

LAFAYETTE ANTICIPATIONS

Fondation d'entreprise Galeries Lafayette

Dear NourbeSe Philip,

cc: Suzanna Tamminen, Wesleyan University Press

We hope this message finds you well.

We are writing you regarding the contention between yourself and artist Rana Hamadeh. As you may know we have co-produced the organ book that was made as part of Rana's multi-work installation and exhibition *The Ten Murders Of Josephine* shown at Witte de With in Rotterdam, later staged as a performance at the Rotterdam Schouwburg.

On June 20, Lafayette Anticipations - Fondation d'entreprise Galeries Lafayette, of which I serve as Managing Director, will open its first group exhibition *The Centre Cannot Hold*, composed of new commissions presented in our newly inaugurated building in the Marais district in Paris. Part of this exhibition will be a presentation of Rana's work, amongst which her organ book. Other artists included in the show are Julien Creuzet, Danielle Dean, Paul Maheke a.o. — all young artists tackling issues related to identity and subjectivity.

In complement to the exhibition we have organized a public program in which we invite artists to engage with experts and other chosen interlocutors. Rana has mentioned wanting to exchange with you, regarding your work, especially *Zong!*.

We understand that this invitation arises in the midst of a current conflict with Rana, however we would still like to extend our invitation to you to join us July 7 at Lafayette Anticipations in Paris around a public discussion with Rana about the work. Next to that, we would very much like to solve with you the issues that have arisen regarding the organ book and your much appreciated work *Zong!*

Therefore, we would like to offer our support for your future endeavors. As a general interest foundation, we support artists and designers in producing new work. In this capacity we think we can be of assistance, in promoting your book by finding a publisher for a French translation, for instance. We would be happy to engage in finding other possibilities for collaboration.

We hope you accept our offer and look forward to exchanging, as we find a solution in a constructive and positive manner for everyone involved.

Yours sincerely,

