

A photograph of numerous balloons, mostly blue and some yellow, with ribbons attached. The balloons are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others in the background. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text 'Gaseous' is overlaid in the upper right quadrant, and 'By Isaac VanCuren' is overlaid below it.

Gaseous

By Isaac VanCuren

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*An exploration and evaluation of mental health.
Two individuals coming together. Meeting in the middle.
Depression and the illusion of happiness.
Raising one up. Taking one down. Balancing the riddle.*

*Leather pants, black boots, and some sort of black top.
Fill balloons that will eventually pop.
Into a glass box they step up.
Make sure happiness has yellow balloons to blowup.*

*With two scissors on ribbons around blue's neck and a marker in each persons' pockets.
Take a deep breathe and enter into a space the size of medium closet.*

*The time can be whenever, it only takes 45 minutes for the two to meet as one.
With a plexiglass board with a marker outside the box invites others to have fun.*

*LED lights stripped around only three sides, creating an asymmetrical aesthetic
The energy created will be all together kinetic.*

Happiness.

*Yellow balloons with white strings
You first stand tall.
From your back pocket you bring
Yellow balloons with your back against the wall.*

*Blow them up, pull out your marker draw a smiley.
Each balloon make the smile into the face of blue
As your carbon dioxide fill the space, think highly
Talk to your partner to let them know what to do*

Freak out and beg sadness to stop.

Take the scissors don't you dare scoff

Sadness.

*Blue balloons with red strings
You sit on the floor
You get ready for Happiness to fling
Yellow balloons with smiley faces and more.*

*Drop into loneliness drown in the yellow
Watch the faces on the balloons transform
Feel the need to burst and bellow
Hear the sign and get ready to storm*

Take the scissors and began to pop.

After a few pops hand a pair of scissors off

*pop pop pop pop pop
Only the ones with smileys and faces
pop pop pop pop pop
Once done stand up in your places.*

*Put the scissor ribbon necklace around your necks
Take out your marker and draw yourselves, the subjects
On the glass your caricature will be formed
Sadly the condensation has also formed.
Abandon the marker and just your finger
Soon the caricature, your body will linger.*

*We freaked out a little in the moment. Don't worry to much your performance will not be broken.
The audience may be confused about how your drawing is so precise.
Just use the reflection it's the key and bonus that comes at no extra price.*

*Stand in front of your drawing. Then Switch Sides.
Your bodies press up together with arms wide smearing the condensation
Stand in front of the others drawing. This Action Divides.*

*Take the scissors off your neck and hold it out to stab.
Slow turn for 30 seconds. Then make eye contact, count to 3 then drop the scissors.
Sadness reaches for the white ribbon, Happiness reaches for the red ribbon to grab.*

*Come together to tie. It's okay to laugh. Tying can be hard.
Happiness reaches for the white ribbon below Sadness reaches for the red ribbon floating above.
Balancing out the helium and carbon dioxide, an image that is avant-garde.
Get to tying by yourself until the all balloons are balancing out.
Coming together is what it's all about.*

*Meet in the middle of the glass. Draw your face, half and half.
The two faces began to blur.
Stare out the window/Confront the view.
Stand where you were.*

*Once you decide it is done one needs to turn around and call out.
The other wipes the condensation away from their face and continue to stare out.*

*Out of the box you two shall go.
The balloons remain as a way to show a performance that just was.
That's the end, no more, that's the entire show.*

