

# Institute of Contemporary Arts

EVENT PRESS RELEASE

Stewart Uoo presents *It's Get Better V*  
Friday 15 September, 8pm – 5am  
Performances begin 9pm  
Last entry 2am

With Larry B, WHY BE, JUST DOSHA, DeSe Escobar, Juliana Huxtable, Marie Karlberg, Morag Keil, Rian Pickell, Joyce NG & Klein, Raúl De Nieves, Jacolby Satterwhite, Nick Weiss + more participants to be announced ...

Artist Stewart Uoo presents the fifth iteration of the cult event *It's Get Better*, an annual night that brings together a diverse group of musicians, artists and performers alongside film and video, and a cinema programme of artist selected adult films.

Occurring for the first time outside New York City, *It's Get Better V* extends across the Institute of Contemporary Arts from sunset to sunrise, moving from performance, to screenings, to dance party. The night springs from a community of Uoo's friends, collaborators and heroines, and is organised around perspectives from persons of colour and investments in queer, feminist and radical content.

*It's Get Better* debuted at Artists Space in New York in 2013, and continued at MoMA PS1, New York, in 2016. Past participants have included rising stars such as Juliana Huxtable, DeSe Escobar, Ian Isiah, Jacolby Satterwhite, and Raúl de Nieves, alongside established artists and performers such as Shelley Hirsch, Ryan Trecartin, Isa Genzken and Charles Atlas.

Having grown up in California, Uoo studied at Städelschule in Frankfurt, before moving to New York in 2012, where he began collaborating with Marie Karlberg and Hayley Pisaturo to organise cult underground parties under the name XTA-PUSSY. Through these events Uoo developed and funded his own art practice, and today exhibits internationally – he is renowned for work across sculpture, video and collage that summons up post-apocalyptic bodies fragmented and fused with the textures and visual codes of contemporary fashion. In 2013 Uoo had his first museum show with Jane Euler at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York and in 2014 was included in the group exhibition *Looks* at the ICA. In 2015 he screened his film *Confessions (9 women)* at the ICA Artists' Film Club.

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