

June, 14-24, 2017

## The Reception

Company: Donovan & Calderón

Venue: HERE

Location: New York , NY

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In this latest work by Donovan & Calderón, **The Reception**, the audience is a voyeur at a lively social gathering. Popular music, fizzy drinks and friendly chatter hit the marks of a playful party, but something's not quite right. The Reception features a multigenerational company of accomplished performers in an intimate, surreal and suspenseful interplay, through a mix of written text and improvised speech and gestural, deliberate choreography. Surrealist cinema, in particular the works of Bunuel and Resnais, Antonioni, and Tati provided a palette of inspiration in the conception of the work. Bit by bit, The Reception depicts an uncanny cracking at the seams, as the revelers contend with an increasingly unanchored world. The Reception features Jane Comfort, Leslie Cuyjet, Sean Donovan, Hannah Heller and Ishmael Houston-Jones. Choreographed by Sean Donovan and Sebastián Calderón Bentin in collaboration with the company. Directed by Sebastián Calderón Bentin. This premiere of The Reception marks the culmination of a residency for Donovan & Calderón in the HERE Artist Residency Program (HARP). The Reception features Set Design by Neal Wilkinson, Lighting Design by Amanda K. Ringger, Sound Design by Brandon Wolcott and Tyler Kieffer, and Costume Design by Felix Ciprián.

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### Schedule

June 14, 2017: 8:30pm  
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