Performance Art

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Background

- Did my undergrad in visual art at UBC
  - Done some performance art

...but....

...forgot how weird it was...
performance art deals with extreme violence, sexuality, oppression, bodily experiences, extreme endurance, etc.
What is performance art?

It’s not theatre

It’s not music

It’s not dance

It’s not improv

It might be poetry...but it might be bullshit

What do you think of?
Conceptual art

1905

1907

1911
Conceptual art

1915
Conceptual art

1917

1920

1927
Conceptual art

1917

1920

1927

Lecì n’est pas une pipe.
Conceptual art
Bruce Nauman
Performance artist

1. Dance Problems
Bruce Nauman

Performance artist
famous performance artists

Ok....here we go
Marina Abramović
Endurance artist

1. Rhythm 0, 1974
2. Breathing in/Breathing out
3. Lovers
4. The Artist is Present
Marina Abramović
Endurance artist

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Lovers
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Endurance artist

The Artist Is Present
Yoko Ono
Performance artist

Cut Piece (1964)
Chris Burden
Performance artist

Shoot (1970)
Stelarc
Performance artist
Carolee Schneemann
Performance artist

Interior Scroll
Bas Jan Ader
Performance artist
Canadian performance artists
Dana Claxton
Performance artist

Buffalo Bone China
Rebecca Belmore
Performance artist
Christopher LaCroix

Performance artist

Perversions come in all sizes
David Khang
Performance artist
(vag)Anal Painting (after Shigeko Kubota)
Vincent Trasov
Performance artist

Mr. Peanut Mayoral Campaign 1974
Is it OK for art to be funny?
Why is so much performance art about bodies?
What’s interesting about endurance art?
What makes a poetic action?
Do we learn anything from performance art?