Mass Destruction

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Duration: 9 min

What does a dictator look like?
Actually, we know
But, we cannot "show"

In Turkey right now, the economy is collapsing. The lifestyle we used to have is not affordable right now. Every citizen from age 8 to 80 is talking about politics. Every day we're facing a brand new different big event and day by day we got paralyzed. We forgot to live, we forgot to laugh, we forgot to dream. We're losing our good old habits, our colors, our joy, our hope. The situation is haunted us every minute and even the small talks are about the situation in Turkey right now. So it's impossible to make artistic creations without its effect.

On paper, it is still the Republic of Turkey and governed by democracy. But practically, it is not. The project started from a really different point but in the rehearsals, it is shaped to be about this topic; the reality of living under a dictatorship. And we can feel it in our flesh, in our bones, in our cells, in our minds. Mass Destruction is a trial of making a dance piece with these effects on the body.

The video which is sent is a really draft version of Mass Destruction. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to replace 2 dancers for the video shooting, because they've tested positive and they were in quarantine on the shooting date. As the choreographer of the piece, I can say there is much more to explore and to work on in detail. It's still a work in progress.

Whether long range weapon or suicide bomber
Wicked mind is a weapon of mass destruction
Whether you're Soaraway Sun or BBC One
Misinformation is a weapon of mass destruc
You coulda Caucasian or a poor Asian
Racism is a weapon of mass destruction
Whether inflation or globalization
Fear is a weapon of mass destruction
Whether Halliburton, Enron or anyone
Greed Is a weapon of mass destruction
We need to find courage overcome
Inaction is a weapon of mass destruction

Faithless - Mass Destruction