

# DISCHARGEMANCIA

**Intimate Oracular  
Reading**

2024

ALINE OLMOS STELER



Credit: Tanja Radez (Mladi Levi Festival - Slovenia)



## Intimno branje oraklja Aline Olmos Steler Oracular Reading

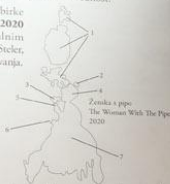
Misterij smrti in prihodnosti, ki sta včasih neposredno v kavnih tresetlinah, črtah na dlaneh ali zvočajo v podobnih, včasih tudi ritualistično spogleda v kontinuiteto življenja: vahi vas, da poudarite svojo priložnost, da se soočite s tem, kar vidite.

Zbirka *Intimno branje oraklja* se postopoma razvija po načinih prerokovanja, ki ga je razumela Aline Olmos Steler in pri katerem napovedujemo prihodnost človeštva na podlagi opazovanja vaginalnega izcedka na intimnih kosih oblačil.

Vaginalni izcedek, ki se izloča nehoti in se različuje po barvi, sekuri in vonju, je lahko znak naveličenosti, ovulacije, menstruacije, okužbe ali sušitja. Sledi te pogosto prezre ali stigmatizirane snovi pri tej praksi dobijo simbolično in pretoko vrednost.

Na razstavi bodo predstavljena izbrana dela iz zbirke *Intimnega branja oraklja*, ustvarjena med letoma 2020 in 2025, začeti s *Zensko s pipo* – prvini vaginalnim izcedkom, iz katerega je prepoznala Aline Olmos Steler, s čimer se je začel ta danes uveljavljen način prerokovanja.

1. Dim, ki se dviga iz pipe
2. Lasje na njeni glavi, spetji v figo
3. Nična pipa
4. Glava ženske iz profila
5. Roka, v kateri drži pipo
6. Druga ženska roka
7. Široko krilo njene obleke



Zenska s pipo  
The Woman With The Pipe  
2020

If the mystery of death and the future leads humanity to seek answers in coffee grounds, palm lines, or stars, this collection offers a more intimate path to glimpse the continuity of life: to look at your own underwear and confront what you see.

*Intimate Oracular Reading* is the name of both this collection and the oracular practice developed by Aline Olmos Steler, which consists of predicting the future of humanity through the observation of vaginal discharge on intimate garments.

Involuntarily expelled, vaginal discharge can indicate lubrication, ovulation, menstruation, infection, or pleasure – varying in color, texture, and odor. Often ignored or stigmatized, the traces of this material are elevated to a **symbolic and oracular record**.

This exhibition presents selected works from the practice of *Intimate Oracular Reading* carried out between 2020 and 2025, beginning with "The Woman With The Pipe" – the first vaginal discharge deciphered by Aline Olmos Steler, inaugurating this now-established oracular practice.

1. Smoke rising from the woman's pipe
2. A small bun atop her head
3. The woman's pipe
4. The profile of the woman's head
5. The hand that holds her pipe
6. The woman's second hand
7. The large skirt of her dress



# The Intimate Oracular Reading

## What do you see?

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In friction with **The Origin of the World** (1866) by **Gustave Courbet**, Aline Olmos Steler urges us to observe vaginal secretion as the reverse side of the vulva. Involuntarily expelled, secretion can express lubrication, ovulation, menstruation, infection, and pleasure, varying in color, texture, and odor.

In this performance, the artist treats vaginal secretions as oracular messages. This material — often ignored or stigmatized — is elevated to the status of a symbolic record, opening a field of interpretations and revelations that transcend physiology. The artist suggests that the messages born from this biological cycle are prophecies of a new time.

## What do you see?

The secretion, which results in abstract forms using underwear as the canvas, receives attention through the question “What do you see?” Very common in the context of art exhibitions and guided visits, the question enters the field of Intimate Oracular Reading, expanding the dimensions of what is considered image reading. The passage from the abstract to the figurative, led by Aline Olmos Steler together with visitors during the sessions, seeks to investigate new forms of knowledge and the subversive power of undomesticated intimacy.

# Description of The Action

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An exhibition of used underwear invites the public to decipher the images formed by vaginal secretions.

In parallel, during sessions of approximately 15 minutes, the artist invites visitors to participate in Intimate Oracular Readings, sharing the underwear they are wearing that day.

The readings take place only in the presence of the artist and the visitor, in a private room.

At the end, the visitor is invited to donate their used underwear in exchange for a new one, so that the donated piece may be added to the exhibition.

\*For those who wish to take part in the Intimate Oracular Reading without sharing their underwear, the artist offers an alternative so that the session can still take place.

















# Technical Requirements

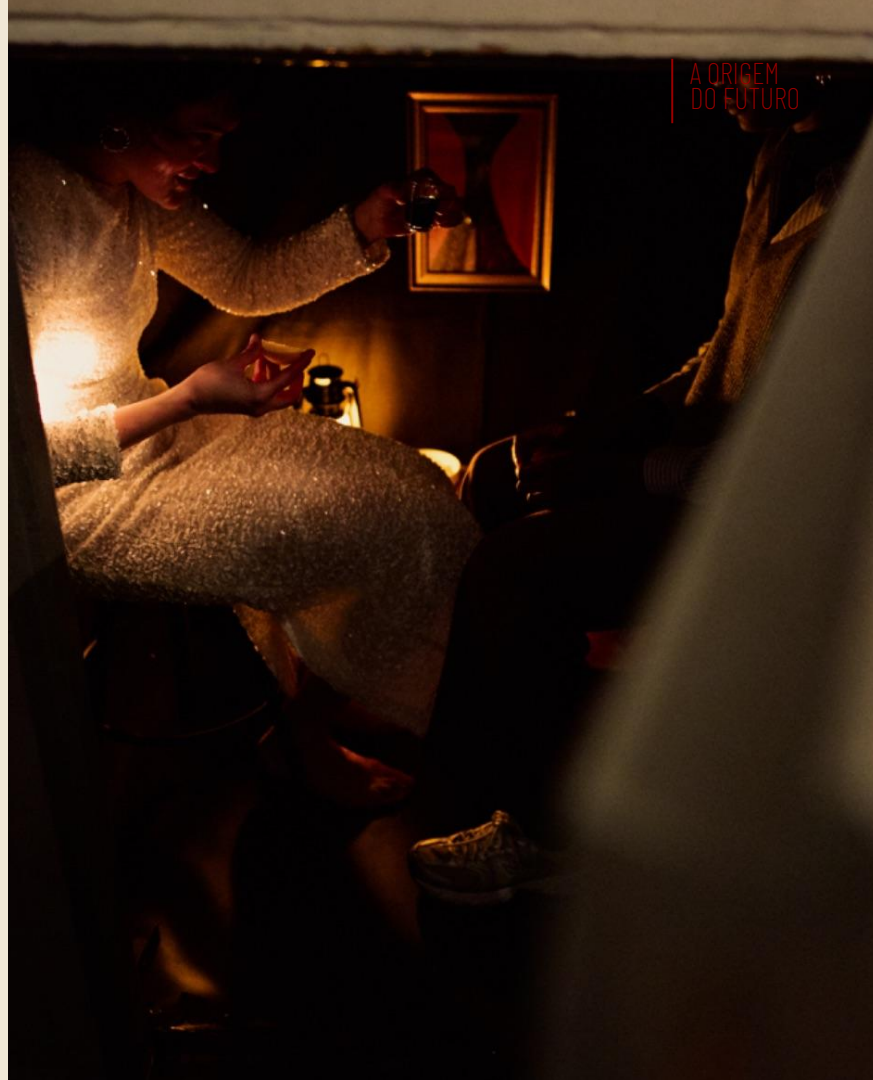
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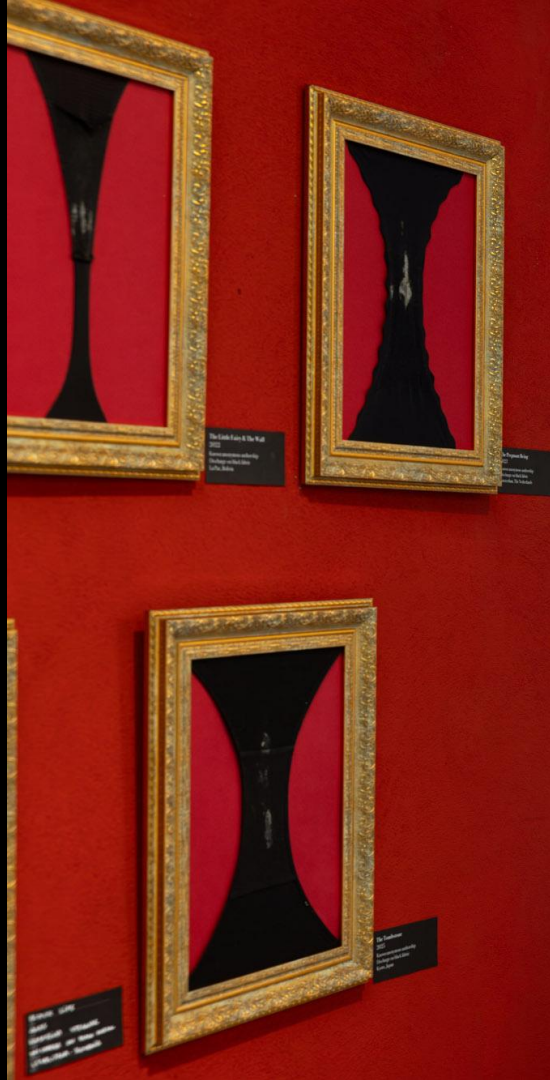
## **Private room for oracular readings**

Two chairs and access to electrical power

## **Exhibition space**

Two exhibition walls





## Spoznajte svoje preroško sporočilo

Pri tej praksi se naključne oblike izcedka s pomočjo **pareidolije** – človeške sposobnosti prepoznavanja znanih podob v naključnih vzorcih – spreminjajo v simbolna sporočila in tako razkrivajo **subverzivno moč neukročene intime**.

Če želite spoznati, kakšno je vaše **preroško sporočilo**, se udeležite enega izmed individualnih prerokovanj pod vodstvom **Aline Olmos Steler** (na termin se lahko naročite na [info@bunker.si](mailto:info@bunker.si)) ali pa **podarite svoje spodnje perilo**.

Če se odločite za slednje, svoje perilo vložite v eno izmed priloženih ovojnic in ga položite v škatlo. **Dan za tem bo vaše preroško sporočilo razkrito in skupaj z drugimi deli na ogled na razstavi.**

Pri takšni obliki sodelovanja boste svoje spodnje perilo **trajno darovali** v arhiv *Intimnega branja oraklja*.

## Have Your Oracular Message Deciphered

Through the activation of **pareidolia** – the human tendency to recognize familiar images in random patterns – this practice transforms discharge from incidental marks to figurative messages, revealing the **subversive power of the undomesticated intimate**.

If you wish to have your **oracular message deciphered**, you may take part in one of the individual sessions conducted by **Aline Olmos Steler** (reserve your time slot at [info@bunker.si](mailto:info@bunker.si)), or choose to **donate your underwear**.

If you choose the latter, place your intimate garment in one of the envelopes provided and deposit it in the box. **On the following day**, your **oracular message will be revealed and displayed** alongside the other works in this exhibition.

By choosing this form of participation, you are making a **permanent donation** of your underwear, which will be added to the *Intimate Oracular Reading Archive*.



PRE-PREMIERE

**Frascati Theatre (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) – November 2024**

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**Mladi Levi Festival (Ljubljana, Slovenia) – August 2025**

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