



CLAIRE FOODY



ON REPEAT

Installation · Dance Film · Photography · Performance



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This exhibition is structured around five washing movements:

- 1 scrubbing
- 2 wringing
- 3 airing out
- 4 hanging
- 5 folding

Drawn from everyday housework often carried out by women, these movements repeat across different forms in the following installations :

WASH

Embedded video installation

Centrifuge

Dance film, 6.30 min

the BATH

Film and fabric works



WASH

A gutted washing machine plays a short film inside the drum, reworked to emphasise the physical effort of washing clothes by hand.

The film shows a figure seen only from behind, intentionally anonymous so that the body could belong to anyone. Nude from the waist up, the performer repeats domestic gestures — scrubbing, wringing, airing out, and folding — performed in an exaggerated and laborious manner. Everyday actions become choreographic movements, revealing the physical strain often hidden within routine and maintenance.

The installation is built from a dismantled washing machine reconstructed with a handmade fabric and vegan leather drum. Inside, a computer monitor plays the film on an endless loop. The monitor is connected to a coded microcomputer programmed to run continuously, allowing the work to operate autonomously, as if the machine itself has replaced its original function with an act of perpetual labour and memory.

A one-minute segment of the original five-minute film:
<https://youtu.be/avnllv42GDA?si=npW2tnL8AXO9sSUo>

Centrifuge

This 6 minute dance film transforms the gestures of washing clothes by hand into choreography, revealing domestic labour as constant, physical, and often unnoticed.

Rather than treating laundry seriously, the work leans into exaggeration. Dresses, loose hair, polka dots, and heightened physicality turn routine into theatrical intensity, exploring the tension between labour and play as the mundane becomes dramatic and absurd through repetition.

CENTRIFUGE FILM :

<https://youtu.be/-3cbMA3Ytw8?si=2uVOAntCkhJBz0lb>

Director & Producer

Claire Foody

Choreography

Lærke Lund Thestrup & Claire Foody

Performed by

Ida Brieghel · Lærke Lund Thestrup · Claire Foody

Filming & Lighting

Fredrik August Madson-Malmo

Editing & Colour Grade

Claire Foody

Music

Suite Española, Op. 47 — Isaac Albéniz (Public Domain)

Trumpet Freestyle — Jeppe Frost (commissioned)

World of Wash 'n' Wear (1958) — Public Domain



the BATH

Analogue film photographs taken from the *WASH* film video show a figure, nude from the waist up, performing exaggerated washing gestures. The photographs are taken apart and soaked in water, allowing the film itself to undergo a washing process, one could say, a bath. Each image is then reattached to watercolour canvas and hand-stitched onto fabric with visible coloured thread.

Every Polaroid emulsion lift responds differently, producing tears, folds, and distortions that make each work unique. The pieces are displayed on an ironing board, transforming a domestic object into a sculptural setting. Rather than clothing being cleaned, the body within the image becomes what is washed.

Video of the creation process:

<https://youtu.be/x5bEXZzbHbw>





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Claire Foody is a Canadian multidisciplinary artist and professional dancer based in Europe. Trained at L'École Supérieure de Ballet du Québec and shaped through international performance experience with companies including KOMA Ballet, the Johan Inger Youth Project, Ballet de Barcelona, and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, her practice moves between stage performance and visual installation.

Her artistic work emerges from a lifelong relationship with movement, where choreography, film, textile, and spatial installation inform one another. Dance and visual art exist as intertwined practices, each feeding the other's research, physicality, and emotional language.

Alongside installation exhibitions and expositions, Foody continues to perform professionally, with the possibility of live performance integrated into exhibition contexts when desired.

Dance showreel :

<https://youtu.be/0xgGZtllmw?si=-VDGHKIz22GspDVw>