

Friday, May 16, 2025

PANDA 1 | ISHMAEL HOUSTON-JONES + KEITH HENNESSY

Company: The Field Center
Venue: The Field Center
Location: Bellows Falls, VT

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Rob Sweeney

PANDA [Performance And New Dance Arrivals] are some of the longest programs offered at the Field Center and they are deep dives into living with one another as artists while training daily with established teachers in the field. Daily classes are punctuated by swims in the river, saunas, fresh food from our gardens, long naps in the library, field trips and performances at night.

PANDA LAB I: KEITH HENNESSY + ISHMAEL HOUSTON-JONES | MAY 16 - 23

Closer

A workshop, laboratory, test test for dancers, performance makers, and you

The laboratory will attempt to generate a precarious and curious space between engagement and refuge, being present with queerness, the ongoing impact of political-health-ecological crises, and the importance of shared dance and inquiry. We will hang out in playful and non-productive spaces, being in a contagious relationship to past and future, ghosts and desire. We will approach queer and decolonial futurities through practices of opening to the unknown. We seek a soft experience where political crises and dancing bodies can be woven into a single conversation. Where bodies are energies, always entangled within the ecologies from which they emerge. There will be time for performance making, showing, and discussing.

Ishmael and Keith's work does not always focus on their subjectivities as racialized, queered, aged, or gendered bodies but these issues, identities, privileges and harms are always present, always available materials for improvising and other practices of less conscious or mysterious action. Play is risky and revealing. REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

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