

CRYING

DIRECTOR

Adad Hannah

DURATION

3:11

YEAR

2002

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

No dialogue

CATEGORY

Video Art

SERIE

Museum Stills

**DESCRIPTION**

The series of Stills made in museums exist in the space at either end of the behavioral spectrum. While in these strange constructs which "protect" and "exhibit" art, we must observe certain behavioral rules. Museum Stills explore both extremes of these behaviors, from the over-identification and even psychological breakdown that can occur in front of works of art to the practiced performance of indifference in the interstitial stairways and corners of these often-hulking institutions.

SOUND

No sound

SHOOTING FORMAT

MiniDV

FURTHER INFORMATION

"In *Crying* a kneeling man clasps his hands in a gallery of religious paintings, tears running down his cheeks. The artwork of his gaze is not visible, but his melodramatic response is unmistakably evident. Is he offering a prayer or just resting his hands? Is he moved by the religious iconography or the beauty of the painting? Are the tears joyful or sad? Whatever the case, the man's unleashed sentiments overwhelm museal disinterestedness and flood the room with emotion. Such a spectacle of crying recognizes that artworks exist as more than just formal compositions or exemplars of art historical styles; they can also evoke unpredictable feelings. This still confirms the efficacy of the face, as Deleuze suggests, as the prime vehicle of conveying affect."

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THEMES

Art and culture