

## Choreographies of past few months

I am trying to respond to the question of “What artistic contribution could interact with the current situation?” in this particular framework, with the resources and the medium of expression it can offer in times of spatial isolation and physical distancing imposed by the coronavirus crisis. I agree with the necessity of new artistic statements, voices and contributions within the current landscape, which is also a landscape of struggle. At the same time, as an artist I don't think the arts should try to keep the same pace of production during these few months, when faced with such a reduction of possible communication spaces. Beyond the resources they can put into supporting artists and cultural workers in the present, I hope they also gather strength and focus on their crucial role of providing substantial support for deep engagement, for thinking, imagining and practicing complex ways of being in the world as we come out of the coronavirus crisis, into the larger crisis that the world was in, even before the current pandemic. My response now, therefore, takes the form of an observation act, which also implies an intrinsic reframing.

What follows is a small collection of images, two-dimensional representations of gestures and movements performed during the past few months, which have already circulated in the media. The images depict a social choreography-sculpture of subjects and objects within the contexts which enabled them; actions that have been performed outside artistic frameworks and have been captured by different photographers or social media users. The collage attempts to reframe them. Their arrangement in this format is the result of a personal process of selection, contextualization and therefore also re-signification, to a certain extent. It does not mean to represent reality but to give some insights into potential interpretations of reality and desired projections; to offer a way of looking at.



U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels flyover in a salute to frontline COVID19 responders as seen near the US Marine Corps War Memorial, Virginia. ©Jacquelyn Martin/ AP Photo



Lions nap on road during South African lockdown. ©Richard Sowry/ Kruger National Park



Homeless people sleep in a parking lot with spaces marked for social distancing in Las Vegas. ©Steve Marcus/ Reuters





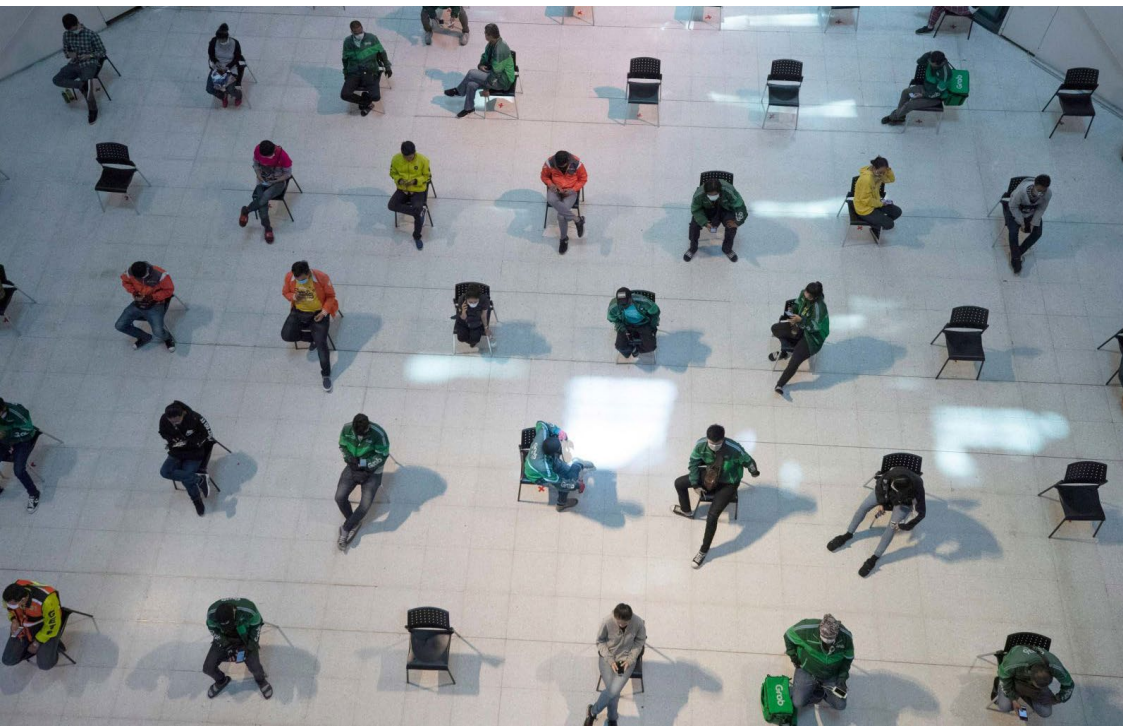
Healthcare workers transfer a patient at the Life Care Center in Kirkland, Washington, on March 1. The long-term care facility is linked to confirmed coronavirus cases. ©Reuters



Medical staff in Wuhan, China, celebrate after all coronavirus patients were discharged from a temporary hospital on March 9. ©STR/AFP via Getty Images



People practice social distancing as they wait for takeout food at a shopping mall in Bangkok, Thailand, on March 24. © Sakchai Lalit/AP



Greek Communist party union PAME protests outside the parliament to honor May 1st keeping the necessary physical distance. ©alkiskon/ Reuters



Protesters, seen from above, maintain social distancing at the 'Black Flag' protest in Tel Aviv, April 19, 2020. © Tomer Appelbaum



A flock of flamingos flies in a pond during nationwide lockdown against the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, in Navi Mumbai on April 20, 2020. ©lindranil Mukherjee/ AFP via Getty Images



A single sunbather remains following the closure of Sydney's Bondi Beach on March 21. ©Loren Elliott/ Reuters



Flamingoes are seen in huge numbers behind NRI colony in Talawe wetland, Nerul, during nationwide lockdown due to Coronavirus, on April 18, 2020 in Mumbai, India. ©Pratik Chorge/ Hindustan Times via Getty Images





Coronavirus frontline doctors and nurses hug at the Cremona hospital in Lombardy, Italy, on March 15, 2020.  
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A doctor comforts a woman in isolation before a Cesarean section at the Wuhan Union Hospital on March 7, 2020.  
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Domenico di Massa embraces his granddaughter Cecilia for the first time in two months after Italy allowed families to see each other again as the country begins a staged end to a nationwide lockdown, in Rome, Italy on May 4. ©Yara Nardi/ Reuters



Elderly couple with coronavirus celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with the help of staff in an Italian intensive care unit, now being on the road to recovery. April 14. ©Roberta Ferreti/ Newsflash





Amateur flutists Sabine Albani and Martin Lessner play Ode to Joy together from a window in Germany, March 22. ©Peter Endig/ DP



Two pandas finally mate at a Hong Kong zoo that has been trying to get them to mate for 10 years, when the zoo shut down because of the coronavirus, April 7. ©Ocean Park, Hong Kong





Women stand in a queue to receive relief supplies provided by the local community amidst the COVID19 outbreak in Dhaka, Bangladesh, April 1. ©Mohammad Ponir Hossain/ Reuters

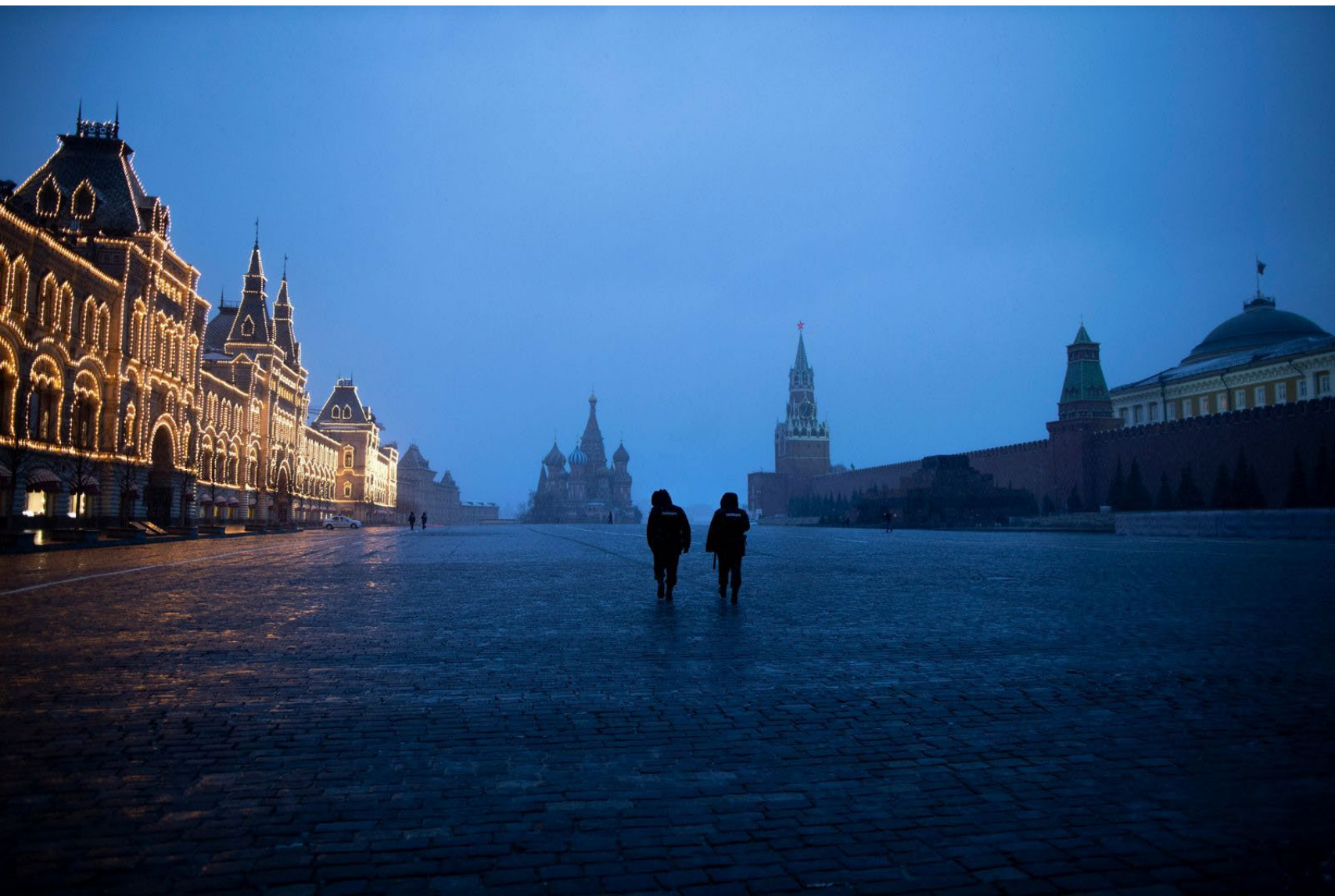


Employees of Japan's defence ministry sit on chairs spaced apart for social distancing, as they watch a video message of Defence Minister Taro Kono, Tokyo, April 1. ©Jiji Press/ AFP Getty Image





Pope Francis delivering “Urbi et Orbi” – “From Rome to the world” prayer for Catholic Easter, in front of an empty St. Peter’s Square in the Vatican. ©Reuters



Two police officers in Moscow patrol an almost empty Red Square on March 30. ©Alexander Zemlianichenko/AP





Mayor Cătălin Flutur prays during the solitary pilgrimage of Saint Parascheva's relics, an action meant to protect the city from coronavirus, in Botoșani, Romania. ©Monitorul de Botoșani



Moldavian police singing a song asking people to stay at home during the COVID19 outbreak. ©Moldavian Ministry of Internal Affairs/ Facebook





Michigan armed militia group occupying the state capitol building to protest stay-at-home order.  
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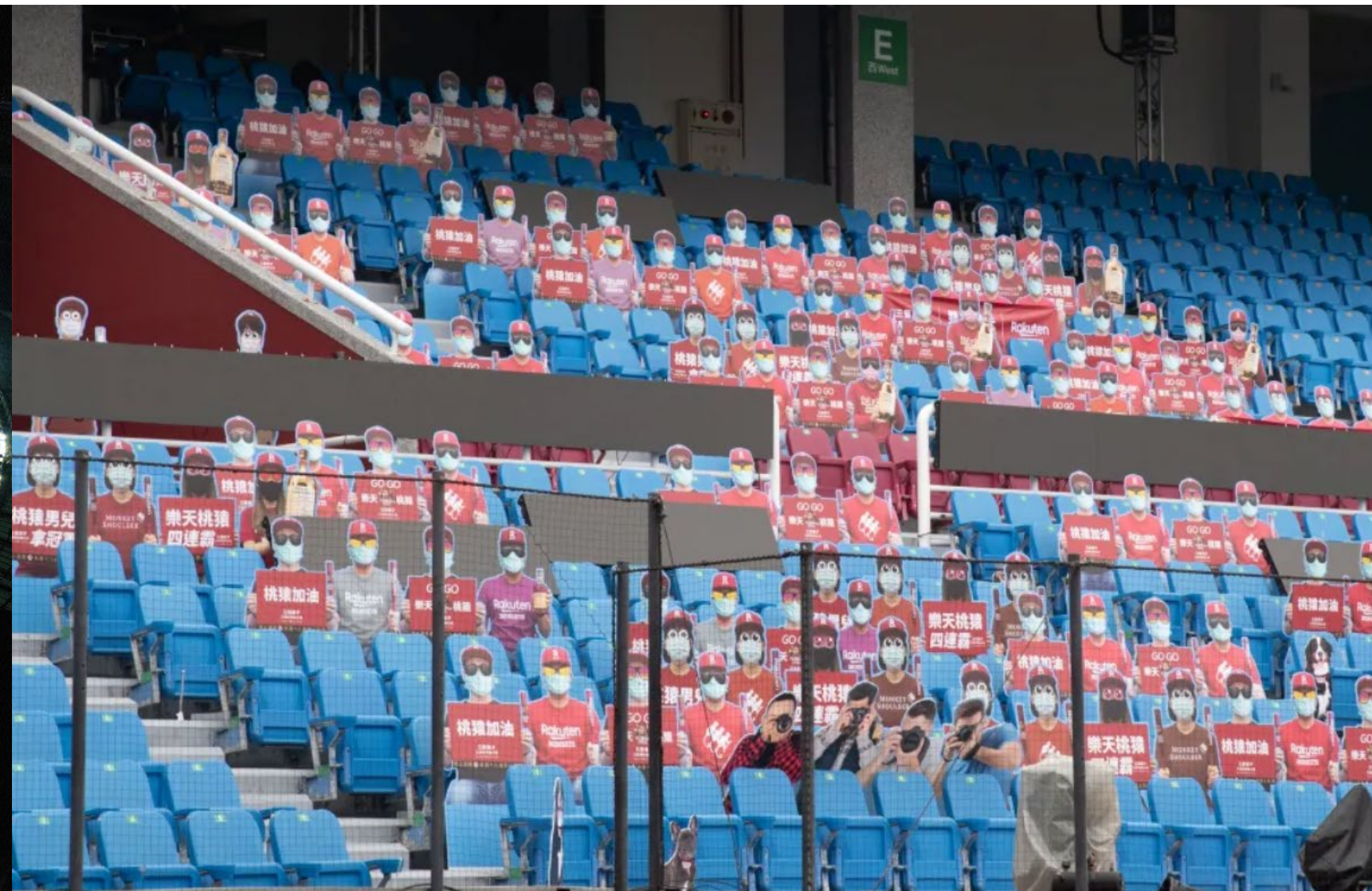


Mountain goats roam the quiet streets of Llandudno, Wales, on March 31. ©Christopher Furlong/ Getty Images





Alianza Lima and Racing Club play a professional soccer match in an empty stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on March 12. ©Gustavo Garelo/ AP



Taiwan's professional baseball league replaces human fans with cardboard spectators. ©Gene Wang/ Getty Images





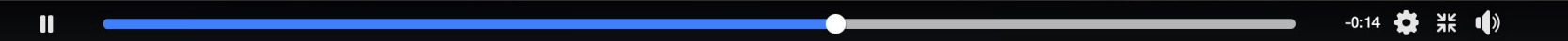
Gyorgy David Jablonovszky and his bride, Timea, are joined by close relatives during their wedding ceremony in Miskolc, Hungary, on Saturday, March 28. ©Janos Vajda/ MTI/ AP



People celebrating across balconies ©Mario Ricigliano/ Facebook



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People dancing a "hora" - circle dance, while keeping social distance with long sticks ©Danilo Prnjat/ Facebook





Children carry their sick dog to the vet on a makeshift stretcher during lockdown in Kohima, northeastern Nagaland State, India, March 25. ©Yirmiyan Arthur/ AP



A Palestinian Mother entertains her children with makeshift masks made of cabbage as she cooks in Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip. April 16. ©Mohammed Abed/ Getty Images