

A, Brazil flag emoji, 47 Yago Mesquita

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a statue of a broken boy a young man's body thigh-deep in the water sustained silence keys jangle an engine starts ground parking garage. a garage door c a rush of wates a downpour above on high-be

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ABfe47 was first developed and presented in aluna theatre's CAMINOS festival (2021), workshopped with the support of tarragon theatre and diaspora dialogues (2023), with further development in the summerworks festival's summerworks lab (2024).

ABfe47's script is just about equal parts dialogue and singular moments written in poetic bursts, meant to be interpreted through and by a variety of artists and artistic mediums as an artistic parallel to memory.

memory is at the centre of ABfe47: it is something fragmented, inconsistent, and unreliable while being something continually cherished and returned to.

when conceptualizing this performance installation with my collaborators, we gave a lot of consideration to what experience we wanted audiences to have.

while we could have made or commissioned something, we felt that may be too prescriptive when the entire point is to leave things up to interpretation.

what we ended up with was this: an invitation for audiences to experience the intimacy and poetry of this script in their own way; to remember with CAUÄ.

i hope there are moments (memories) that resonate with you, and thank you for being a part of this play's development. <3

(p.s. ABfe47 is ultimately a love letter to my mom, so idk... maybe give your parents a call after this!)