The neurodiverse social media actor

Presentation of IDP, the first step on the way

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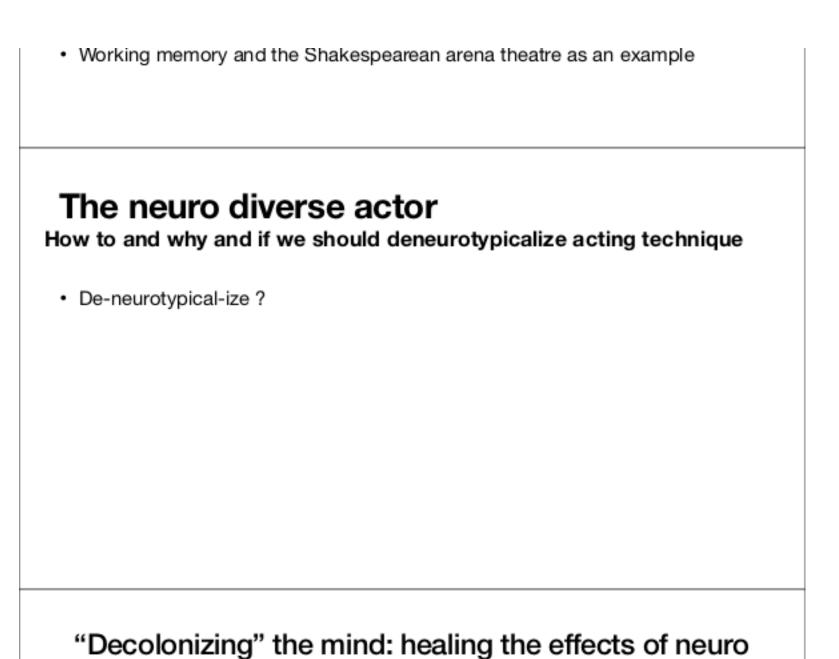
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- 2) The social media actor.

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Making oneself or others aware of that someting might work different than for someone else because of a difference in how our minds work - and that a large portion of the human race have another kind of operating system - and that that is normal.



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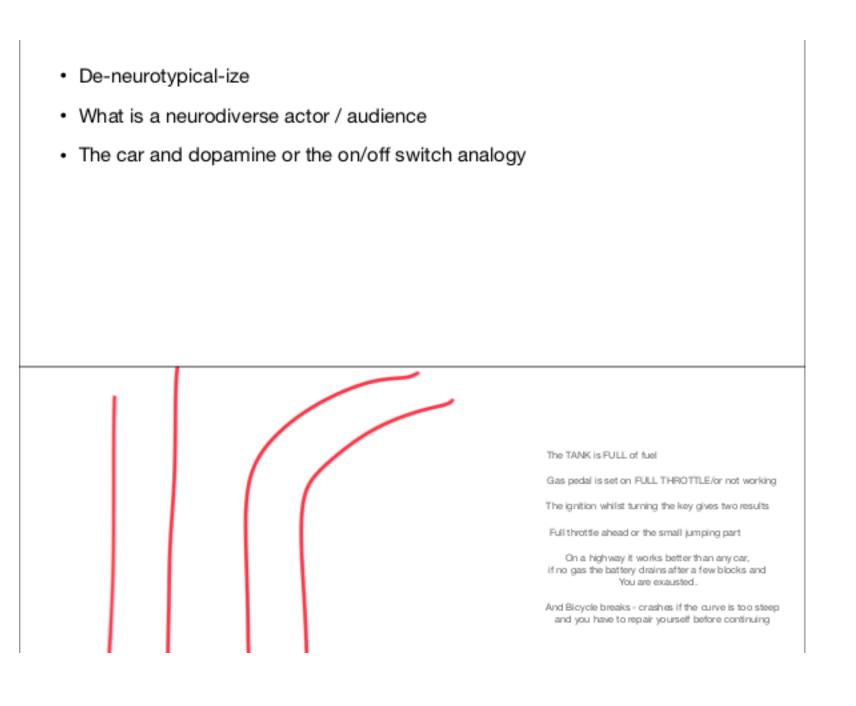
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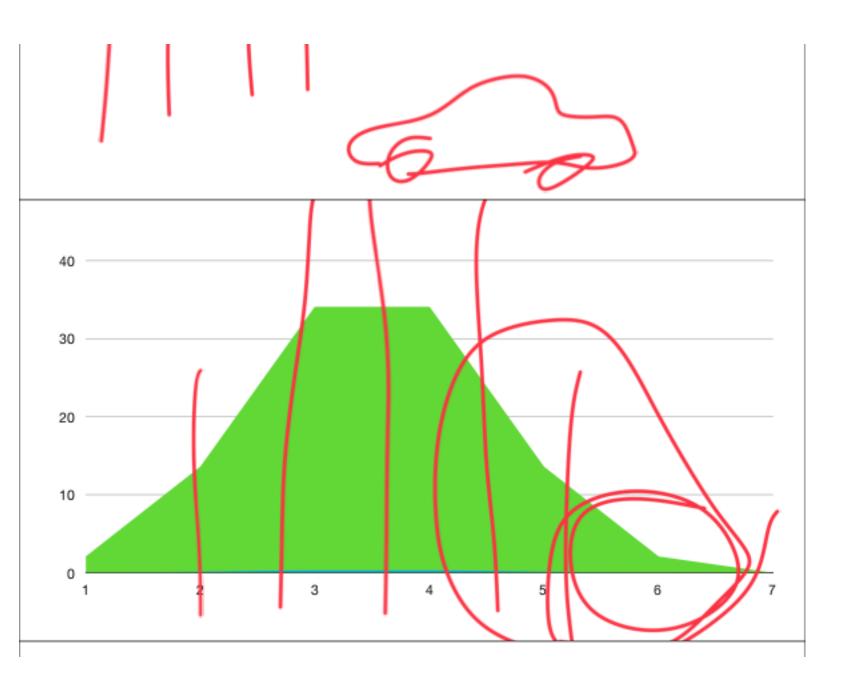
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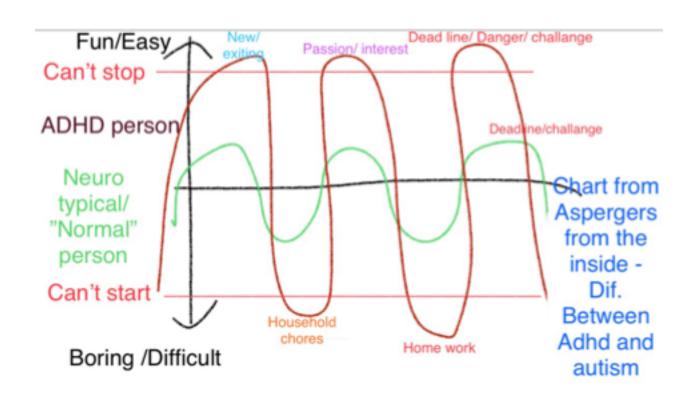
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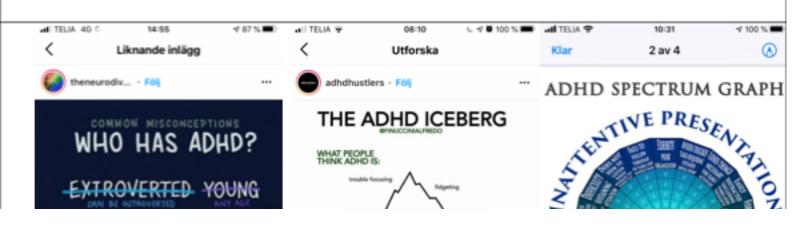
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Ferrari with bycicle breaks

Walking in a up-down changing stream when everyone else is on land

A fish told to climb a tree instead of swimming in the sea

Being superman/woman but almost all places and situations has built in

Kryptonites

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Neurodiverse mind = in TPN = DMN is still on

Hyperfocus for a neurodiverse person = DMN is off and the mind can do stuff uninterrupted - an intense focus Hyperfocus for a neurodiverse person = DMN is off and the mind can do stuff uninterrupted - an intense focus

Hyperfocus =/≠ "magical" flow of acting (when one loses oneself and everything but the now is present).

https://www.additudemag.com/default-mode-network-adhd-brain/amp/

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This creates a dissonance between their peers because the same amount of work will exaust the ADHD actor - and rehearsals can be extremely draining

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I believe just knowing about this differences can change how we rehearse and give out assignments to students/actors

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The first can result in the ADHD student lying on the floor for 25 minutes unable to move until the urgency hits them and they do the task... sometimes poorly sometimes with excellency- but with less floor time and a lot of angeiety

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- Working memory and the Shakespearean arena theatre as an example

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Shakespears plays are written for a arena theatre where the audience is shouting, fighting, drinking and talking so all lines, even if poetic, they are repeated so that you can get the play even if you get into a fist fight for a while So I've always had a love hate relationship with Shakespeare because on the one hand I can think of other stuff and still get the play.

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This I think is equally important to know as an actor/

director/audience that some procentage of the audience will perceive the performance differently because their brain works differently.

And we need to adress this when we make the play and when we choose for whom it will be performed

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When everyone is an actor - what is the actors role?

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To mirror the mirrorer?

To remirror the mirrored?

To look for nuance or problems of the already mirrored?

To compete for the narrative of stories?

To compete for the best telling of a already told story

Re-act and re-tell?
Re-create or still try to find new stories and perspectives?

What..?

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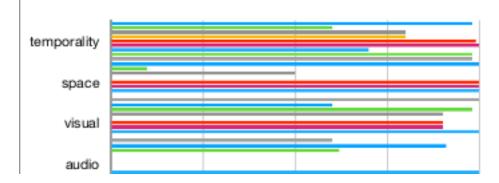
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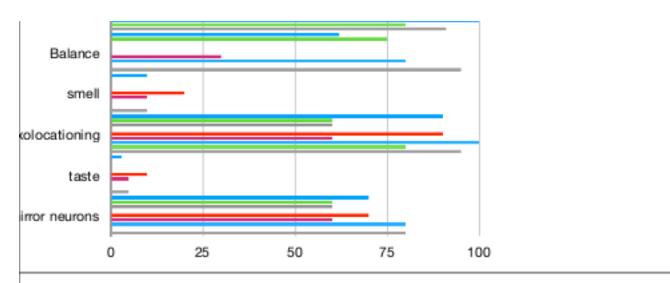
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- Is it possible to make a liveness chart (scientifically and subjectively through the perceived liveness from a phenomenological point of view)?
 To get a more specific language for what is live?





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Is there specific techniques required for social media acting?

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If so: do we need to adress this in our education system - if a large portion of the students will work there at one point or a lot in there careers?

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Some use tiktok/Instagram as a way to directly communicate with there fans

And some are actively creating stuff as actors on their own platforms

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This is what I'm interested in analysing and what that means for our field

as actors - using it as a tool to act.

Social media platforms created by actors as actors - using it as a tool to act.

This I believe creates, or can

create, a space where the hierarchical order of theatre and film is upended

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Like the autonomous actors in theatre - but already with a space, direct following, patreonship, tools in the apps to create etc...

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rehearsals but not the actual period of playing the piece

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catalogues, commercial platforms, non profit platforms, couch surfing platform/pop up??

What is professional artistry:

State (pleased) funded?

Crowed (pleased) funded?

Private (pleased) funded?

Own pocket funded?

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If so: how do we/l create working

environments on social media that moves between these or a specific form that I feel is right

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- Osing my own body and experience as a tool to research neurodiverseness in the arts
- Creating film/clips for social media and analysing myself and other's clips looking for technique and understanding the medium
- Creating together with others to get their thoughts and input

- resting different knowledge from psychology and neuroscience about neurodiverseness and applying that to acting technique or pronlematice it
- Trying to stay in what's uncomfortable to know and research but also what feels liberating
- Examples:

HAMLET: To be or not to be focused

SELFETAPE: Acting like you're not acting someone else's neutral

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- Interviews with known adhd actors, neuroscientists, psychologists
- · Interviews with teachers working
- Interviewing actors with large followings that don't capitalise on their followers and performers that really do like: Amanda Palmer.

with adhd actors

- Interview with adhd influencers
- Interviews with actors on social media working as actors like Caitlin raily, or adhd influencers like Connor de wolf that makes short acting clips.
- trying to understand the difference in thinking and artistry:
- followers as: fans, supporters, buyers, patreons, co-creators, audience, funders, friends, enemies, acolytes, partners, bosses, employees etc...

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Anywhere else where a panel can be a good tool to spread awareness and create rooms to talk about neuro diversity in acting and the performing arts

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branch: Chubbuc, Mamet, etc

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What could go wrong?

- · Ethics about neurodiverseness
- · Ethics about social media
- · Ethics about school
- · Ethics about artistic research
- Should something go wrong?

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Gender, Ethnical, Age, intellectual, Work, Neuro scientific, Class (social, economic, cultural...) and other differences

Sticking to the science and not "coolify" the dysfunction to look better as an artist/person

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Losing interest/the hyperfixation about it and getting bored and unable to move forward without hurting myself...

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Temptation to post for likes and views instead of posting what Needs to be posted

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Supporting platforms that helps spread disinformations, hate, lies and capitalise on it - whilst the world start burning in populistic political garbage...

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- Ethics about school

Freedom of speech vs moral and ethical obligations as an institution

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The scientific method vs artistic research (instead of an 'and')

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Getting confused about what artistic research is and rebelling against the system instead of sticking to the subject... ehem...

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Not following my inner morals by what I do ethically as an artist...

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Not really understanding artistic research and doing something that cast a bad shadow over the whole field...

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I'm in school - I really hope something goes wrong... that's how we learn and can evolve our method..

Ending note:

Hypotheses

20%

Is that how many persons we don't play for in the Audience??

Is that how many persons we don't fully include in the acting technique??

Just talking about neurodiverseness

DAVE(d)