# US premiere **MATRILINEAL @ HERE Arts Center** Rachael Mauney (USA) and Telmo Branco (PT)



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# MATRILINEAL is an autobiographical interdisciplinary work by performance artist Rachael Mauney (they/them) and singer/sound designer Telmo Branco (they/them) to examine domestic violence in heteronormative family lineages.

This work addresses the oppressive mentality which enables this abusive cycle to continue, as well as the hopeful revolution of emancipation.

The heteronormative concept of "woman" involves a type of resilience that thrives in alienation, silence, and delusion. It is yet another example of the way the gender binary is used to oppress, in this specific case within the patriarchal institution of family.

MATRILINEAL reflects on the aftermath of domestic violence and the cycle which is exhumed in each generation, while proposing the abolition of heteronormative family values as a conduit of liberation.

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Concept, co-creation, performance, text: Rachael Mauney (they/them)

Sound design, co-creation, performance: Telmo Branco (they/them)

Light design: Leslie Gray (he/him)

Photography: Amanda Lacson (she/her)

**Usher:** Rachel Johnson (she/her)



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HERE also supports the work of artists at all stages in their careers through our HERE Artist Residency Program (HARP), which develops and produces the work of our 10 resident artists, and Visiting Artist presentations for adult and family audiences. Please check out our other performances and events at HERE.org.

Like all the work at HERE, this SubletSeries: Co-Op presentation was curated based on the strength and uniqueness of the artist's vision.

We hope to see you HERE again soon.

Best,



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