

Friday, December 10, 2021

Take Root with Wan Dance Theater/Huiwang Zhang

Company: Green Space
Venue: Green Space
Location: Queens, NY

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December 10th and 11th, 2021 8PM EST

TAKE ROOT, now in its 13th season, nurtures dance artists at established stages in their careers, pairing them in a split bill or full evening-length program. This monthly series supports dance makers' experimentation and growth by providing our venue, Green Space, along with full technical and marketing support to present their work to the NYC public.

Advance sale tickets: \$17 online at www.GreenSpaceStudio.org
Tickets purchased at door: \$20 cash, \$22 credit card

About the Work:

Zhang's new evening-length work, *Degrees of Freedom*, explores the concept of "self-reliance" within a tediously set choreographic structure. The piece begins with a solo body inquiring in task-based movement. Henry David Thoreau's writing on the duty of civil disobedience in *Walden* inspires the work to expand into a trio experimenting with physical and social limitations of each individual. The dancers move on the premise of gravity and exist beyond the color of their skin. *Degrees of Freedom* begins the search for a structure that can allow individual free will to manifest, interact and disobey. Earlier stages of this work have been supported by the Queens Council on the Arts' Independent Artist Grant.

About the Artist:

Huiwang Zhang has danced with the China Opera & Dance Drama Theater and Paper Tiger Theater Studio in Beijing. He has been a company member of Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company since 2017, and has also performed with Pearson Widrig Dance Theatre and Yin Mei Dance. He completed his Master study in Dance and Choreography in the U.S. and Germany under the mentorships of Stephen Koester, Sharee Lane, Ellen Bromberg and Katharina Christl. He edits the e-journal "Upsidedown" in China, where he advocates for dance as a serious art form and critical research practice. His choreography, often through a sociocultural lens, gives voices to communities at risk of social exclusion and people whose stories are lost in the official narratives, carefully structuring an alternative history from individual personal and private stories.

Please Note: In accordance with the NYC mandate, all visitors age 12 and older must be vaccinated against COVID-19. Please be prepared to show or submit valid proof of vaccination. Upon arrival for a performance, valid proof of vaccination and a legal form of identification must be shown at our box office for admittance. Acceptable proof of vaccination includes a copy of your vaccination card or another government-issued vaccination record. We will work with individuals who require religious and/or medical accommodations. Masks are required indoors for all visitors, regardless of vaccination status.

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