

Thursday, January 11, 2024

## Underground Uptown Dance Festival: Pontus Lidberg, Taylor Stanley, and Alec Knight

Company: Works & Process  
Venue: Guggenheim Museum  
Location: New York, NY

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Choreographer Pontus Lidberg shares his newest work exploring the resonance of the AIDS epidemic on dance. New York City Ballet dancers Taylor Stanley and Alec Knight showcase a first look at their new work. Denise Roberts Hurlin, Founding Director of Dancers Responding to AIDS, moderates the discussion.

See highlights of Pontus Lidberg's *On The Nature Of Rabbits*, a La Biennale di Venezia commission and a Works & Process co-commission, prior to its Joyce Theater premiere on March 6th. Inspired by true-life events after the fall of the Berlin wall and at the peak of the AIDS epidemic, in a series of dreamlike scenes, Lidberg contemplates the relationship between childhood mementos and the nuances of desire, as well as the delicate balance between reality and imagination in a time of fear. Visuals by Emmy-Award winner Jason Carpenter add a playful and interactive layer to the dance.

New York City Ballet dancers Taylor Stanley and Alec Knight assembled including Janet Charleston, Nancy Casciano, Gabrielle Hamilton, Davide Riccardo, and Ned Sturgis to start creation on a work inspired by Larry Mitchell's *The Faggots & Their Friends Between Revolutions*. Don't miss this first look at their creative process culminating Works & Process LaunchPAD residencies at Modern Accord Depot and Catskill Mountain Foundation.

*On The Nature Of Rabbits* was commissioned by La Biennale di Venezia, co-commissioned and co-produced by Works & Process and Works & Process LaunchPAD residency support by Bethany Arts Community, The Joyce Theater Foundation, and Stockholm 59 North, with major support generously provided by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, and with the generous support of Orsolina 28 Art Foundation, Dalateatern Falun, The Charles and Joan Gross Family Foundation, The Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation, and generous individuals.

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