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The Nostalgic Appeal of Classic Games in the Modern Era

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From the simple pixels of the past to today's immersive experiences, the journey of video games boasts a rich history of innovation. Amid this evolution, nostalgia serves as a powerful anchor, drawing us back towards simpler times. With their straightforward appeal and ability to unite people, classic games continue to enchant us, proving that despite technological progress, there's something inherently compelling about the basics. In this article, we look at how the enduring charm of classic games allows them to transcend time.

The Roots of Nostalgia in Gaming

With its deep psychological roots, nostalgia has a powerful effect on gamers, creating a bridge that spans generations. Classic games serve up more than just entertainment; they're the keys to shared experiences, evoking warm memories and connecting players from various generations. These enduring titles act as cultural landmarks, capturing the essence of gaming's evolution. Their timeless appeal brings people together worldwide and safeguards the rich narrative of gaming history, ensuring the legacy of these titles continues to be celebrated and preserved.

Simplicity and Accessibility

Not many games are simpler than a deck of cards, and that's the foundation of many classic card games, with poker being arguably the most popular. This simplicity is quite different from the complex mechanics and deep narratives found in modern video games, providing players with a welcome alternative. While poker requires players to master rules and can be challenging for newcomers, it also offers gamers a break from the overwhelming choices and steep learning curves required to start playing many of today's most popular titles. That's not all, online platforms like PokerStars have made classic games accessible to a new audience, allowing gamers to compete with players from around the world, whether they're beginners or experienced players. This transition is just one example of how these games have extended their appeal into the digital era.

Community and Shared Experiences



While we often think of classic games as just time fillers that we pick up when we have downtime, they're much more than that, bringing together shared memories that get passed down through generations. Retro video game tournaments are just one example, moving from arcade cabinets to online platforms, drawing in players worldwide. This sense of unity and shared enthusiasm has been crucial in shaping today's online gaming communities. It shows that multiplayer classics aren't just surviving; they're thriving, bridging the gap between the digital world and real-life connections.

The Resurgence of Classic Games

One might think in a world where photorealism and virtual reality are becoming the norm, classic games would be left in the past. However, that hasn't been the case. Instead, as technology keeps advancing, a not-insignificant part of the gaming world has taken a step back, warmly welcoming the classics once again. This revival has seen old-school games make a comeback with remasters, remakes, and new titles that capture everything that makes retro gaming special.

Mini retro consoles and game collections have quickly become must-haves, opening a doorway to the golden era of gaming. Meanwhile, online gaming has given classics like arcade favorites a second wind. Despite navigating the tricky waters of legality and ethics, emulators have also become key players in this resurgence. This renewed interest in classic games shows just how much they're still cherished, reminding us that the classics never really go out of style.

Classic Games in the Digital Age

Rather than being lost to history and museums, the digital era has breathed new life into retro games, giving them a place to shine on modern platforms. Technology has allowed these classics to be adapted to contemporary audiences, making them just as appealing to today's players as they were decades ago. Known for their history and simplicity, these games have smoothly transitioned to digital formats, attracting a new generation of fans. Indie developers deserve a lot of credit for

this revival, having ingeniously blended respect for the old with a dash of contemporary flair, creating games that honor and expand upon the classic gaming experience. This fusion of the past with the present ensures that classic games will continue to be cherished and played, bringing together generations of gamers.

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Mixing It Up

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A fest celebrates ten years with a Crenshaw host, Ray Bradbury gets his due in Venice, a dancemaker shares his moves downtown, ballet in the afternoon, more SoCal dance this week, plus a peek at next week.

Live This Week

Together again

Two riveting performers pay homage and consider contemporary parallels to *Farenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury's masterful 1953 anticipation of a media manipulated society where books are banned and burned. **Oguri & Andrés Corchero** reunite for *Dance Homage to Ray Bradbury*, the latest in their ongoing collaboration *Body as Evidence* anchored in Butoh and their symbiotic relationship onstage. Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice; Fri.-Sat., March 29-30, 8 pm, Sun., March 31, 3 pm, free w/reservation at Eventbrite.



Oguri & Andrés Corchero. Photo courtesy of the artists

He likes to share

Live performance plus a film documenting the career arc of innovative French choreographer **Jérôme Bel** are part of the aptly self-titled *Jérôme Bel*. One of Bel's principles is to always have his work be reinterpreted by local performers in the language of the country where it is shown. This time, excerpts of his pioneering contemporary dance works feature **Ariel Osterweis** and a group of LA-based dancers. REDCAT, Disney Hall, 631 W. 2nd St., downtown; Thurs. & Sat., April 4 & 6, 8:30 pm, $27. REDCAT.



Jérôme Bel. Photo by Herman Sorgeloos

Coming inside

After its long-time home theater was sold during the pandemic, the *BlakTinx Dance Festival* has had four years of online and al fresco existence. The festival moves back indoors, bringing its diverse line up of choreographers curated by Licea Perea since she founded the festival in 2013 to showcase Black and Latinx dancemakers. The festival's announced participants include **Old School Skinny, FUSE Dance Company, Sasha Rivero, Byron Tittle, Shantel Ureña,** and **Press Contacts**. The evening includes a special performance by **Lula Washington Dance Theatre** and **DaanseKou West African Dance and Drummers**. Lula Washington Dance Foundation, 3773 Crenshaw Blvd., Leimert Park; Sat., March 30, 7 pm, $20. Eventbrite.



BlackTinx Dance Festival’s Daunte Fyall. Photo courtesy of the artists

Going downtown

The dancers of **Hollywood Ballet** head to skid row with a performance titled *For Skid Row*. The show is open to clients of the Midnight Mission, the larger community, and friends of the company. The afternoon performance is free with a reservation. Midnight Mission, 601 San Pedro St., downtown; Thurs., April 4, 2:30 pm, free. Hollywood Ballet.



Hollywood Ballet. Photo courtesy of the artists

Making an MJ move

The main draw may be the songs Michael Jackson made famous, but ***MJ the Musical*** won a Tony award for director/choreographer **Christopher Wheeldon**, whose dance-infused staging dominates from when the curtain goes up until the finale. Just in case anyone thought Wheeldon's talents were limited to ballet companies. Segerstrom Center for the Arts, 600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa; Tues.-Fri., 7:30 pm, Sat., 2 & 7:30 pm, Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm, thru Sun., March 31. $49-$159. SCFTA.



MJ The Musical. Photo courtesy of the artists

They're back

The touring show showcasing a view of China culture pre-communism, **Shen Yun,** returns with its

2024 edition. This week its Costa Mesa's Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Details on this and upcoming SoCal performances at Shen Yun.



Shen Yun. Photo courtesy of the artists

A Peek at Next Week (4/5 to 4/11)

Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana – *Tablao Flamenco* at UCLA, The Nimoy, 1262 Westwood Blvd., Westwood; Thur., April 11, 8 pm, $32. CAP UCLA.

Benita Bike's DanceArt at Lake View Terrace Library, 12002 Osborne St., Lakeview Terrace; Sat., April 6, 2 pm, free. Benita Bike's DanceArt.

American Ballet Theatre – *Woolf Works* at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, 600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa; Thurs.-Fri., April 11-12, 7:30 pm, Sat., April 13, 2 & 7:30 pm, Sun., April 14, 1 pm, $49-$149. SCFTA.



American Ballet Theatre in Woolf Works. Photo by Andrej Uspenski

Rosanna Gamson WorldWide – *Brian Golden, Alejandro Perez, & Jordan Saenz* at Stomping Ground, 5453 Alhambra Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90032; Sat., April 6, 7:30 pm, $20. Eventbrite.

Benjamin Millepied – *Unstill Life* at Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., downtown; Tues., April 9, 8 pm, $40-$129. LA Phil.

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Core Components and Key Features of ISO 27001

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Strong frameworks are essential to information security. ISO 27001 is one important standard that helps enterprises manage information security effectively. A thorough **ISO 27001 Training** program aids professionals in understanding the framework.

In this blog, we will explore the core components and **Key Features of ISO 27001**, highlighting the principles that justify its applicability.

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What is ISO 27001?

Fundamentally, ISO 27001 is an internationally accepted standard that systematically handles confidential company data. With the help of this standard, which includes an extensive collection of best practices and controls, companies may protect their data assets and create robust information security management systems (ISMS). Before exploring the main characteristics, it is essential to comprehend the fundamental components that comprise ISO 27001's framework.

Core Components

Risk Assessment and Treatment

The foundation of ISO 27001 is a thorough risk assessment procedure. This entails determining possible risks, weak points, and how possible incidents can affect the company's information assets. To provide a balanced approach to information security, the objective goes beyond eliminating hazards to include their evaluation and appropriate treatment.

Information Security Policy

The foundation of ISO 27001 is a clearly specified information security policy. This policy creates a framework for setting goals and procedures, describes the organisation's commitment to information security, and sets the tone for the ISMS.

ISMS Scope

An essential first step is defining the Information Security Management System's scope. This establishes the limits and uses of ISO 27001 inside the company. Undoubtedly, all pertinent topics are covered when there is a clear grasp of the scope.

Leadership and Management Support

The implementation of ISO 27001 requires the full support of top-level management. A culture of information security awareness and compliance is fostered by the involvement of the leadership, which sets the tone for the organisation.

Key Features of ISO 27001

After laying the groundwork with the fundamental elements, let’s examine the salient characteristics of ISO 27001 that set it apart and make it a formidable force in information security.

Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability (CIA)

Confidentiality

With regard to confidentiality, ISO 27001 emphasises that information should only be viewed by those who are allowed to do so. Organisations can prevent unwanted access to sensitive data using encryption and access limitations.

Integrity

Information integrity must always be upheld. Organisations can use ISO 27001 as guidance when implementing safeguards to stop illegal data manipulation or deletion. Checksums, version controls, and other integrity-preserving techniques are used to accomplish this.

Availability

One of the main goals of ISO 27001 is to guarantee that information is available when requested. It is recommended that organisations use controls, including redundancy, backup systems, and disaster recovery plans, that prevent or limit downtime.

Continuous Improvement

ISO 27001 is a journey of continual improvement rather than a one-time implementation. To find areas where the ISMS needs to be improved, the standard recommends routine monitoring, measurement, analysis, and assessment of the system. This iterative strategy guarantees the ISMS develops in lockstep with the dynamic threat environment.

Legal and Regulatory Compliance

A crucial aspect of information security is remaining current with legal and regulatory obligations. Organisations can identify relevant rules and regulations and develop controls to guarantee compliance with the help of ISO 27001. By being proactive, the organisation reduces legal risks and improves its reputation.

Employee Awareness and Training

A company is only as safe as its weakest member. The relevance of human elements in information security is acknowledged by ISO 27001, which also requires employee training and awareness campaigns. This guarantees that people know their roles and obligations in upholding a safe workplace.

Empowering the Workforce

Comprehending the nuances of ISO 27001 is essential for a successful deployment. This brings up the significance of training in ISO 27001. Employees who receive the proper training will be prepared with the information and abilities needed to actively support the information security

objectives of the company. A well-trained workforce is a powerful tool in information security, from comprehending risk assessment methodologies to knowing the subtleties of compliance.

Navigating Challenges and Achieving Certification

Despite the significant advantages of ISO 27001, obtaining certification may not be easy. These difficulties could include things like organisational opposition and resource limitations. Nonetheless, firms can overcome these obstacles and obtain ISO 27001 certification with dedication, a clear plan, and the appropriate assistance.

Resource Allocation

The successful implementation of ISO 27001 necessitates a committed investment in workforce and technology. An effective implementation plan requires sufficient personnel, instruction, and technology infrastructure.

Organisational Resistance

Resistance to change is one of the most typical obstacles to introducing new procedures. Support from upper management, clear communication, and a phased implementation strategy can all lessen opposition and facilitate an easier transition to ISO 27001 compliance.

Documentation and Record-Keeping

The ISMS must have thorough documentation per ISO 27001. This covers risk assessments, rules, procedures, and documentation of awareness and training campaigns. Establishing strong documentation practices is essential to prove conformity during the certification process.

Conclusion on ISO 27001

To sum up, ISO 27001 is a shining example of information security best practices, providing a systematic way to protect critical data assets. Together with the essential elements, the core components constitute a strong foundation that enables businesses to successfully negotiate the challenging world of information security.

It is impossible to exaggerate the significance of ISO 27001 training in the digital age. It is a dedication to a culture of security, resilience, and ongoing progress rather than merely a certification. By adhering to ISO 27001 guidelines, organisations protect their data and build the groundwork for future security and resilience.

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Gina Duran: Two Poems

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Mother Says Don’t Be Like the Street Urchins Down the Street

I don’t know what that is, but apparently
it’s bad. Apparently, it’s when children have fun by themselves
and get dirty. Mother says I look like a street urchin

because I don’t brush my hair. *Look at this rat’s nest.* She grits
her teeth. Smacks down sharp teeth of a brush into my skull.
Yanks. Now, I have knots on my scalp.

Large knots with bruises that nobody can see. Neither can I.

Chunks of my hair stuck in the bristles. *You’re 4, you should know*
how to brush your hair by now.

White children with smudges run by our house. Climb trees and chain
link fences. Throw balls and sticks.
I play in a backyard. Contained. I am good.
Like my big black fluffy dog—Bear.

I sneak around to find hiding places. I like to hide from Mother.
To make myself invisible. I crawl under our mint green house—next to bronze
pipes. Mother never calls for me, because I’m safe.

It’s dank and dark—silent. I am silent. I am a brown field mouse
sneaking under corners. Collapsing its bones. Mother is scared of mice.
Dad catches them and frees them outside. One suffocated in glue,
Dad says that’s sad. I move my eyebrows to look sad, because Dad does.

I don’t actually feel anything. I don’t feel sad. I don’t feel anything.

Under our house—I feel safe crawling on my hands and knees
with hard gray ground. It’s cool and moist—it is a passage to another world.
But I know where Mother is, at all times. Creaking planks of wood and heavy
thumps and bumps from the heels of her feet signal, like morse code. I am a spy—
creeping between worlds. Underground where trolls live—but safe from monsters
and Dad’s thick tan leather belt. Mother always makes me *choose* it.
But I am good at hiding.

Bear tries to follow me, but I go places he can’t go. I shimmy up chain link fences,
like street urchins do. Sshh…Mother doesn’t know. I am not a good girl. I climb
on top of roofs. I eat candy where Mother can’t see me. Only Bear can see me. He is waiting,
looking up at me. Only he sees I am bad. Here nobody sees me, but I can see them.

I can see cars from above, like a bird. I want to fly. One day I will become a bird and talk to trees. I want to jump…

but I can’t fly—not even run and hop like our neighbor’s peacocks. I will make wings out of leaves and feathers.

When I fly, I will go to heaven—nobody will know—heaven is the safest place to hide. If I run fast enough my wings will catch air. Bear chases after me. I can’t take him with me, Mother says dogs don’t have souls.

If he dies he will go to hell, burning in extra hot fire, being stabbed with hot sticks—for eternity. I will teach him to behave. To stay. To listen. To be a good boy. Maybe, God will make an exception.

I try to teach him to sit and stay. He doesn’t listen. But I am his mother—I have to teach him, otherwise he won’t learn. I am a good mother. So, I smack him.

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Dad Says I’m Like A Horse

…and like a horse I have to be broken-
in. He says Marines are broken in,

so they can save lives. It’s important
to be prepared at all times and always
give 110 percent. That’s how you become
a hero.

Dad sits from his golden barrel shaped
chair, like he is king or God
calling me like a dog:

Hey, Stupid. Stupid…Stupid…Stupid…
Stuuupid

He keeps going. He won’t stop until
my aching body bursts
enraged with grief, because

I am a horse—too wild to be broken.
God must build walls and pillars
inside me, like Achilles…

My dad has found my heel. He says so.
He will wrap himself around me and pin
my body to the floor. Face deep into gray

padded carpet. His mustache rubbing along
my cheek—lips on my ear—he bellows:
Pee Pee Queen
Get up

Fight

I will. Mother will come out of her room
scolding me, like a hierarchy. Irritated by my voice
from top of the stairs.

It’s my fault for not staying silent
for being wild and unbroken.

But I am broken
but wild. Mother doesn’t see that.
Dad chuckles a deep bellied guffaw—
Stupid.

Tomorrow, Mother will have me move cinder blocks
under August’s sun. Because I am a horse
and need to be broken-in. For being weak.

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6 Ways Customized Products Can Transform Your Business

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Ever wondered what sets successful businesses apart from the rest? It’s all about catering to your

customers' needs and making them feel special. That's where customized products come in.

Whether you're selling water bottles, phone cases, or even socks, offering personalized options can take your business to the next level.

To give you an idea, here are some ways customization can transform your business and leave your customers coming back for more.

1. Boosted Customer Satisfaction

Picture this: You stroll into a store, and there, gleaming on the shelves, are custom-branded water bottles. But wait, there's more. You can slap your name on it, or maybe your favorite motivational quote. Suddenly, that water bottle isn't just a container; it's a reflection of you.

By giving customers the power to personalize their purchases like **custom branded water bottles**, you're tapping into their desire for uniqueness, and that translates to one happy customer.

2. Increased Brand Loyalty

Who doesn't love feeling special? When customers can customize products, personalizing them to their liking, it creates a bond between them and your brand.

Whether it's monogramming a tote bag or choosing the color of a notebook, customization makes customers feel like VIPs. And when they feel valued, they're more likely to stick around, becoming loyal fans of your brand.

3. Stand Out in a Sea of Sameness

In a world where everything seems to blend together, **standing out** is key. Customization sets you apart from the competition by offering something unique and memorable.

Instead of being just another face in the crowd, your brand becomes the one people remember. So go ahead, embrace your quirks, and watch as customers flock to your door.

4. Get to Know Your Customers Better

Customization isn't just about making customers happy; it's also about learning what makes them tick.

By offering personalized options, you gain valuable insights into their preferences and tastes. Maybe you notice a surge in requests for a particular feature or design—now you know what your customers want. Armed with this knowledge, you can tailor your offerings to meet their needs and keep them coming back for more.

5. Boost Your Sales with Smart Suggestions

Ever been to a fast-food joint where they ask if you want fries with that? That's upselling in action. With customization, you have the perfect opportunity to suggest complementary products or services to your customers.

If they're customizing a laptop, why not throw in a matching mouse or laptop bag? By guiding

them through the customization process and offering relevant add-ons, you can boost your sales and make customers even happier.

6. Craft a Killer Brand Image

Your brand is more than just a logo; it's an experience. Offering customization shows that you care about your customers' individuality and value their input.

This **customer-centric approach** not only builds goodwill but also positions your brand as innovative and forward-thinking. Customers will see you as a company that listens and adapts, and that's a reputation worth its weight in gold.

Conclusion

Customization isn't just a trend; it's a game-changer for businesses of all shapes and sizes. From boosting customer satisfaction to standing out in a crowded market, the benefits are endless. So why not give it a try? Start offering personalized options today and watch your business soar to new heights.

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Review: *Nightfall Marginalia* by Sarah Maclay

Harrison Hamm · Sunday, March 24th, 2024

It was early in the new year — by the water, on the steps of the marina, swallowed in a PDF of Sarah Maclay's life-affirming fifth collection *Nightfall Marginalia* — that somehow, I hadn't noticed the sun slip away. How could it be dark out? In these consoling dream-poems, nocturnes, and ekphrastics, there was such *room*, such possibility. I felt, more than anything, a new luminescence about the world. As a speaker describes in the sensualist manifesto-poem "Ode with Moan in the Middle," I had caught myself "flung off, in the genius wind. Air gets in. And everything in it: // chime-rustle, wind-slip of leaves, whole sashes: trees" …In the mouthfeel of language, Maclay does magic up close. Something like a door inside us cracks ajar as each dawning image casts us into a visceral liminality. We encounter almost everything with new strangeness, new depth, new light. We speak to sense the words in our mouths. Their curves. We follow humbly, take note, and savor this rare honesty while it lasts.

As a former workshop student of Maclay's, I was lucky to hear her read this poem before. There, in her "usual Jesuit ranch-girl dark academia" as she once described her style over email, I can still hear her incanting the ending lines as if casting a spell: "Love, I'll oboe the low long round slow sound for you, oh you— / and I'd do any, anything to loosen my tongue." As the speaker mounts each vowel, the "o" echo of "you, oh you" opens us, both physically and psychically. And then that

final “any, anything” drops the jaw and summons the whole body-mind-heart-soul in devotion to this truest sensuality. *Nightfall Marginalia* not only staves off limitations of the diurnal but becomes a lighthouse and a north star in its own right — a daring example of how we might dream, bear witness, and, most dutifully, *live* in a twilight moment, at once graying and specked with constellations.

Spiraling fluently through time, consciousness, and forms spanning abecedarian, OuLiPo, lyric, and prose, the poems in this collection testify to Maclay’s diligence as a student, ever-fascinated with language and its peculiar thresholds to mystery. I recall when she read “The Glass Sonata,” the book’s opening poem, at an annual student publications’ event: “Here, we abandon years of insistent rhythm— // just to hear it. / But not its sound. // Can we be quiet enough together now to hear it— hear it— and not break it—” In concert with the “night voices” we had read together (Tomas Tranströmer and W.S. Merwin especially), the poet recasts silence, stillness, and suspension as sanctuary. Knowing the sound’s fragility, the speaker implores the collective to “hear it— and not break it—” and in doing so, blurs our sensory faculties open to new potential.

In hushed togetherness, Maclay’s autumnal speakers tend to eros, memory, art of all sorts, what could / could never be, and the midnights the mind makes. These speakers also frequently disarm the listener — “I don’t know the language / it bends” — and court surrealism with a charming familiarity— “and nothing is wrong. Nothing. Nothing except that // the planets are off, colliding, turning day into eclipse…” In each poem’s careful distillation, craft elements like maximizing the torque of line breaks, lyric concision, and images as layered as whole labyrinths conspire to dazzling effect. Maclay not only knows the language, but bends it to her precise, studied eye. The result is a symphony of deep affect, intimacy, and color, finding faith in that which we can scarcely know.

I think of the “prisoner’s cinema,” the phenomenon of a “light show” where various colors emerge from darkness, believed to be a consequence of phosphenes combined with the psychological effects of prolonged lack of exposure to light. Often reported by those confined to dark cells, including truckers, astronauts, and practitioners of intense meditation, the prisoner’s cinema eludes description but bears resemblance in form to Neolithic cave paintings. Similarly, these lush, mythic poems marvel in the possibility of light and gesture from a nocturnal ontological position. See “Night Text”: “even *sans* color, *sans* liquor, *sans* shape, / we are twins. Fraternal. Unknown.” Or how in “Munch is Screaming Now from Many Angles,” language propels itself forward in echoing impression-images: “Shadow puppets thrown against / The wall, the cave, the mimeo of time…” In “The Sleeping Arrows,” another speaker riffs Jean Valentine, “The isle of rose, the river as wolf, a guilt-ripple / of wind—they come to me, // these gifts of misperception.” And *gifts*, they are. These “good confusions” flicker like vignettes whirring to life on a film reel. They invite us to take vigil and lose ourselves at “the limen.”

Parataxis, or an equitable attunement to the senses, becomes key to how Maclay achieves this floating, ephemeral style. Approaching each line with the fluid movement of a seamlessly panning camera, these poems reveal an epicenter in constant flux, rendered more emotionally resonant via ambiguity and enjambment. “Enclave” imagines this epicenter as a domestic space that may or may not exist: “…he was sure you’d been there / together one night or you’d lived there together, a little apartment. Both of you want / to go back. And neither of you can recall even one of its features.” But we don’t need the full frame — only the margins, where longing, precarity, and enchantment find ample space to breathe. Amid a crowded, increasingly bleak reality (“Thou shalt not sleep except upon a concrete floor”), such interiority and hidden openings offer solace and

illumination.

These are poems to live with and take refuge in. Ever-reverent, Maclay invites us to commune, heal, yearn, mourn, and return to center — to the sensate — asking unutterable questions: “But even the moon refuses to stay halved / and how can I ban the moon?” Sitting on the water’s edge, finishing *Nightfall Marginalia*, I felt an immense gratitude, suspended in a dream-light that only a poet as elucidating and beguiling as Sarah Maclay could conjure. Indeed, “It was all night, then.”



Nightfall Marginalia by Sarah Maclay

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What to do if You are a Victim of Road Rage?

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Road rage incidents can be terrifying and dangerous experiences for anyone involved. Whether you’re driving to work or running errands in Texas, encountering an aggressive driver can quickly escalate into a dangerous situation.

If you find yourself in such a predicament, it’s crucial to stay calm and take the appropriate steps to ensure your safety and well-being. Here are the key actions to take if you are a victim of road rage:

1. Prioritize Safety

The first and most crucial step is to prioritize safety for yourself and others. If you feel threatened or unsafe due to another driver's aggressive behavior, try to distance yourself from the situation as soon as it is safe to do so.

This may involve changing lanes, slowing down, or even pulling over to a safe location if necessary. Avoid engaging with the aggressive driver or retaliating in any way due to emotions, as this can further escalate the situation.

2. Call for Help

If you believe the situation warrants immediate intervention, such as if the aggressive driver is following you or behaving erratically, don't hesitate to call emergency services.

Dial 911 or the relevant emergency number in your area and provide them with detailed information about the incident, including your location, a description of the vehicles involved, and any relevant details about the aggressive driver's behavior.

3. Document Any Road Rage Incident

After ensuring your safety, it's important to document the road rage incident as thoroughly as possible.

This can include taking photos or videos of the vehicles and the scene, noting the license plate number of the aggressive driver's vehicle, and gathering contact information from any witnesses who may have observed the incident.

Documentation can be crucial in providing evidence and supporting your case if legal action becomes necessary.

4. Consult your Lawyer

If you are a victim of road rage in Texas and suffer injuries or property damage, seeking legal guidance from car wreck lawyers in Texas is advisable. Begin by scheduling a consultation to discuss your case in detail, providing all relevant documentation and evidence.

The lawyer will then assess the legal aspects, including liability and potential compensation, explaining your rights and legal options to help you make informed decisions.

If you choose to proceed, the lawyer will represent you, handle negotiations with insurance companies, and gather additional evidence as needed. They will also prepare your case for litigation if required, working towards achieving a fair settlement or successful verdict in court while keeping you informed throughout the process.

5. Report to Authorities

After hiring a lawyer, you must officially report the road rage incident to the relevant authorities, such as the local police department or highway patrol. Provide them with all the information you and your lawyer have gathered, including witness statements and any evidence you have collected.

A police report can serve as an official record of the incident that your lawyer can use to pursue legal action or file an insurance claim.

How to Avoid Being a Victim of Road Rage in the Future

While encountering road rage incidents can be unpredictable, there are proactive steps you can take to reduce the risk of becoming a victim in the future:

- **Practice Defensive Driving**: Stay alert and aware of your surroundings while driving. Anticipate potential hazards and maintain a safe following distance from other vehicles.
- **Avoid Provoking Others**: Refrain from engaging in aggressive or confrontational behavior on the road, such as cutting off other drivers, tailgating, or using offensive gestures.
- **Stay Calm**: If you encounter an aggressive driver, do your best to remain calm and avoid escalating the situation. Focus on safely navigating away from the aggressive driver rather than reacting impulsively.
- **Use Communication Wisely**: Use turn signals, headlights, and courteous gestures to communicate your intentions to other drivers on the road. Clear communication can help prevent misunderstandings and conflicts.
- **Seek Alternative Routes**: If you know of high-traffic areas or areas prone to road rage incidents, consider taking alternative routes to avoid potential confrontations.

By staying vigilant, maintaining composure, and following safe driving practices, you can reduce the likelihood of being a victim of road rage and contribute to a safer driving environment for everyone on the road.

That’s A Wrap

Being a victim of road rage can be a distressing experience, but taking swift and appropriate actions can help protect your safety and rights.

From prioritizing safety and documenting the incident to seeking legal guidance when needed, these steps can empower you to navigate the aftermath of a road rage incident effectively.

Additionally, adopting proactive measures to avoid such incidents in the future can contribute to safer and more harmonious road experiences for all drivers.

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