

September, 29-30, 2017

7 Pleasures

Company: Mette Ingvarstsen
Venue: NYU Skirball
Location: New York, NY

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Marc Coudrais

"7 Pleasures confirms that in this culture, there's hardly any state more complicated than being naked with others."
The Globe and Mail (Toronto)

NYU Skirball will present the American premiere of 7 Pleasures, an exploration of sexuality, pleasure and body politics, choreographed by Danish choreographer Mette Ingvarstsen, on September 29 and 30 at NYU Skirball.

Mette Ingvarstsen's 7 Pleasures is a choreographed orgy that explores how we use pleasure to challenge cliché images attached to nudity and sexuality. 12 performers confront notions of nudity, perception and sexual practice, exploring every aspect of pleasure. In a long sensual movement, bodies touch, melt together and lose their borders. The Seven Pleasures - Vibrational, Viscous, Tactile, Visual, Contractual, Ecstatic and Collective - intertwine to form a map of pleasure to be experienced as much as deciphered.

Mette Ingvarstsen is a Danish choreographer and dancer. Questions of kinesthesia, perception, affect and sensation have been crucial to most of her work, which includes several site-specific projects that have been seen around the world. Her works include 21 pornographies, to come (extended), 69 positions, The Artificial Nature Project, The Extra Sensorial Garden, and many more. Mette was artist-in-residence at the KAAITHEATER in Brussels from 2013 till 2016 and is currently part of the artistic team at Volksbühne in Berlin. She teaches and gives workshops often related to developing methodologies within choreographic practices. Since 2005 she has been working on "everybodys," an ongoing collaborative project based on open source strategies, aiming at producing tools and games that can be used by artists to develop work. <http://www.metteingvarstsen.net>

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Jay Wegman is responsible for the direction and leadership of the Center's artistic programming. He previously served as director of the Abrons Art Center at Henry Street Settlement from 2006-2016, where he curated a balance of local, international, emerging and established multi-disciplinary artists. During his tenure, Abrons was awarded a 2014 OBIE Award for Innovative Excellence and a 2015 Bessie Award for Best Production. He also served as Canon for Liturgy and the Arts at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine for over a decade and was a Fellow at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. from 2004-2005. Jay is a graduate of Yale University.

TICKETS

7 Pleasures will play September 29 and 30 at 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$40 and may be purchased online at www.nyuskirball.org, by phone at 212.998.4941, or in person at the NYU Skirball Box Office: Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00–6:00 pm. NYU Skirball is located at 566 LaGuardia Place at Washington Square, New York, New York 10012.

Subways: A, B, C, D, E, F, M to West 4th St.; R & W to 8th Street; 6 to Astor Place

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