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Kendra Ross + Emily Smith, BkSD Residency Performances on

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Emily Smith and Kendra Ross

Silver Linings: Triumph of Loss by Kendra Ross
PLASTIC ABODES by Emily Smith
(BkSD Artists in Residence)

Silver Linings: Triumph of Loss by Kendra Ross is an investigation of what can be gained from both individual loss (for instance, how does the loss of a loved one give us strength to uphold their legacy) and generational loss (how has the loss of unarmed people of color due to the police violence given us the galvanizing power of the #blacklivesmatter movement) through a collaborative creative process. This piece will be a moving ritual of reflecting and healing, especially for black and brown people who continue to experience consistent loss in our current social and political atmosphere.

PLASTIC ABODES by Emily Smith. During this Residency Emily will be creating a new work. She is researching human's relationship with urban and rural environments. She is also making this piece in reaction to Lego World being built on her home town, and this finding her self with out a home at all. This showing will be the first of this new body of work.

About the Artists:

Kendra Ross is a proud Detroit native working as a dancer, teaching artist, choreographer, facilitator and community organizer in her current home, Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn. As a dancer in New York City, Kendra has worked with Urban Bush Women, Andrea E. Woods/ Soulworks, Vissi Dance Theater, Motion Sickness with Monstah Black, MBDance, Moving Spirits Dance Company, and as a guest artist with Oyu Oro. In 2013 she also danced in a European tour with DJ Kid Koala in Vinyl Vaudville 2.0. Kendra is currently a company member of Ase Dance Theater Collective. Kendra's choreographic work has been presented at the Detroit Performing Arts High School, Joffrey Summer Intensive, Halftime Performances at Florida A&M University, the off Broadway show 7 Sins, and Greenwich Museu de Arte in Salvador, Brazil. Her community work began as a member of Urban Bush Women's B.O.L.D Network co-teaching dance workshops and co-facilitating community engagement workshops. Along with sharing her art world-wide, Kendra serves as the Founder and Director of STooPS, an outdoors-based community building event that uses art as a catalyst to strengthen ties between different entities in Bed-Stuy and Director of Programs and Artist Development at Cumbe: Center for African and Diaspora Dance. www.kendrajross.com

Emily Smith combines sculptural elements with the movement arts to create "kinetic sculptures" or to invoke specific surreal performance environments. In this residency, Smith will create a new work, facilitate two dance, drink and draw classes, and a six part dance film series in collaboration with artist Lucy Kerr. www.notforretale.com

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kendra-ross-emily-smith-bksd-residency-performances-tickets-4079022666>

Schedule
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