

Petra Cortright



Petra Cortright came into prominence for her digital autobiographical portraits that she disseminated online through social media. The short video *Football /faerie* (2009) relays a personal narrative of the artist's interest in and pursuit of Olympic soccer. The silent, otherworldly video features Cortright before a dim backdrop, wearing a leotard that appears to hover over her body, flashing between hot pink and fiery red, as she uses effortless kicks to keep a soccer ball aloft. Cortright's dance conjures a visual melody calling to mind the elusive *flow state* experienced by both artists and athletes while immersed in a task. This state—also commonly referred to as being “in the zone”—is characterized as a feeling of total absorption in an activity correlating with a sense of suspended time and dropping away of the sense of self.

Petra Cortright, *Football /faerie*, 2009, webcam video