



Even after his passing, Pope.L's work is 'still north of the future.'

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The legendary performance artist Pope.L died in December 2023 at 68, and many of his contemporaries agree it will take years to unpack his work and its influence—if that is even possible.

"At the basis of the work, I would say, is a riddle," said curator Hamza Walker, the director of LAXART. "He was always full of questions." Walker first met Pope.L in the early aughts and said he found his work both confounding and brilliant.

We could dedicate a whole podcast to understanding Pope.L's work, so in this episode, host Erin Allen talks to Walker to scratch the surface on Pope.L's life and legacy.

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