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KEEP AMMUNITION, WATCH THE WAY, AND MAKE YOUR LOINS STRONG AND POWERFUL. FOR THE POWERFUL CONSOLIDATE THEIR POWER.

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WITH MY CRIMSON SHIELD, I'M READY TO TORCH THE DAY.
THE CHARIOTS RAGE IN THE STREETS, THEY LOOK LIKE

LIKE LIGHTNING AS THEY STRIKE.

THE RIVER GATES ARE OPENED, THE PALACE COLLAPSED. LOOT SILVER PLUNDER GOLD: FOR THE GLORY OF EMPTY SHOPS AND THE END OF ALL THE PLEASANT FURNITURE.

THE CITY IS EMPTY, VOID, AND WASTE, AS WELL AS HEARTS, PAIN IS BACK.

ALL OF THEIR FACES WERE DISCOLORED WITH DEATH. NOW, I WILL SMOKE, AND I'LL BURN VEHICLES IN THE SMOKE, AND MY SWORD SHALL DEVOUR YOUR YOUNG. I WILL CUT YOU OFF FROM THE EARTH, YOUR VOICE IS NOT HEARD, AMBASSADOR.
WOE TO THE BLOODY CITY! IT IS ALL FULL OF LIES AND

SOUND THE ALARM, WHIP SOUNDS, AND THUNDER WHEELS, AND PRANCING HORSES, AND JUMPING CHARIOTS SOUNDS, I WILL WIN, AS A BRIGHT SWORD AND GLITTERING SPEAR, AND THERE ARE MANY DEAD, NO END TO THEIR CORPSES: THEY STUMBLE OVER MOUNTAINS OF CORPSES.

I DISAGREE WITH YOU. I'LL SHOW YOUR NAKED SHAME TO THE NATIONS AND KINGDOMS.

I'LL MAKE YOU VILE, AND WILL MAKE YOU A SPECTACLE. THOR JOHNSON ON DYSTOPIA

War Flower

The Danielle Georgiou Dance Group

DGDG will preview an excerpt from War Flower for the Freefall Festival, Check the website for dates / details. The Utopian Impulse: A look at the fascinating, but somewhat elusive, quest for human perfection by Jon D. Ewing

'Then the Lord God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might **reach out** his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and **live forever**"—therefore the Lord God **sent him forth** from the garden of Eden. '[Genesis 3:22-23; NRSV]

From the **casting out** of the first parents from the 'Garden of Eden,' to the restoration to the same in various apocalyptic scenarios, literary and religious, the **quest for** human **perfection** has driven humankind in its progressive, and at times quite regressive, march toward collective and personal improvement. If it ever existed on earth, the biblical **paradise** was located in the elusive 'east' — the locale of the famed and fantastical hanging **gardens of Babylon** and the walled 'parks' or enclosures of the ancient Persian Empire.

Legends brought back by Greek adventurers fueled the lore and speculative philosophy of Socrates, and his utopian-minded understudy. Plato. Indeed, the Golden Age of the Greeks and later Romans, with its succession of lesser ages, concentrically arrayed, served as the impetus for the Neo-Platonic return to the center of the noetic universe, Plotinus's One; the journey 'eastward' increasingly became the mystical/philosophical journey within. And in Hindu philosophy, there is also, if somewhat cyclically, a recurring succession of ages. And of course, we are currently in the 'age of quarrel' [the Kali Yuga]; at least in the cyclical versions we have a shot at recurrence.

Progressives pride themselves on the slow improvement of human civilizations; while Utopians are the 'optimists' gazing ever forward, or maybe they are moving forward and gazing over their collective shoulder, back to a simpler time, when worries were fewer and everyone seemed to live in a small town [this would include the virtual small towns of Leave it to Beaver or the Andy Griffith Show].

Nowadays, many seem to want to remake America along these lines: the late 50s and early 60s, before JFK's assassination and the 'end of innocence'. What fuels the Utopian Impulse, the constant obsession with perfecting humanity [or at least portions of humanity]? At times of crisis, religions and the sages who spawned them have hearkened back to simpler times, when the teachings were new, when all things were held in common, before human nature got in the way of beautiful ideals. But even for the utopian, human nature always seems to get in the way.

Is the Utopian Impulse fueled by escapism, a purely fantastical longing for the 'time' before humans reigned supreme; or is there something more progressive that fuels the return-to-paradise motif? Was Walt Disney a genuinely utopian visionary, or simply a marketing genius? And what part does making money play in the Utopian Impulse; is the perfection of humankind profitable? Or is it now necessary in order to save the planet?

Whatever the case may be, it seems that the progression toward, or return to, if you will, Eden, the Garden of the Lord, is here to stay. The level of inclusion [or exclusion] we afford others may have something to say concerning how many of us get to participate in this coming paradise. Will we opt for a more exclusionary model [you either 'get it' or you don't.'] or will we favor a more inclusive version? Historically, religious thinkers have tended to differ on who 'gets in' and who doesn't. Or is utopia simply a 'state of mind'? That, at least, seems to be where the Buddha was headed: do we truly create our own reality? And what about current religious utopian/dystopian groups, such as Jonestown and ISIS, who would rather that we [all] not participate in their extremely exclusive views of paradise?

These are all great questions which continue to prod us on in our quest for [elusive?] harmony. Which version ultimately will be victorious? Is there the possibility of multiple utopias, some virtual in essence? How will computers play a role; and when, if ever, will science fiction become Science? What will religion and philosophy have to say about all of this: will it simply hearken back to a simpler time in some ethereal realm; or will it be a force for future progression, softening the rough edges of the cold advance of human societies?

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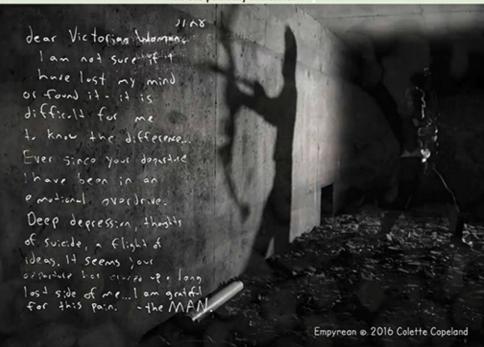
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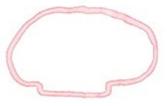


Utopia is an allegory for nothingness.

If utopia is "no place," then we do not need words — language means nothing. Instead, we should reach toward silence to overcome the desperation of gesture. More and more, as language fails me and wraps me up in its veil, I want to tear it apart in order to get to those things underneath it. Movement. It is in this state of post-consequence that there are no ramifications for its existence beyond style, beyond aesthetic.

"No one puts baby in a corner."





In building Utopia there will always be mountains beyond mountains.

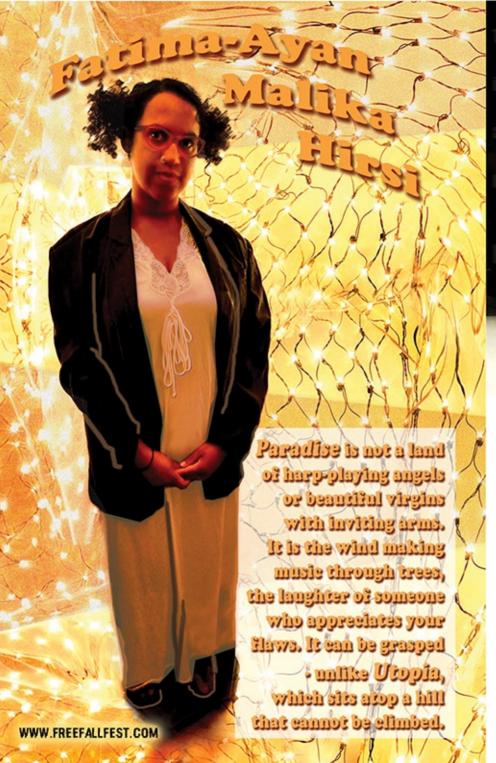
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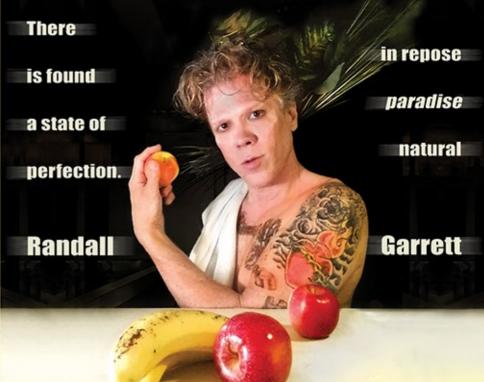




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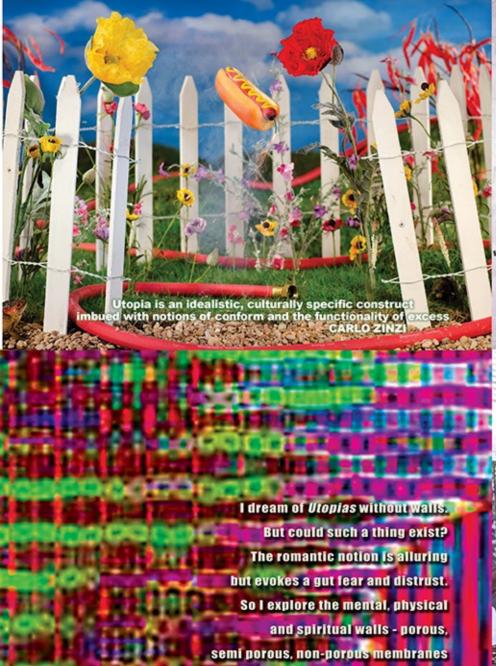






Living in our distopian world, thinking of paradise and utopia as impossible states, but ideals to strive toward.

Dwayne Carter



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around me, you, us that determines

what, who and when. - DAVID SUNSHINE

PATRICK PATTERSON-CARROLL

Lonesome in Paradise

Unfortunately what I built was an idy! fit only for me. Sure it could've worked, and we might have been happy, but instead I'm left with the photos of what was; what could've been rested somewhere outside the frame.

Here are the top 5 reasons I feel you couldn't join me...

Crowded in Utopia

... and so many of us banded together in discontent. Disillusionment was romantic. It drew impathy, and united as in the dark cafés of our internet addled minds. Elsow to elbow, we brooded; happing to attract like souls. But we found we were all alike and were sick so fucking sick of one another.

We know the outside world was unbeautiful and frightening, and worse, the safety of our Utopia

LEE ESCOBEDO will be reading from recent work dealing with his family's history with premonitions, visions, and ghosts. These are short novellas, inspired by spiritual encounters and abject poverty. What does is it mean to be masculine?

A person of color? Queer?

of Malaise had left us sedentary and soft.



These are the questions Escobedo grappled with while living in a trailer home in the 90's and surrounded by powerful, colorful, brilliant women. These stories are from a forthcoming book by Escobedo that is one part Samuel Beckett, one part Sam Shepard, and one part Pedro Almodovar.



FREEFALL 2016

- A FESTIVAL OF DISPUTED IDEALS

(DALLAS, TX)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

- CHECK THE BLOG FOR UPDATES - WWW FREEFALLEEST COM

EVENT: UTOPIAN FANTASIES

FRIDAY SEPT. 9TH 8:00 PM

(THE WILD DETECTIVES) 314 W. 8TH ST. / DALLAS / OAK CLIFF SPONSORED BY WORD SPACE

- PATRICK PATTERSON-CARROLL AND LEE ESCOBEDO DISCUSS THEIR **UTOPIAN FANTASIES**
- EXPERIMENTAL FILM SHOWING ORGANIZED BY MICHAEL A. MORRIS
 FIDEL NJ (JARED RODRIGUEZ) RAP/HIP-HOP PERFORMANCE

EVENT: DARK MOON POETRY AND ARTS

FRIDAY SEPT. 23RD 8:00 PM RO2 ART 1501 S. ERVAY / DALLAS / THE CEDARS

FATIMA AYAN MALIKA-HIRSI HOSTS A POETRY READING ON THE THEME OF PARADISE VS. UTOPIA.

EVENT: PARADISE IS BURNING

FRIDAY SEPT. 30TH 8:00 PM POETS ON X+ (LUCKY DOG BOOKS) 911 W. JEFFERSON BLVD. / DALLAS / OAK CLIFF

RANDALL GARRETT AND LAUREN BELMORE WAXING POETIC AND QUEER WHERE "PARADISE IS BURNING", WITH BELLY DANCING PERFORMANCE BY DRACONIS.

EVENT: DYSTOPIAN DREAMS: PERFORMANCES

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29 6-9 PM

MFA GALLERY 409A N. TYLER / DALLAS / OAK CLIFF PERFORMANCES BY THOR JOHNSON, RANDALL GARRETT, MOMWOW (JULIE MCKENDRICK), HALLOWEEN SELFIE BACKDROP

EVENT: téte à téte WITH JON EWING

TBA EARLY NOVEMBER (CHECK WEBSITE)
CENTRALTRAK 800 EXPOSITION AVE. / DALLAS

PARADISE / UTOPIA THEMED DISCUSSION WITH RICHLAND COLLEGE RELIGION PROFESSOR JON ERWIN.

EVENT: WAR FLOWER PREVIEW

SATURDAY NOV. 19TH RO2 ART 1501 S. ERVAY / DALLAS / THE CEDARS

DANIELLE GEORGIOU AND DGDG PERFORMANCE GROUP

EVENT: FESTIVAL CLOSING PERFORANCE BY ATARAXIA

TBA EARLY DECEMBER (CHECK WEBSITE) CENTRALTRAK 800 EXPOSITION AVE. / DALLAS

AVANTE-GARDE JAZZ ENSEMBLE ATARAXIA, LED BY **DENNIS GONZALEZ PERFORMS AT THE CLOSING RECEPTION** FOR "NO TIME ZONE".

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EXHIBIT: UTOPIA: IMPOSSIBLE STATES

EL CENTRO COLLEGE (DOWNTOWN DALLAS) (ON VIEW: 09.06 - 09.30.16) 801 MAIN ST / DOWNTOWN DALLAS

OPENING RECEPTION: THURSDAY SEPT. 8TH 2-4 PM

WITH PERFORMANCES BY DANIELLE GEORGIQU AND DENNIS GONZALEZ

ARTISTS ADDRESSING UTOPIAN "IMPOSSIBLE STATES" OF IDEAL FORM, TECHNOLOGY. AND CONCEPTUALIZATION.

ARTISTS: DWAYNE CARTER • DANIELLE GEORGIOU • RANDY GUTHMILLER • RACHEL MULDEZ • RYDER RICHARDS • MARILYN WALIGORE • CARLO ZINZI

EXHIBIT: DYSTOPIAN DREAMS

MFA GALLERY (ON VIEW: 09.17 - 10.30.16) 409A N. TYLER / DALLAS / OAK CLIFF OPENING RECEPTION: SATURDAY SEPT. 17TH 6-9 PM. WITH PERFORMANCES BY THOR JOHNSON, SUZA KANON, ALTOON C (AMOND CARSONS)

THIRD PARTY MUSINGS, DREAMS OF DYSTOPIAS BOTH PERSONAL AND SOCIETAL, AN ILLUSIONARY WORLD OF FRAGMENTATION, CREATION AND DESTRUCTION

ARTISTS: DWAYNE CARTER • PATRICK PATTERSON-CARROLL • RANDALL GARRETT • THOR JOHNSON • MONTOYA WILLIAMS

EXHIBIT: ANGEL CABRALES

OPENING RECEPTION: SATURDAY OCT. 15TH 7-9 PM RO2 ART 1501 S. ERVAY / DALLAS / THE CEDARS

EXHIBIT: PARADISE: NO TIME ZONE

OPENING RECEPTION: SATURDAY NOV. 5TH TIME: 8-10 PM CENTRALTRAK, DALLAS (ON VIEW: 11.05 - 12.17.16) 800 EXPOSITION AVE. / DALLAS

PARADISE, A "NO TIME ZONE" OF ORIGINAL PERFECTION, THE NATURAL WORLD. OF CONTINUAL PROCESS AND TRANSFORMATION.

ARTISTS: SHERYL ANAYA • RACHAEL BANKS • COLETTE COPELAND • VAL CURRY • RANDALL GARRETT • DENNIS GONZALEZ • DAVID SUNSHINE

EXHIBIT: PARADISE VS. UTOPIA: DISPUTED IDEALS

OPENING RECEPTION: SATURDAY 11.19 FROM 7:00-9:00 RO2 ART (ON VIEW: 11.19 - 12.17) 1501 S. ERVAY / DALLAS / THE CEDARS CEDARS ART WALK 11.19 FROM NOON TO 6:00

GROUP EXHIBIT ADDRESSING OPPOSING THEMES OF PARADISE VS. UTOPIA, ARTISTS FORMING ALLIANCES AND OCCUPYING COMPETING SPACE, WITH A THIRD PARTY INSURGENCY OF THE DYSTOPIAN, MIMICKING THE DISPUTED IDEALS OF CONTEMPORARY LIFE.

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