Dolores Dorantes & Rodrigo Flores Sánchez

Intervenir / Intervene

Intervene is a tender, unflinching collaboration between two Mexican poets—Dolores Dorantes, who has political asylum in Los Angeles, and Rodrigo Flores Sánchez, who lives in Mexico City. Intervenir asks questions no one should have to ask: in a climate of state-sponsored violence, what kinds of speech, writing, relation are possible? We are being intervened. How do we collaborate? How do we resist?

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“An irreplaceable mixture of honesty, empathy, love, strength and fear.”

— Daniel Borzutsky

“Few poets these days are able to evoke and inhabit disquietude with the concentrated intensity of Mexican writer Dolores Dorantes.”

— Christopher Winks

Dolores Dorantes’ books include Querida fábrica, Estilo, and sexoPUROsexoVELOZ and Septiembre. Dorantes teaches writing workshops through Proyecto Sur Los Ángeles and co-curates a Spanish-language section at The Last Bookstore called La Última.

Rodrigo Flores Sánchez is the author of the poetry volumes estimado cliente, baterías (Invisible, 2006), Zalagarda, and Tianguis. His writing has been translated into English, Portuguese, Catalán and Swedish, and his translations into Spanish include works by Wallace Stevens, Jack Spicer, Muriel Rukeyser, Gertrude Stein and Hannah Weiner.

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