

May, 10-11, 2024

Take Root Presents: Tina Croll + Company & Ani Javian and Benjamin Roach

Company: Green Space
Venue: Green Space
Location: Long Island City, NY

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Advance sale tickets: \$20 online
Tickets purchased at door: \$25 cash or card

About the Works:

Tina Croll + Company

Ancient Springs is inspired by Federico Fellini's *La Strada* and poet Kathleen Raine's *Defending Ancient Springs*. Comprised of vignettes—"short stories"—this piece examines abstract and non-narrative methods of storytelling through movement and sound, a little gavotte, a twisted convulsive solo, a stately waltz on some town square. A chorus of dancers swirls through - sometimes joining in, sometimes commenting on the action. The music is from various sources including - Tiny Tim, Glen Velez, Andy Teirstein, traditional music from Macedonia, Getatchew Mekuria, Lila Downs & Mariachi Juvenil de Tecalitlán

Inspired by the Sanskrit saying: "Sanghe Shakti Kalau Yuge" (In this Dark Age Strength is in Unity.) Full of intricate spatial patterns and rhythmic contrasts, the work combines the choreographer's ongoing interest in Eastern European/Asian folkdance forms. Some ancient folk dances for women are danced in sublime unison. "She Rides a Tiger" refers to the Hindu goddess Durga, "The Invincible." She is the warrior goddess depicted in the Hindu pantheon riding a tiger, with many arms, each carrying a weapon. Sensuous and beautiful, but the fierce form of the protective mother.

Ani Javian and Benjamin Roach

What are our stories and how did they come to be? When *The Sky Separated From The Earth* asks questions around fantasy and reality, deception and truth, and duplicity and multiplicity. When *The Sky* is a playground, gym, town plaza, church, bedroom, stage, and home. It is loud and out-of-bounds; it is against the rules; it is not exactly true, but it isn't exactly false, either. And it asks, "How can we trust - in ourselves, in others, and in our world?" It works to reveal our humanity - full of faults, but always with the capacity to listen to our own unique truths and the truths of those around us with compassion, goodwill, and heart.

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