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MARRY
THE
SOIL A DIRTY
ECOSEXUAL WEDDING
KLOSTER UND & MINORITENKIRCHE

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„Since marrying the Earth in 2008 we have performed a series of ecosexual weddings to deepen our connection with and show our appreciation of nature.

Today we will marry SOIL; the skin of the Earth, which grows our food, stores our water, and composts our waste. We love soil and we are very dirty. It's a perfect match!

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone creating today's ritual. We asked for no material gifts but invited the gift of collaboration through the call for collaborators on the donaufestival 2014 website. The people who answered our call are creating this performance ritual.

Thanks to YOU, for being part of this special day. If at the end of our ceremony, you would like to make vows to love, honor and cherish the Soil with us, we invite you to say, "I do."“

Beth Stephens & Annie Sprinkle, 2014

Feel Free to shoot photos and video anytime

In Mayn Gortn (in My Garden)
Chaim Nahman Bialik
(1873-1934) Hebrew translated
into Yiddish by I. Ma Yofis.
Folk melody.

English Translation,
Benjy Fox-Rosen.

In mayn gortn hot a brunem
Mit an emer zikh gefunen,
Ale shabes kumt deriber,
Trinken vaser dort mayn liber.

Vi mayn harts, der emer vakht
Trift zayn gold in brunem zakht;
Trift a perl, trift a tsveyter-
Ot o geyt er, ot o geyt er.

Sha, mir dukht es klingen trit...
Iz dos er? Un efsher nit?
Gikher, gikher, kum mayn
sheyner!
Kh'bin aleyn un vayter keyner...

Zetsn mir zikh do baym vant,
Kop tsu aksl, hant in hant...
-Kh'vel dikh fregn a por zakhn,
Zolst, ikh bet dikh, nor nit lakhn.

Zog, fun vanen kumt der shmarts,
Vi a vorem nogt dos harts?
S'hot gehert mayn mame reydn,
Az du viltst mit mir zikh sheydn.

Zogt mayn liber: gey shoyn, gey,
Sonim zogn dos azev,
Nokh a yor, az got vet veln,
Veln mir [nokh] a khupe shteln...

In my garden there is a well
There is a bucket there,
Every Shabbes my beloved,
Comes there to drink water.

Like my heart, the bucket keeps
watch,
Its gold drips peacefully into the
well:
A pearl drips, then a second-
Here he comes, here he comes.

Quiet, it seems I hear steps...
Is that him? Or maybe not?
Faster, faster, come my beautiful
one,
I am alone, with no one else
around...

We sit here on the well's rim,
Head to shoulder, hand in hand...
"I will ask you something,
But please, I beg you, don't laugh."

"Tell, where does the pain come
from,
Which like a worm gnaws at my
heart?—
I hear my mother say,
That you want to leave me."

My beloved says: don't be silly,
Enemies say such things,
Another year, god willing,
We will get married....

Song Translations

Using a traditional melody and liturgy revised by Saul Noam Zaritt and Tobaron Waxman with Frilling (Spring), Celia Dropkin (1887-1956).

Translation into English and arrangement by Benjy Fox-Rosen

Bruchim Haboyim!
Mi adir al hakol, mi baruch al hakol, mi gadol al hakol, mi dagul al hakol, hu yevarech et hare'im v'et ha'ahuvim.
Mi be si'ach shoshan chochim ahavat re'im mesos dodim hu ye-varech et hare'im v'et ha'ahuvim.

Blessed and welcome!
May the Divine who is mightier than all, blessed above all, greater than all, distinguished beyond all, bless these friends and lovers,
May the Divine who understand the speech of the thorned rose, the affection of lovers, the joy of the beloved, bless these friends and lovers.

Der rozer himl hot fartrakht,
Dos shvartse feld gekusht,
un ven es iz gekumen nakht,
iz der himl oyfn feld gelegn,
un tsugeleygt tsu der erd zayn
heyse brust
un gezetikt zi a gantse nakht mit
di zaftn fun zayn layb,
In frimorgn hot der himl zunens
hayn geshpint
af dem kerper fun zayn shvartser
vayb.

In the evening, the pink sky
kissed the black field
and when night came
the sky lay down on the field.
He lay his hot chest to the ground,
and sated her all night with his
body's juices.
In the morning, the sky spun
sunshine
over the body of his black wife.



Program

GATHERING (13:30 – 14:00)

- DutziDomiMitti:** Performance
Margareth Kaserer: Dirt Grrrl
Harvey Rabbit & Dana von Schwedendorf: Protest
Katya Hannah Traumtanz: Body Decoration
Mathias Lenz: Performance
Julia Fuchs: Host
Sabrina Peer: Host
Kathi Koch: Host
Katrin Brandl: Host
Alexandra Gross: Host

CEREMONY (14:00 – 15:00)

In order of appearance

- Beth M. Stephens & Annie M. Sprinkle:** Officiants
Tobaron Waxman & Benjy Fox-Rosen: Vocalists
Jella Jost: Munro Ilo
Katya Traumtanz: Poem
Eric Harrod: Banjo Song
Mathias Lenz: An die Natur, Schubert
Wilhem Binder & Lukas Ponyboy: Poem
Alexandru Cosarca: Wir sind Zombie
Keith Hennessy: Dirt Gesture
Peaches: Father of the Soil & Dirt Daddy, Poem
Harvey Rabbit & Dana von Schwedendorf: Fair Witness
Tobaron Waxman & Benjy Fox-Rosen: Duet
Beth Stephens & Annie Sprinkle: Vows, Rings, Kiss
Kopi Luwak: Ring Bearer

SOIL PROCESSION (15:00 – 15:20)

Process with us and the Soil,
holding on to our May Day ribbons to the
reception at Minoritenkirche.

RECEPTION (15:20 – 16:30)

You are invited to a Kinky May Pole dance,
a water toast, cake, bouquet toss and to make
love and consummate the marriage with the soil.

- Paula Haslinger:** Refreshments
Alexandra Gross: Performance
Rhea Krcmarova: Water Toast
Fett & Zucker: Wedding Cake
Andi Matthes: Dirt Bed Creation
Flora Schanda: Botoh performance

Thanks

Manifest

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DAS ÖKOSEX MANIFEST

Elizabeth M. Stephens & Annie M. Sprinkle

(i) WIR SIND DIE ÖKOSEXUELLEN.

Die Erde ist unsere Geliebte. Wir sind verrückt nach ihr, wild und leidenschaftlich verliebt und wir sind jeden einzelnen Tag für die Beziehung mit ihr dankbar. Wir arbeiten mit der Natur zusammen, damit unsere Beziehung zueinander immer mehr von Partnerschaftlichkeit und Nachhaltigkeit geprägt ist. Wir behandeln die Erde mit Freundlichkeit, Respekt und Zuneigung.

(ii) WIR MACHEN MIT DER ERDE LIEBE.

Wir sind Aquaphile, Teraphile, Pyrophile und Aerophile. Wir umarmen hemmungslos Bäume, massieren die Erde mit unseren Füßen und reden erotisch mit Pflanzen. Wir sind Nacktbadende, Sonnenanbeter_innen und Sternengucker_innen. Wir streicheln Felsen, ergötzen uns an Wasserfällen und bewundern die Kurven der Erde so oft wir können. Wir machen mit unseren Sinnen mit der Erde Liebe. Wir zelebrieren unsere E-Punkte. Wir sind sehr dreckig.

(iii) WIR SIND EINE SCHNELL WACHSENDE WELTWEITE GEMEINSCHAFT VON ÖKOSEXUELLEN.

Diese Gemeinschaft beinhaltet Künstler_innen, Akademiker_innen, Sexarbeiter_innen, Sexualwissenschaftler_innen, Heiler_innen, Umweltaktivist_innen, Naturfetischist_innen, Gärtner_innen, Geschäftslute, Therapeut_innen, Jurist_innen, Friedensaktivist_innen, Öko-feminist_innen, Wissenschaftler_innen, Pädagog_innen, (R)evolutionäre, Kriechtiere und andere Wesen aus verschiedenen Lebensbereichen. Einige von uns sind SexÖkolog_innen, die die Stellen, an denen sich Sexualwissenschaft und Ökologie in unserer Kultur treffen, erkunden und erforschen. Als Konsumierende wollen wir weniger kaufen. Wenn wir es doch müssen, dann kaufen wir grün, biologisch und lokal. Ob auf Bauernhöfen, am Meer, im Wald oder in kleinen und großen Städten, wir verbinden uns mit der Natur und fühlen uns in sie hinein.

(iv) WIR SIND ÖKOSEX-AKTIVIST_INNEN.

Wir werden die Berge, Gewässer und Lüfte mit allen nötigen Mitteln retten, vor allem aber mit Liebe, Freude und unseren Verführungs-künsten. Wir werden der Vergewaltigung, dem Missbrauch und der Vergiftung der Erde Einhalt gebieten. Wir dulden keine Gewaltanwendung, obwohl wir begreifen, dass sich einige Ökosexuelle dazu entschließen könnten, diejenigen, die die größte Schuld an der Zerstörung der Erde tragen, durch Ungehorsam, anarchistische und radikale Aktivismusstrategien zu bekämpfen. Wir begrüßen die revolutionären Möglichkeiten Kunst, Musik, Dichtung, Humor und Sex. Wir arbeiten und spielen unermüdlich an Gerechtigkeit für die Erde und weltweitem Frieden. Bomben verletzen.

(v) ÖKOSEXUELLE_R IST EINE IDENTITÄT.

Für einige von uns ist es die hauptsächliche (sexuelle) Identität, für andere nicht. Ökosexuelle können GLBTQI, heterosexuell, asexuell, und/oder Sonstige sein. Wir laden Ökosexuelle ein und ermuntern sie dazu, sich zu outen. Wir sind überall. Wir sind polymorph und blütenstaub-amourös. Wir bilden Menschen zu den Themen Ökosexkultur, -gemeinschaft und -praktiken. Wir halten diese Wahrheiten für selbstverständlich: Dass wir alle Teil und nicht getrennt von der Natur sind. Deshalb ist jeder Sex Ökosex.

(vi) DER ÖKOSEX-SCHWUR.

Ich verspreche, dich, Erde, zu lieben, zu ehren und zu schätzen bis dass der Tod uns für immer näher zusammen bringt.

VIVA LA ECOSEX REVOLUCION! SCHLIESST EUCH UNS AN!

BETH & ANNIE'S SPECIAL THANKS



The donaufestival team, all our collaborators and assistants. The Earth's soil and all it's critters who help make create the dirt. Barbara Klein and the Kosmos Theater team in Vienna for being so supportive for so many years. We wouldn't be here today without this generous patronage. UCSC Arts Dean's Fund for Excellence, Helen & Newton Harrison for eco-inspiration, Curvy Girl Boutique for Annie's lingerie, artist Linda M. Montano for years of guidance. Robert Hejda for the killer pasta. Thanks to Bonnie Cullum at the Vortex Theater. Thanks to everyone at donaufestival, Kloster UND & Minoritenkirche for making this a dream wedding.

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*“We promise to love, honor and cherish
you SOIL, until death brings us closer
together forever.”*

Beth Stephens & Annie Sprinkle, donaufestival 2014



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ECOSEX MANIFESTO

Elizabeth M. Stephens & Annie M. Sprinkle

Manifesto

Credits

(i) WE ARE THE ECOSEXUALS.

The Earth is our lover. We are madly, passionately, and fiercely in love, and we are grateful for this relationship each and every day. In order to create a more mutual and sustainable relationship with the Earth, we collaborate with nature. We treat the Earth with kindness, respect and affection.

(ii) WE MAKE LOVE WITH THE EARTH.

We are aquaphiles, teraphiles, pyrophiles and aerophiles. We shamelessly hug trees, massage the earth with our feet, and talk erotically to plants. We are skinny dippers, sun worshipers, and stargazers. We caress rocks, are pleased by waterfalls, and admire the Earth's curves often. We make love with the Earth through our senses. We celebrate our E-spots. We are very dirty.

(iii) WE ARE A RAPIDLY GROWING GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF ECOSEXUALS.

This community includes artists, academics, sex workers, sexologists, healers, environmental activists, nature fetishists, gardeners, business people, therapists, lawyers, peace activists, eco-feminists, scientists, educators, (r)evolutionaries, critters and other entities from diverse walks of life. Some of us are Sex-Ecologists, researching and exploring the places where sexology and ecology intersect in our culture. As consumers we aim to buy less. When we must, we buy green, organic, and local. Whether on farms, at sea, in the woods, or in small towns or large cities, we connect and empathize with nature.

(iv) WE ARE ECOSEX ACTIVISTS.

We will save the mountains, waters and skies by any means necessary, especially through love, joy and our powers of seduction. We will stop the rape, abuse and the poisoning of the Earth. We do not condone the use of violence, although we recognize that some ecossexuals may choose to fight those most guilty for destroying the Earth with public disobedience, anarchist and radical environmental activist strategies. We embrace the revolutionary tactics of art, music, poetry, humor, and sex. We work and play tirelessly for Earth justice and global peace. Bombs hurt.

(v) ECOSexual IS AN IDENTITY.

For some of us being ecossexual is our primary (sexual) identity, whereas for others it is not. Ecossexuals can be GLBTQI, heterosexual, asexual, and/or Other. We invite and encourage ecossexuals to come out. We are everywhere. We are polymorphous and pollen-amorous. We educate people about ecossex culture, community and practices. We hold these truths to be self evident; that we are all part of, not separate from, nature. Thus all sex is ecossex.

(vi) THE ECOSEX PLEDGE.

I promise to love, honor and cherish you Earth, until death brings us closer together forever.

VIVA LA ECOSEX REVOLUCION! JOIN US.

FEATURED COLLABORATORS

The SOIL and all the living creatures who made it

Ulli Mayer: Wedding Planner

Joy Brooke Fairfield: Dramaturg

Sarah Stolar: Bridal Couture

PRODUCTION TEAM

Tomas Zierhofer-Kin: Artistic Director donaufestival

Margit Moisl: Festival Production Manager

Jochen Gruber: Production/Logistics

Eva Huber: Organization Administration

Barbara Pluch: Press



TECHNICAL TEAM

Markus Friedrich: Technical Support Kloster UND & Minoritenkirche

Frank Lischka: Technical Director

COSTUMES

Sarah Stolar: Beth & Annie's Costumes, with some additional bridal party costume bits:

Costume production assistants: Erica Lavinder Chiba, Amanda Clare, Beth Lavinder, Jeff Medinas, Kari Revolva, Vivian Spiral, Raissa Trend, Nicole Wong

Jewelry:

Bevin Cook: Bracelets, Necklaces

Cate Shelley: Lord and Creator of the Rings

ADDITIONAL COLLABORATORS

Sissyboy: Music Arrangement

Veronica Lion: Wedding Planner Assistant

Theresa Öhler: Decorations

Anna Scheer: Decorations

Harald Pamminger: Decorations

Antonija Livingstone: Make up assistance

Flora Schanda: Assistants to Annie & Beth

Anne Königs: Manifesto-Translation into German

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