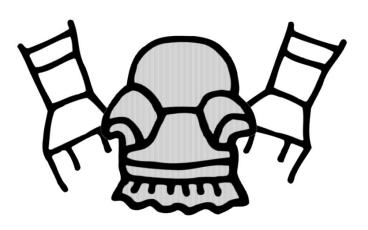
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have been subjected to attempts to control and define their bodies, mirroring the scrutiny imposed on lesbian bodies and lives. Taking inspiration from the eels' mysterious migration to the Sargasso Sea, EEL ballet aims to create a pilgrimage to a far-off place where one can find refuge.

Dancers: Sophie Herron, Molly Rumble, Adrienne de la Fuente, Yazmine Akamine.

#### **Choreography by Magali Johnston-Viens**

Magali Johnston-Viens trained at the Kirov Academy of Washington DC and has danced with Ballet Palm Beach, Minnesota Ballet, Dances Patrelle, Greater Lansing Ballet Co, and Sekou Walton Dance. They have choreographed ballets performed professionally, starting in 2021, and were a creator at Point Park University's Choreographic Collective in 2022. Magali choreographed and curated a mixed repertoire performance of LGBTQIA+ and Women choreographers in June 2023 and is a 2023 Arrowhead Regional Arts Council Individual Artist Project Grant Grantee. Most recently, Magali's works have been presented at Arts On Site with 7MPR's Pride performance and at Spring for Spring, organized by Rogue Wave. Magali is currently working freelance based out of Brooklyn, NY.

Costumes by Audra Cockrell

Music: Hortus Musicus Partita 5 en mi mineur: Sonata from 1687.

Composer: Johann Adam Reincken

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# HOT Dance! September 12, 2024

## **Featuring:**

Danna Creager

Magali Johnston-Viens

Trevor Ricardo Spencer Jr.

Valentina Bache

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#### Valentina Bache

#### "DOG GOD?"

A seed planted on blood-drenched earth gives birth to divine messengers of chaos. They drag their colonized bodies through mud, gasping for air and carving paths out of waste, reaching and diving towards each other. Once found, they sink lower into themselves emptying becoming one concave being. They tickle each other's greatness, growths that begin to spiral, arriving to a never-ending spin. Deleting time, nothing is linear ever again, an escape from being owned, to get intoxicated by blurred realities they spin because something is always spinning. In a maelstrom of nostalgia, they find themselves finally coming home.

Dancers: Valentina Bache, Sharon Zulay, Sarahlsoke Days, Demetris Charalambous, Cristina Moya-Palacios

#### **Choreography by Valentina Bache**

Valentina Baché Rodríguez(they/them) was born and raised in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They obtained a BA from Hunter College. Their works have been featured at Movement Research Judson Church, Chelsea Factory, Kaye Playhouse, BK Art Haus, and Recess, and their pedagogy was shared at Performance Space New York. They have performed with "The Young Boy Dancing Group" and "Company Redacted." Valentina is constantly rediscovering their ancestral bodily archives to best inform how change happens within the body first, through recognizing and witnessing profoundly effective energies such as rage, discomfort, and sorrow. Showcase the power of pleasure and joy through resilient, stubborn, and unbound honesty.

Music: Original sound score by Quique ft. Dr. Enrique Rios-Ellis on the Saxophone.

Website: valentinabache.com; Instagram: @vacavache

#### **Cearuleus Dance Collective**

#### "Here i am"

The piece is a reflection of a journey. The dancers are guided by their names as the source of their strength in making it through. In the end they support one another.

Dancers: Elizabeth Helena, Arne A'Engelhill, Carlie Bonilla, Ethan "Simba" Graham, Nyssa Diaz, Trimaine "Shades" Plummer, Trevor Ricardo Spencer Jr.

#### Choreography by Trevor Ricardo Spencer Jr.

Trevor Ricardo Spencer Jr. is a choreographer based in Rosedale

Queens. They have their BA in Dance from Hunter College. Trevor has presented work for Nachmox/NACHMO, Pieces for Peace, the Multi-College Festival, Dance Astoria, Fertile Ground, Sharedspace, 7MPR, "Translate" curated by J Chen Dance, Jennifer Muller and the Work W..I.P. showing. Queensboro Dance Festival 2021 Queens Dance Festival(2023), and for HOTdance(2023). In Nachmo 2020 Trevor's work was selected for their Theatre show. They were selected to process and present a piece for the Newsteps series in 2020 however it was postponed due to COVID.

Music: Spoken word, Jamar Rogers, Peter Gregson

Instagram: @shadow tre; @cearuleud

#### **Breath Dance Project**

#### "Slippin & Drifting"

Being queer often means being stuck in a dichotomy of never feeling as though we are never queer enough and simultaneously being too queer. The beginning of this piece explores this, while the ending goes into the experience of being accepted fully by a person who you end up losing.

Dancers: Danna Creager, Rachel Lovett, Shohini Gupta, Phoebe Amory, Emma Lower

#### **Choreography by Danna Creager**

Danna Creager began dancing at the age of 2.5, at two local studios in Huntington Beach, CA. In high school, Danna trained at the Academy for the Performing Arts at Huntington Beach High School, performing on Hip Hop Dance Team, Jazz Ensemble, Modern Ensemble, and Repertory Ensemble. Since moving to NYC, Danna has performed with Continuum Dance Co., DanceWorks NYC and in many other projects. With their company Breath Dance Project, Danna has had works included at ODDFEST Film Festival, NACHMOx: Out Loud, STH Winter Follies, New Wave Dance Festival, and the Seventh Midnight Performance - Pride Month Celebration.

Music: "Ice Slippin" and "Drifting" by Omar Apollo

Website: <u>breathdanceproject.com</u>; Instagram: <u>@breathdanceproject</u>

#### **Magali Johnston-Viens**

#### "EEL ballet"

This ballet explores the enigmatic world of eels as a metaphorical lens through which to examine the lesbian experience. It captures how eels