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MUST SEE ART

Sara Greenberger Rafferty

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Sara Greenberger Rafferty at Sandroni Rey

Seeing Sara Greenberger Rafferty's video *De/Feat* in the container space behind Sandroni Rey was the highlight of a recent trip to Culver City. *De/Feat* is a 12-minute loop of the artist strapping herself into a standard-issue straitjacket and then removing it. This is not an easy task, and it proves to be painstaking and both a humorous and melancholic experience. With nods to Houdini, Rafferty's journey is one of escape, but it also illustrates the mental struggle of going from crazy to not crazy, traversing the extremes over and over again. The soundtrack is a subtle old-timey vaudeville number, which adds a kind of vintage nostalgia. Rafferty's drawings, based on black-and-white photos of historical performances as well as women injecting morphine, are also shown in the office.

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Rafferty in *De/Feat*

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