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THE CHILDREN OF UZAI, ANTINARCISSUS

A fleeting instant on the beach of Uzaï, a suburb in southern Beirut. Kids play amongst the waves. All of it could take place somewhere else, but it is happening right here.

"The Children of Uzaï, Anti-Narcissus takes as its object the glorious body of childhood and preadolescence through a musing moment, an instant that could well be eternity. Sensations are summoned, emotions seek inscription. It is a stream of images flowing into the sea, taking the form of an elegy, a hymn to life. Here, all the foreshadowed forms of death are fought." (Mireille Kassar)

2014, 16 min., single-channel video installation, silent. **Director of photography** Mireille Kassar. **Editor** Benjamin Cataliotti Valdina.

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LOVE LETTER TO A UNION: THE FALLING COMRADES

This lecture performance is a letter exchange between distanced lovers who write about their daily lives while conflating several love stories and historical events. These include the brief formation and fall of the United Arab Republic and the first Intifada – events that are interpreted through the disruptive act of love. During the lecture performance they exchange archival footage, listen to songs, and watch two films together with the audience: The first film, Jumana Emil Abboud's *The Diver* is a video narrative that tells the story of a Diver whose gender, name, and nationality is ambiguous, and who is on an endless search to find 'heart'. The second film, *The Story of Milk and Honey* by Basma Alsharif, is a video that weaves together images, letters, and songs that detail the failed writing of a love story in Beirut, Lebanon.

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Yazan Khalili is an artist that lives and works in and out of Palestine. Through photography and the written word, he unpacks historically constructed landscapes. Solo and group exhibitions include: *Regarding Distance* at E.O.A.Projects, London (2014); *'Margins'* at The Delfina Foundation, London, UK (2008); *'Future of a Promise Pavilion'*, 54th Venice Biennial, Venice, Italy (2011); *'Passport to Palestine'*, London (2011); *'Forum Expanded'*, 62nd Berlinale (2012). Khalili's writings and photographs have been published in *Frieze Magazine*, *Race & Class*, *Contemporary Art: World Currents* and others.

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