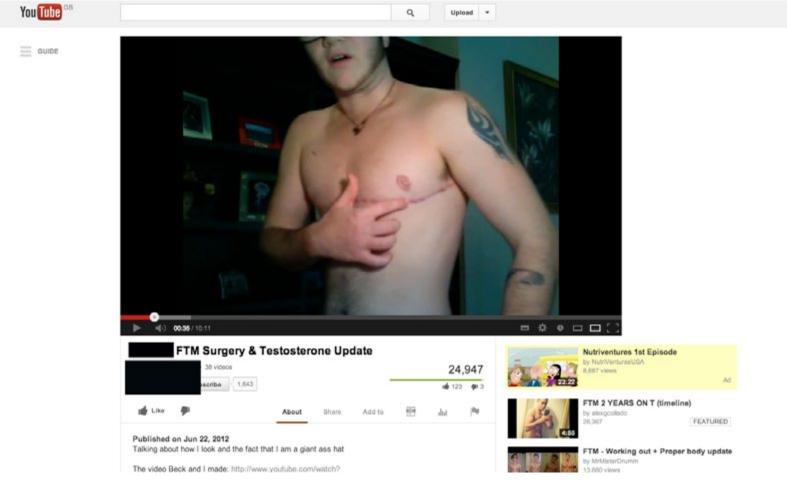
## IMAGE FILES 003: D'HANA PERRY



Let me start off by saying that I identify as genderqueer/androgynous — someone who is neither male nor female, or sometimes both. When I began to question my gender identity I, like others who have lived this experience, turned to their friends and chosen family for support. And like many trans and gq identified people, I also turned to the Internet to find resources about the transition process. This is where I discovered a large FTM (female to male) & gq community on YouTube. Here, people share the most intimate details of their lives on the most public and hostile place online and IRL. Peoples' willingness to publish personal details about their lives, including videos of hormone injections and other medical procedures was something I found equally frightening and liberating. The risk some people are willing to take to share information and connect with others is a testament to the power of social networking and movement building.

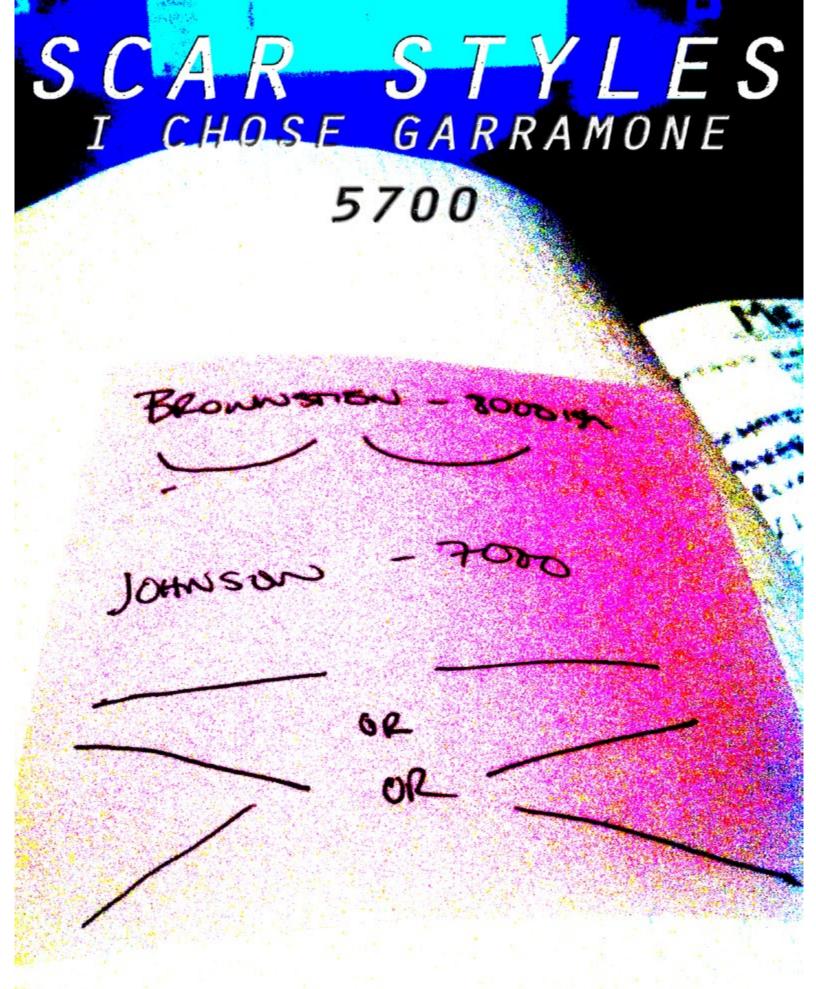
Furthermore, as I became more immersed in digital production and online culture, I started recognizing connections between the now obvious intersection of cultural production, identity construction, and vanity. With the rapid growth of queer and trans visibility, I continue to be riveted by their relationship and one's ability to transform from the "previously self-conscious," to the "currently self-centered;" particularly in younger FTM communities. Self-obsession is so strange and Tumblr culture is so surreal. When you are forced to question your identity you tend to look in the mirror a lot – but that's so analog. At least Facebook and YouTube allow people to see you the way you want to be seen.

I was a teen in the 90's and my generation was skeptical. We, among many things, actively shunned narcissism and by and large lived our lives off-line. But here I am almost 20 years later, completely enraptured by my own image with an Instagram account to prove it. This journey is equal parts a search for the reflection you want to see, and the creation of a sub-culture aided by #selfies.

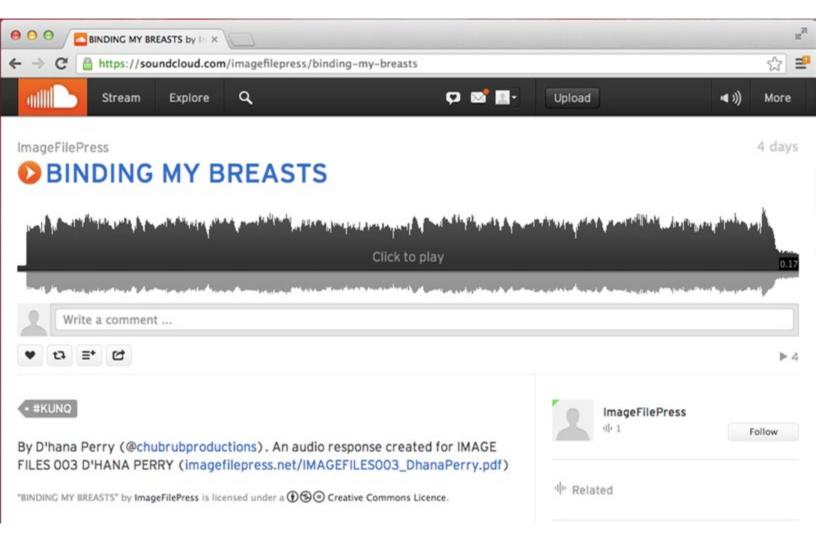
In this project I am responding to the now ubiquitous (at least in my world) top surgery scar; an image I obsessed over for years. An image that terrified me and eventually set me free.

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Response 1: "Either/or/Neither"



Response 2: "Scar Styles: A Post it Note in my Dear Diary"



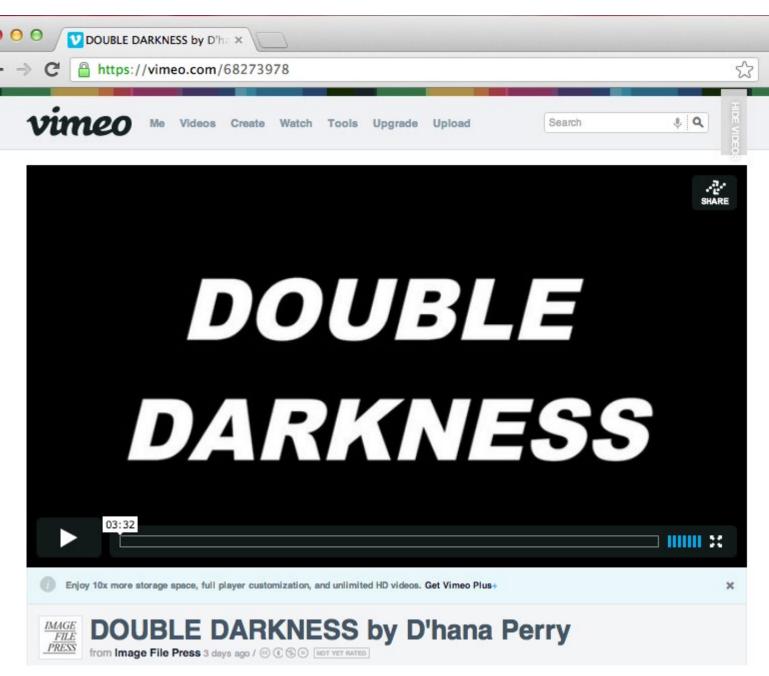
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