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iSaAc iSaBeL Espinoza Hidrobo is an Ecuadorian choreographer, trans artist-activist and contemporary music violinist based in Europe. Their Works engage with trans-feminist anti-colonialism and ritualism, exploring transdisciplinary constellations of participatory composition. Of mixed ancestry of Spanish and Kichwa/Cañari roots, iSSiE currently fosters “SHELTER” a transatlantic social-artistic research project in collaboration with Kichwa indigenous communities of the Andes, cultivating movement for socio-ecological justice. Isabel is artistic director of maiskind since 2020 and an active member of SOFRA Queer Migrants e.V. & INTERFEMME* e.V.

EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS WORK (curated, final version)

1) Condor Humano - Eautenstrauch Joest Museum - Dez 2025/26

The Human Condor is a ritual-performance rooted in Andean cosmology, created with Kichwa and Cañari women leaders, where the body becomes a site of decolonial transformation. Through sound, prayer, and collective gesture, it invokes a trans-mythic Condor to reimagine sovereignty, ancestry, and decolonial futures.
🔗 https://vimeo.com/1157132337/3cd7bd8abd 🔗 https://photos.app.goo.gl/ACrpyQ4E6ngTKJK97
🔗 https://vimeo.com/1235550000?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

2) DANCE GATHERING by maiskind - Bundeskunsthalle Bonn - Juni 2026

Sound, installation and participative Performance. The maiskind community gathers in this year hot Sommer over 100 visitors at the Bundeskunsthalle and bring them to the roof to participative in solstice collective dance through embracing our corn seed uniqueness. www.maiskind.com
Bundeskunsthalle: https://vimeo.com/1236284041?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci
Transeuropa Festival: https://vimeo.com/1202314832?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

3) Aus Liebe Werden Wir Mehr - by maiskind - Dyke March Cologne July 2026

A radical transfeminist dance intervention by maiskind, where love becomes the shared power of resistance and through participation, Joy becomes a political act.
Trailer: https://vimeo.com/1236281953?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci
Undited full: https://vimeo.com/1236001528?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

4) Shelter (Kulturhof Kalk – Cologne 2022–24

A Trans-Atlantic project grounded in Andean rituality, created with Kichwa and Cañari women leaders. It

connects Indigenous corporealities with anti-colonial practices of restitution. *Shelter* weaves performance, oral archives, writing, and sound to create spaces of reparation, centering Kichwa leader Ninari Chimba Santillán. 🔗 https://vimeo.com/1046879432?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci
🔗 https://vimeo.com/841089253?fl=tl&fe=ec

5) PROTAGONISTS – Groupe Piece - Zentrum für zeitgenössische Tanz -Cologne 2024

A decolonial queer feminist choreographical offering & performance processes in conversation with Poh Lin Lee's narrative practice 🔗 https://vimeo.com/1080343603/5e9741f5a2

6) PRAYER - Durational Performance - ARCHIVES FOR FUTURE SPELLS - Culturgest Lissabon - Juli 2025

This work is a live materialisation of 6 months research in Lissabon and in depth work where ancestry and futurity meet and mourning transforms into collective strength. Through movement, voice, and breath, it weaves body, lineage, and eco-social justice, using ritual-sound choreography and mythobiographic research to undo colonial logics of obedience.
🔗 https://vimeo.com/1233560325?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci
🔗https://vimeo.com/1128390248/b612c02c84?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci



EDUCATION & TRAINING

2025 – PACAP 8, Forum Dança Lisbon (Meg Stuart/Mys) — scholarship recipient
2024 – BA Contemporary Dance, University of Music and Dance Cologne
2023 – Erasmus SKH (DOCH) BA Dance – Stockholm University of the Arts, Sweeden
2020 – MA Contemporary Music / Performance (Violin), Folkwang UdK Essen
2017 – BA Violin Performance & Music Pedagogy, HfMT Cologne

Additional training: Marina Abramović Institute (Cleaning the House, 2018); Flying Low Intensive w/ David Zambrano (2021); Ensemble Recherche Academy (2017); Darmstadt Summer Course (Scholarship, 2018). Musik Akademie Kassel (2012), ORIAN Paris Academy (2017&2020), FOSJE Quito (2011), Junior Royal Northern College of Music Manchester (2010)

IN COLLABORATION PERFORMANCE WORK (SELECTED)

7) Exotica – On the Brown History of Europe (Amanda Piña, 2023–25)

Solo performer in dance and historical research work. Work that rescues erased genealogies and confronts European modes of representation of the "other" body. It provides a deep understanding of the intersection between body, coloniality, and archive. Tour: Ruhrtriennale, Kunstenfestivaldesarts, Holland Festival, Tanz im August Berlin, Tanzquartier Wien, Dansens Hus Stockholm, DDD Porto, La Bâtie Genève, Bienal Sesc de Dança (Brazil).https://vimeo.com/858157597?fl=pl&fe=vl

Additional collab: Marina Abramović Institute (Bundeskunsthalle Bonn); Meg Stuart (Culturgest Lissabon), Konzert und Theater St. Gallen, Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch (Underground IV), Alte Oper Frankfurt, Stephanie Thiersch - Mouvouir D. Company, Annalisa Derossi – BTHVN20, Brigitte Huezo, Ensemble Garage Köln, Mehr Farajpour - Oriantheater D. Company Paris, Ines Doujak, C. Tchaikowskaja, Daryna Martines Morales, Julia Mihaly., Museum Ludwig Köln, Plein Theater - Amsterdam, Ana Valeria Gonzalez, amongst others.

AWARDS & FUNDING

2027- Künstlerische Forschung Stipendium - Kunststiftung NRW - "La Danza del Pez" - Bolivia
2026 – Tanzrecherche NRW #60 – International Scholarship for Dance Research – Rio de Janeiro
2025 – Stadt Köln Kulturamt – Funding Program for Dance and Theater
2022–23 – SPRUNGBRETT Tanzrecherche NRW Scholarship
2021–22 – NEUSTART Kultur Grant
2021 – Take Care Residency
2020 – D-Bü Competition — Prize for Originality
2016 – DAAD Prize for Social and Academic Engagement (HfMT Cologne)
Additional: Deutschlandstipendium (2014–15), STIBET III Scholarship (2017)



RESEARCH & SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

• Contributor, On Curating 61 (July 2025)
• Contributor, Die Abramovic-Methode für Musik, Alter Oper (2020)
• Queer Empowerment Facilitator guest at Atlshift.Festival, Les Migras – Berlin, Baraka – International Queers Cologne, In-Haus Köln.Kalk, M*Treff Room for young women and queers, Alte Feuerwache-Cologne, SOFRA-Cologne, INTERFEMME*e.V. – member – Cologne.
• Yachaywasi (Decolonnial School – Quito): Collaboration/Facilitation with Teachers & Children (2023)
• #ichbinrichtighier campaign, SOFRA Queer Migrants e.V. and the City of Cologne, since 2022
• Cologne PRIDE CSD, 2020, Political Stage, Participative Dance Gathering – Cologne
• Shelter: decoloniality: Temporary Gallery Cologne, RUB University Bochum & Kulturhof-Kalk

TEACHING ARTIST, LECTURER & FACILITATOR

Since 2020, Isaac Isabel has taught at universities and arts institutions, including HfMT Cologne / ZZT, Ruhr University Bochum, Folkwang University of the Arts and the Akademie für Darstellende Kunst Baden-Württemberg (ADK). Their teaching explores community dance, embodied decolonial practices, ancestral futures and performance art.

Alongside institutional teaching, they facilitate movement practices, collective gatherings and empowerment workshops in public spaces and parks, collaborating with queer migrant communities and organizations such as LSVD. Their work bridges artistic research, ancestral knowledge, collective care and community-based practice.

Own artistic Work - List

🔗 Aus Liebe Werden Wir Mehr - by maiskind - Dyke March Cologne July 2026
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🔗 Condor Humano, Rautenstrauch Joest Museum Cologne – October 2026
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🔗 SHELTER ft. Condor Humano, Rautenstrauch Joest Museum Cologne – Dez 2025
https://vimeo.com/1157132337/3cd7bd8abd?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 THE PRAYER – Performance nimmplatz August 2025
https://vimeo.com/1128390248/b612c02c84?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Mythobiographies - The Condor - Installation & Performance, Archives for Future Spells - Culturgest Lisbon – MyS/Forum Danca July 2025
https://vimeo.com/1233560325?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Shelter ft. Ninari Chimba Santollán, Kulturhof Kalk, October 2024
https://vimeo.com/1046879432?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 M*Fest maiskind Gathering, September 2024
https://vimeo.com/1044018629/a36069f0f4?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Dance Gathering Transeuropa, September 2024
https://vimeo.com/1202314832?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗ISOMAN - Performance Porn Film with Roman Jungblut 2024
https://vimeo.com/1057468576/7ba82f2f7e?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 PROTAGONISTS a transdisciplinary conversation with Poh Lin Lee's Narrative Therapy, July 2024
https://vimeo.com/1080343603/5e9741f5a2?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 shelter ft. Ninari Chimba for PACT Zollverein, Essen - June 2024
https://vimeo.com/1009679463/aa70aa5ec6?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Green Sexless mindless Robots for Schrit_tmacher Festival Aachen 2024
https://vimeo.com/916892351?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Shelter ft Sisa Anrango (2023) for Temporary Gallery, Cologne
https://vimeo.com/841037198/7ccf668179?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Mama Dulu – (2023) For ZZT Cologne
https://vimeo.com/801784584?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Studies of the Universalism - BODY - Gold & Beton Cologne 2022
https://vimeo.com/699805066?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗Manifold Gender - Kunstmuseum Düsseldorf 2022
https://youtu.be/aeLIZvWyVD4?si=InCJjsux-YZzoQMB

🔗 Gathering of Gargoyles X (2022) Diversitätfonds NRW – Cologne - maiskind
https://vimeo.com/790851904?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Gathering of Gargoyles – (2022) Diversitätfonds NRW – Cologne - maiskind
https://vimeo.com/790812992?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Cologne PRIDE CSD 2022 for CSD Political Stage Colgone
https://photos.app.goo.gl/XuQSF8m4GhMMicTe8

🔗 Dance Gathering – maiskind (2021) for maiskind
https://vimeo.com/834732668?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 maiskind the film – 2021 Cheers.for Fears, Cologne
https://vimeo.com/613978512?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 she – saac (2021) for FUSE Amsterdam
https://vimeo.com/549708534/c6ca7b4b2f?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 …among us (2020) for Folkwang UdK Essen
https://vimeo.com/388106311?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Doris' Hand (2020) Violin & Live Electronics NOW Festival Essen
https://vimeo.com/387349684?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 Perform Atelier (2019) Durational performance, Private Gallery Düsseldorf
https://vimeo.com/388100077?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 "Poem" Concept Concert (2018) for Chamber Orchestra Cuenca, Ecuador
https://youtu.be/49u6eflyp6s?si=NRGSHEQriNwCr-x7

🔗 „Ohne Titel" (2019) Installation and Concert, Montepulciano Italy
https://vimeo.com/276003722?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

🔗 „Projekt Subjekt" (2018) Santa Lucia Church, Montepulciano Italy
https://vimeo.com/244563259?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci





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