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## The art of mourning

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Reporter

Deep beneath the streets of London an extraordinary art installation is marking the ancient art of mourning. American artist Taryn Simon has assembled professional mourners from around the world, casting light on how western rituals have become stage managed and exclude visceral expressions of grief. The experience is the polar opposite of how the English-speaking world marks death: a cacophony of sound in place of silent reflection.

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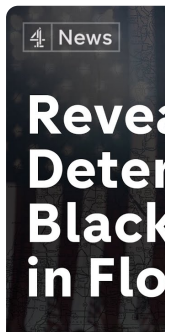


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