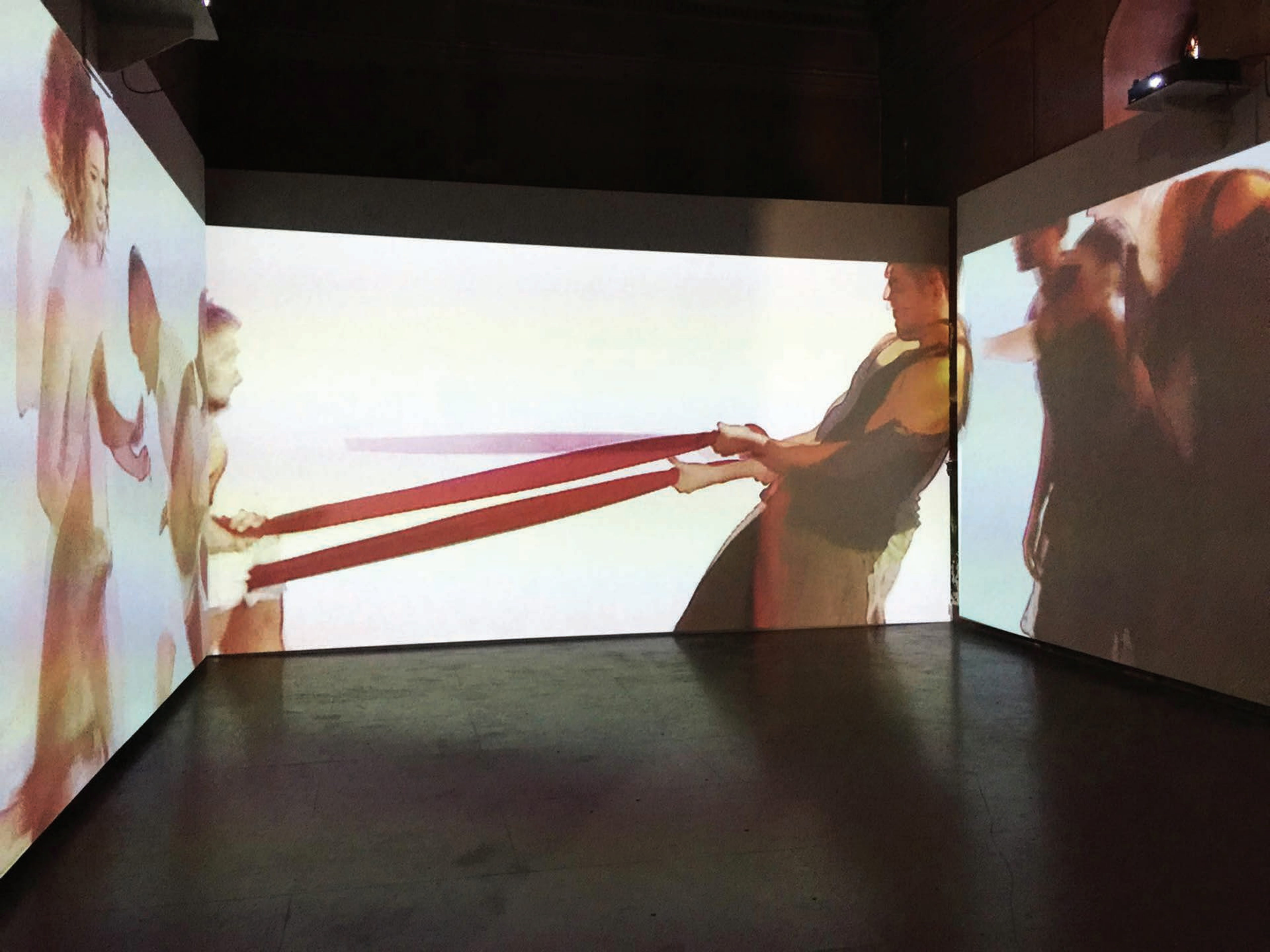
POWER

ETERNALLY WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE
ONE NEVER SHOWS SIGNS OF WEAKNESS
ALWAYS THERE IN THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE
ETERNAL PERSISTENCE AND CONSISTENCY

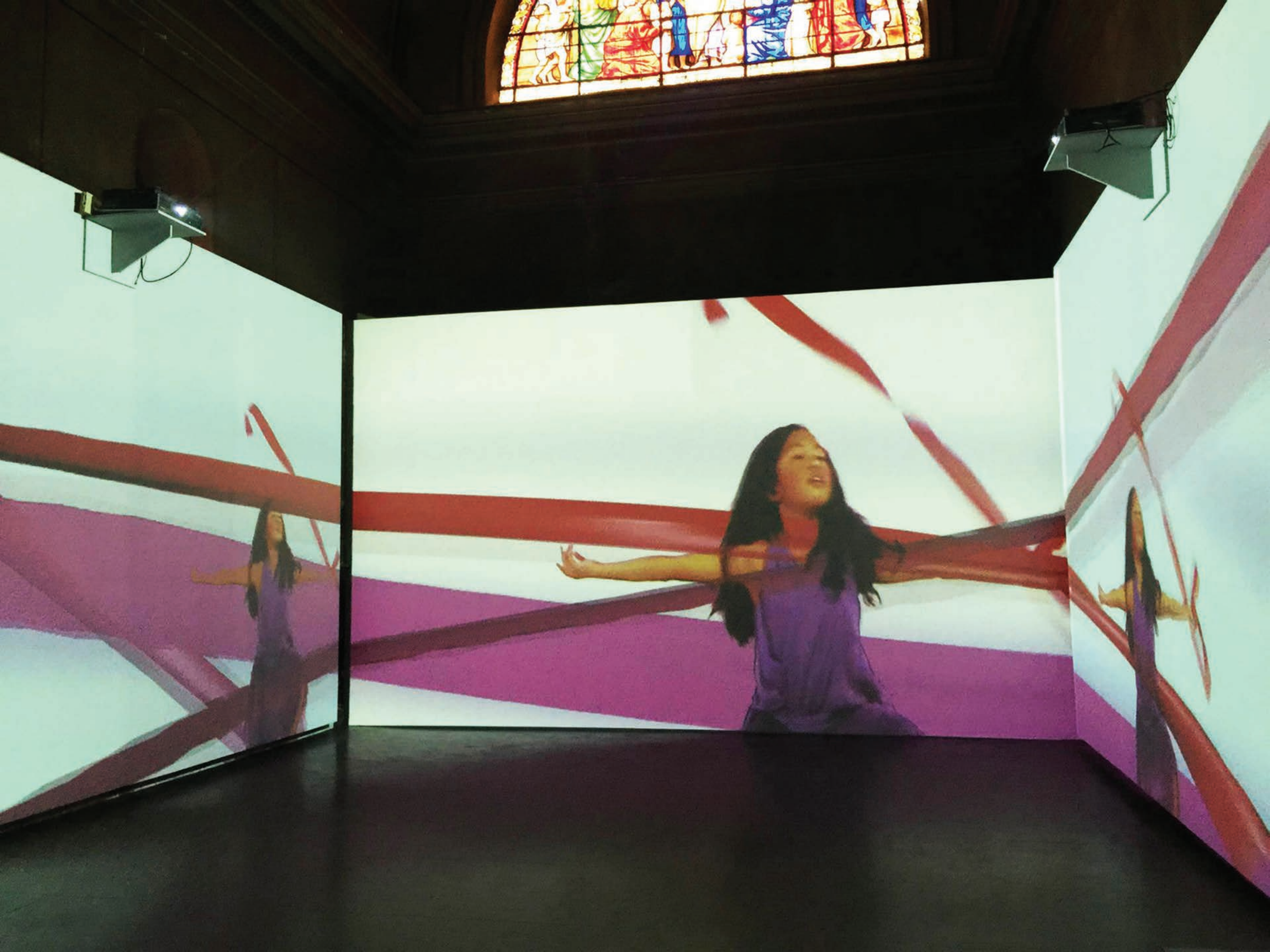

















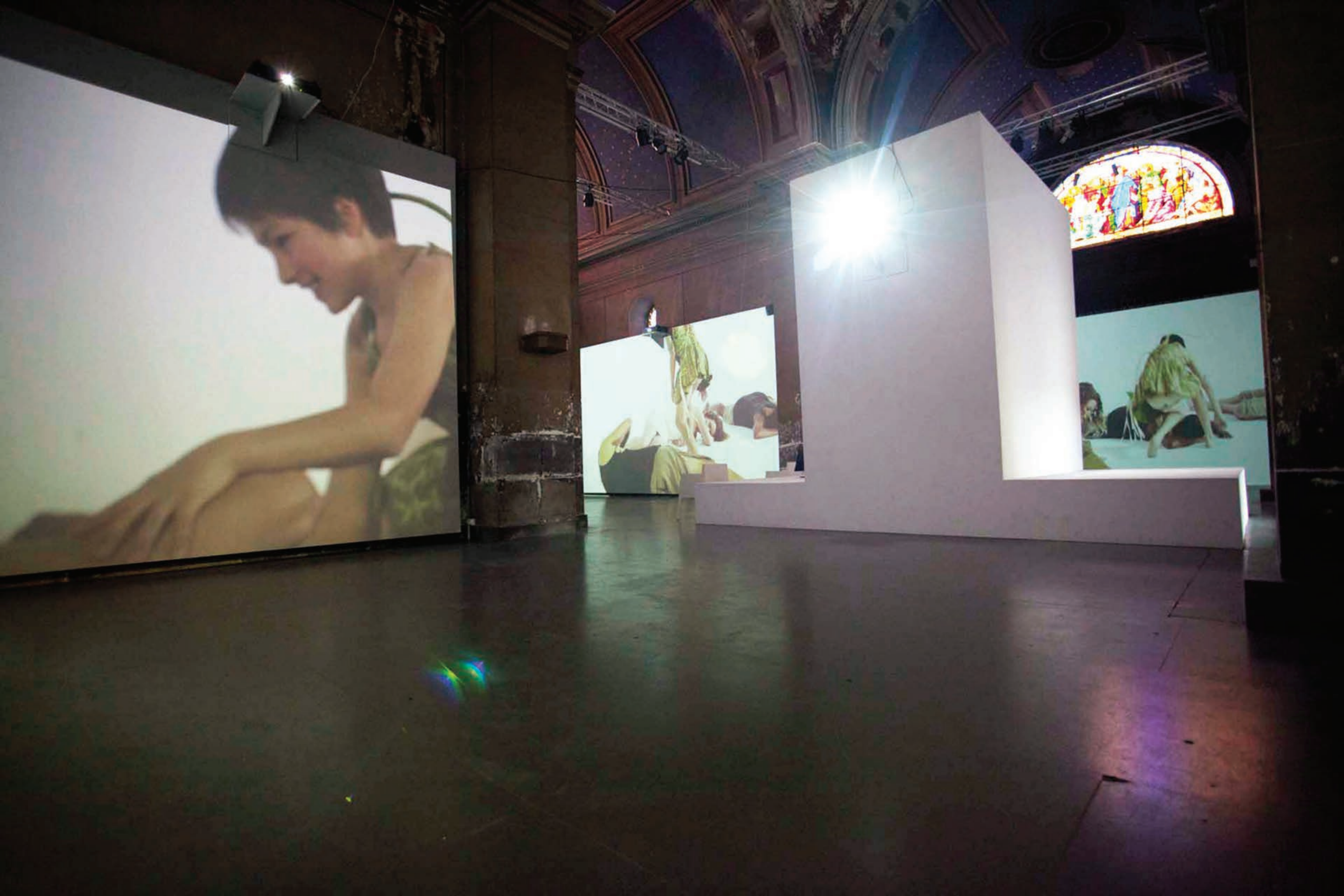
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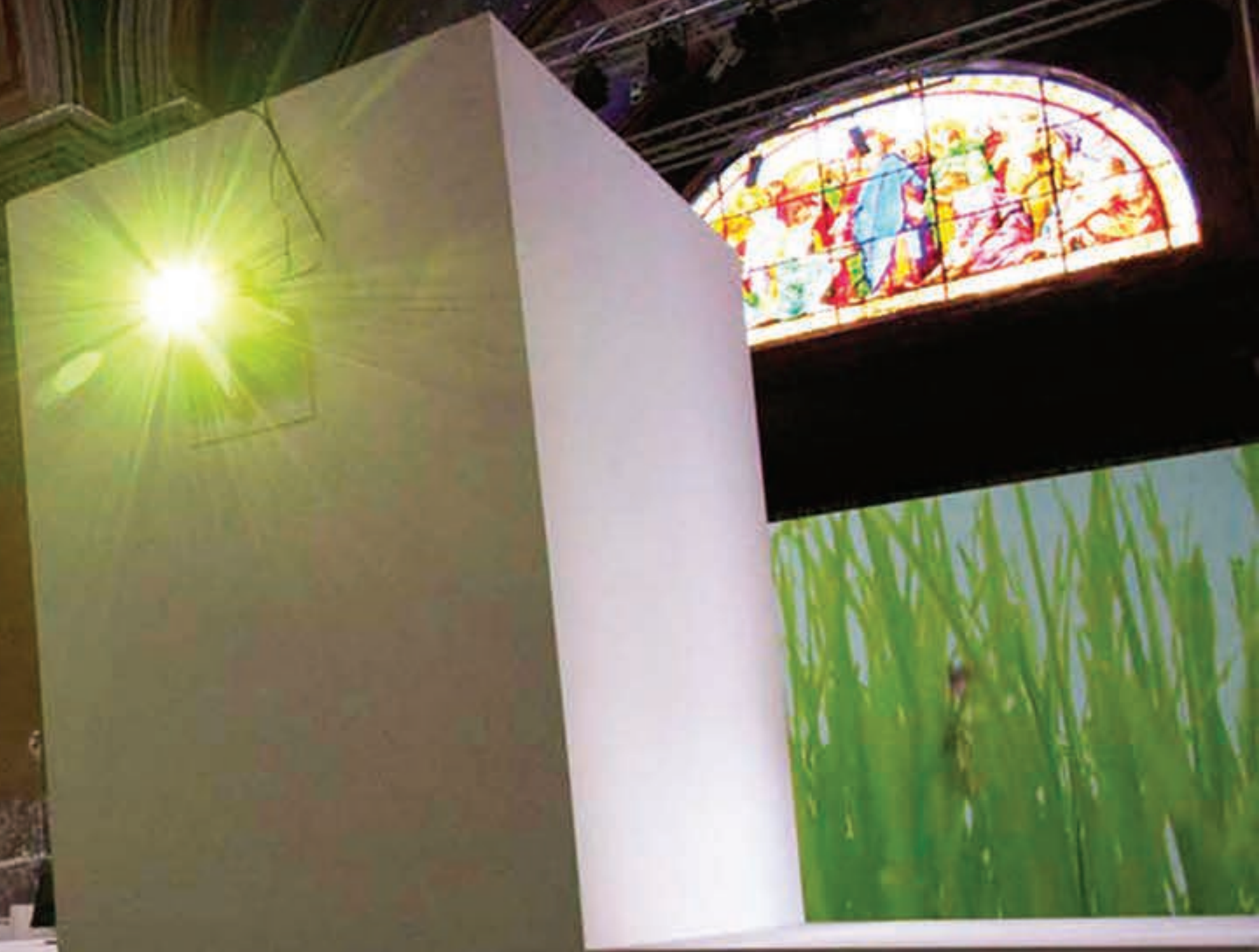
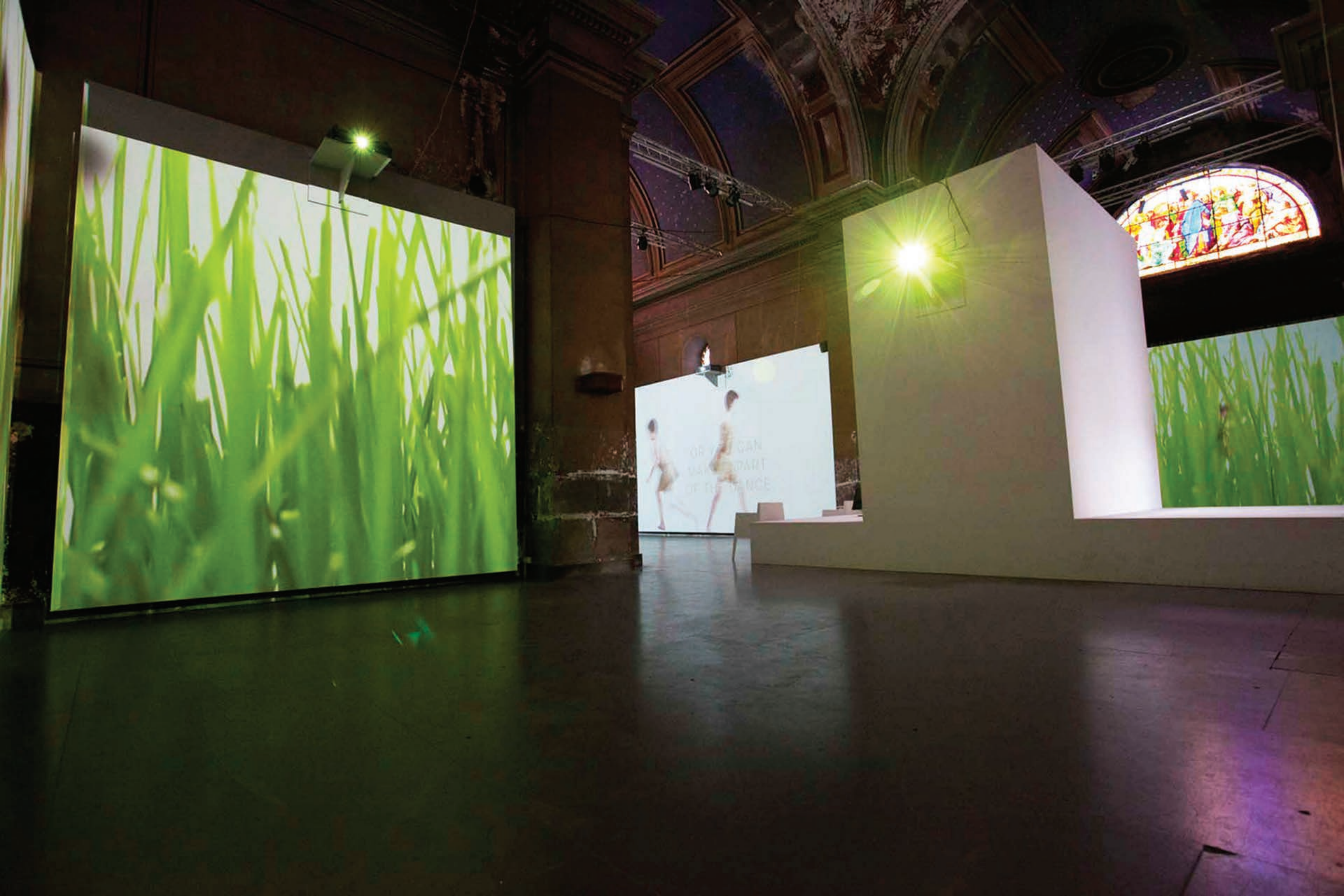


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PREMIERED AT
VIDEOFORMES 30

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IN THE CHAPELLE DE L'HÔPITAL GÉNÉRAL
CLERMONT-FERRAND, FRANCE

V+M WAS INSTALLED AT VIDEOFORMES ON ALL 9 WALLS OF THE CHAPELLE
AND DESIGNED TO MOVE THE AUDIENCE THROUGH THE SPACE.
THE STORY ELEMENTS WERE SEQUENCED SO THAT EACH VISITOR WOULD
EXPERIENCE THE WORK DIFFERENTLY.

