

Richard Layzell

Assisted Power

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It was a very special moment spent in the presence of **Richard Layzell**, an artist who appreciates and respects his time and space, and who extends the same to those around him. **Richard Layzell**, a man who isn't afraid to laugh when he's happy.

During **Assisted Power** (a collaboration with **Tania Koswycz**), Richard communes with performative echoes of himself through video footage of his performances for video **Floor** and **Power** "*Yeah, imagine, performance for video – not only as documentation...before NRLA! Yeah! There was a before!*"* Over forty minutes; and assisted by cameras one, two, and three (not working); I was reminded time and time again to just be; be present, and be there, be authentic.

Who is Richard Layzell? Where is Richard Layzell? Answers to be found in a room full of love and admiration for the man at The Arches on the last afternoon of **NRLA30**, where I wasn't the only one touched by this gift of a performance.

* as Richard reminded us at **David Gale's Peachy Coochy Nites**

For more on Richard Layzell, view www.rescen.net/routeplanner

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