Vithèque
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de Vidéographe

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DURATION
9:37

YEAR
2018

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE
No dialogue

CATEGORY
Dance



DESCRIPTION
This video depicts a clean and empty storefront space that seems to be devoid of function except for storing many chairs. 6 people are present and start interacting in this environment. Their actions and movements are sometimes parallel and independent or imitating each other, then intersecting by crossing their ways in physical proximity while expressing isolation, indifference, ignorance or suffering. Because of the low camera angle/perspective people are at times hidden behind chairs or each other, hence only body parts like hands, arms, heads or feet are revealed that seem to merge visually into each other, thus dissolving into their environment.

Experimentally developed, this video merges elements of butoh, contemporary dance and theatre.

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SHOOTING FORMAT
4K

KEYWORDS
Human body, movements, Japan, butoh, theater, performance

THEMES
Art and culture