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Maureen Sullivan reports from the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado

Sharon Hayes's Gay Love Letter to a Conventioneer, Presidential speech karaoke, and Tilda Swinton as Virtual President are some of the art projects taking place outside the Denver Convention Hall. On the nightlife scene, Sarah Silverman offers to sexually discipline San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom (move over Matt Damon), and Death Cab for Cutie singer serenades.  
Coming Soon: An Art and Culture Report from the Mile High DNC by Maureen Sullivan

Sharon Hayes pitching the participants of her public performance Revolutionary Love 1: I Am Your Worst Fear, presented by Creative Time



Most creatively dressed and crowd-pleasing performance goes to Sharon Hayes's "Revolutionary Love 1: I Am Your Worst Fear," presented with Creative Time. The anti-choice protestors shouting "homos go home," who happened to be at the same site on the outdoor mall, set just the right homophobic tone for the performers to react against and tap into Strasberg's method acting. I suddenly found myself recruited, along with about 40 others, to hand out pink "gay" balloons and join in the public reciting of Hayes's letter of love, longing, and revolution to her conventioneer. I have to admit, I did find it slightly cathartic to shout: "I refuse to give up the territory of my emotional expression. And I want you to love all of me."