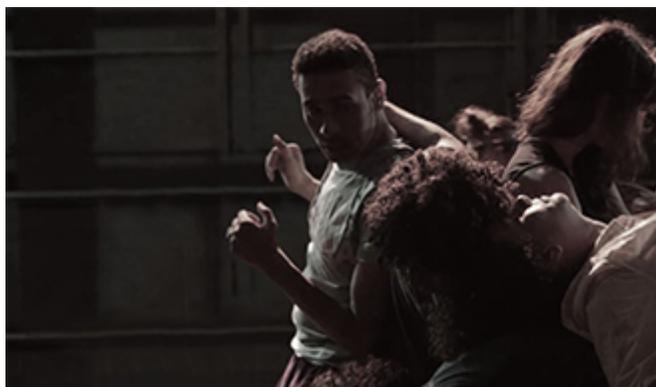


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### **Cactus Flower**

Cactus Flower – the second part of a collaboration between Egyptian filmmaker Hala Elkoussy and Swiss choreographer Nicole Seiler will be performed next week in Cairo and Alexandria.

The stage performance is a continuation of the work that was started for the film Cactus Flower directed by Hala Elkoussy and expected to be released in 2017. The succession of gestures follows its own organic logic: each repeated movement transforms gradually and imperceptibly into another. In this continuous transformation the group even though composed of a number of individuals, is required to function as one body. The tension between the individual and the group questions our interactions and relationships.

The production is supported by Ville de Lausanne, Etat de Vaud, Pro Helvetia Cairo and the Embassy of Switzerland in Egypt.

### **Performances**

4 & 5 October 2016  
8 pm  
AUC Falaki Theater  
Cairo

10 October 2016  
8 pm  
Bibliotheca Alexandrina  
Alexandria

Entrance is free for all the performances.

### **Nicole Seiler**

Born in Zurich in 1970, dancer and performer Nicole Seiler founded her own company in 2002. On her artistic pathway, images and video have been of great significance. Her multimedia research, allying dance and video, has opened the way for multimedia dance shows, videos and choreographed installations. Over the last few years, she has been engaged in a cycle of works on the relationship between image and sound.

[www.nicoleseiler.com](http://www.nicoleseiler.com)

**Hala Elkoussy**

Hala Elkoussy was born in Cairo in 1974. She lives and works in Cairo and Amsterdam. In 2004, she co-founded the Contemporary Image Collective – CIC, an artist-run initiative dedicated to the visual image, based in Cairo. Elkoussy's work delves into intimate and overlooked sides of communal living to highlight the underlying dynamics at play within the complex urban structure that is Cairo. In 2015 Elkoussy has gone into the production of her first feature film, entitled Cactus Flower.

[www.halaelkoussy.com](http://www.halaelkoussy.com)

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