

JÚLIA VAVRA ARTISTS LIKE ME ('60)

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"A work originally made for Júlia Vavra's 2021 graduation for the Amsterdam SNDO - School for New Dance Development, Artists like me is a frisky farce about getting by as artists in the Western contemporary art world. The piece has been brought to life with dancers from Hungary, presenting fictional personas of "the Eastern European up-and-coming artist", craving to get discovered by curators, banging the doors of prestigious art schools and institutions to be let in and to gather some capital for their careers.

The piece ironically reflects palpable contradictions of the art world, demanding artists on the one hand to produce critical discourse and also to accept the precarious work conditions and a life-long indebtedness. The creators bring into play the invisible barriers of social mobility within the EU, where the capital has concentrated in big institutions and Eastern Europeanness has become a moderately interesting exotic feature including goulash, palinka or Orban as unique selling points for Otherness." Zsuzsa Berecz, curator

JÚLIA VAVRA "I am originally from Hungary but based in New York and mostly traveling between Amsterdam, Berlin and Brussels. As a freelance dancer, fine artist, but sort of an interdisciplinary artist, choreographer, performer, stage designer, light designer, media designer, person in charge of the scenography and the costumes, working with fine arts and cinema - I'm immensely interested in creation.

I have a strong background in ballet, Hungarian folk dance, modern dance, urban butoh, floorwork, shiatsu, capoeira, modern running, folk yoga, somatic disco, radical stretching, fine arts, philosophy, historical linguistics and improvisation. By mixing all these styles I am experimenting with a movement practice where the body falls into a hybrid, unrecognizable, abstract, and fully unnecessary motion. [...]"



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CREDITS

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|| nudity, smoke, strobe light, 14+ ||

BASIC TECHNICAL INFO

Stage: medium/large

Travelling crew: 6