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# the audience:

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co-understanding

### [prologue]

Dear member,

welcome to draft the audience with me. It is a pleasure to have you here.

I have a proposition for you. It is an invitation to create something together. The audience is a great interest and love of mine. Having arrived here, I assume it interests you as well. So, I would like to ask you to be my co-researher for the following 30 minutes. Ok?

If you consent, here is how it works:

#### [act]

The German theatre scholar Hans-Thies Lehmann suggests, that viewing in theatre is co-viewing, understanding is co-understanding to understand individually is not the same as to understand together. "At the moment I believe to understand something in a performance, [...] I am also identifying with the possible, virtual significance that this may have for the others", Lehmann says.

Now, for the duration of 30 minutes, and in your own personal way, I would ask you to study these questions inspired by Lehmann:

How am I co-viewing? What and how do I understand together with the whole of the audience?

The act starts at the moment when you step into to theatre space. You are free to move and act in the space in the way you choose.

The act consists of the audience composing itself.

Yours, Tuomas

## [epilogue]

P.S. After the act, there is a panel and a discussion.

## the audience:

is a series of experiments and expositions premiering in various venues and contexts more or less connected to the medium of performance

poses the audience as a question considers the creation, or exposure, of a collectivity a receptive, attentive plurality of dissenting and consenting beings

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