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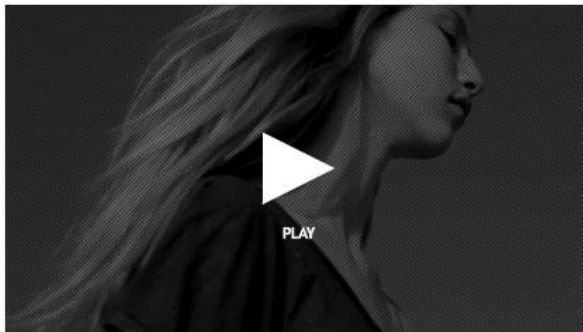
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First, The Corner's **Federico Marchetti** had **Nick Knight** create *Portent*, a short film for its site. Next up is **Hedi Slimane**, the designer turned photographer and Parisian turned Los Angeleno, whose black-and-white movie *I Love USA* will air on thecorner.com on October 10. It's an intriguing series of images of a boy and a girl and a beach; he plays the cello in a lycanthropic mask, she cheerleads in desultory fashion, and water laps against the shoreline. "I had in my mind," Slimane says, "a retooling of *Peter and the Wolf*, with the actors improvising in a ritualistic, almost awkward manner." Despite the fact that it's roughly only a few minutes long, he spent a good deal of time working through a process to arrive at the finished movie. Slimane found his female lead, **Sidney**, who lives in Venice Beach, California, at Coachella in 2009, and started photographing her. This year, at the same festival, he found **Wolf** (that's really his name), and, says Slimane, "I decided both should meet on camera." Don't try to make narrative sense of it; just enjoy some perplexing, funny, and beautifully lit moments.