

Prelude to Mountain Ghost

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「若有人兮山之阿，披薜荔兮帶女蘿。」 -- 屈原《九歌》

“There appears someone in the heart of the mountain,
draped in creeping vine and girded with ivy.”
Nine Songs by Qu Yuan

World premiere
23. October 2024 19:30
The Feuerle Collection



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Dear friends and colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the premiere of **Prelude to Mountain Ghost**; my latest creation developed in collaboration with **The Feuerle Collection**. This site-specific dance performance debuts on **October 23rd, 2024, 19:30**, with additional dates to follow in November and December.

Prelude to Mountain Ghost draws its spirit from the ancient Chinese poem *The Mountain Spirit*, part of *Nine Songs* by Qu Yuan (343–278 B.C.). The ethereal confluence of longing and mysticism of that poem has long mesmerised me. It speaks to the liminal spaces where we dwell—those we are bound by, and those we yearn to transcend. It has often left me pondering:

How long is ‘now’?

How did we come to be?

The only place I can never lose myself, is in myself.

Alone yet moving,

In the rhythm of beginning, middle, and end.

Are we simply the stories we tell?

I aim to traverse the delicate interplay between identity, gender, and sensuality, reflecting upon the ambiguous and alluring verses of Qu Yuan. Attempting to untangle the enigma of the ever-shifting force suspended between masculine and feminine, divine and mortal, physical and spiritual. Inspired by the fluidity of *The Mountain Spirit*, the performance seeks to free the self from the confines of gender norms and societal repression, and to unfold in dialogue with the evocative space of *The Feuerle Collection*, and the unique collection curated by **Désiré Feuerle**.

The evening will open with a Gongfu Cha tea ceremony, conducted by my dear friend master tea practitioner **Wang Lin (@teawithlin)**. Guests are invited to indulge in a rare Ancient Tree White Tea from Wuliang Mountain, Yunnan 雲南無量山白茶, harvested at an altitude of 2,000 metres. Delicately infused with the fragrance of golden osmanthus flowers, this tea offers a moment of serene reflection, preparing the senses for the meditative journey ahead.

Premiere: October 23, 19:30

Performance Dates:

October 30, 31 | November 13, 21 | December 4

Location: The Feuerle Collection (Hallesches Ufer 70, 10963 Berlin)

[Ticket]

Due to the intimate nature of this event, capacity is limited. Kindly RSVP at your earliest convenience. For press tickets, please reach out to our producer, Ting-An Ying, at yingtingan@gmail.com.

I look forward to this opportunity to share this rare and deeply personal experience with you.

Warmest regards,
Po-Nien Wang

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