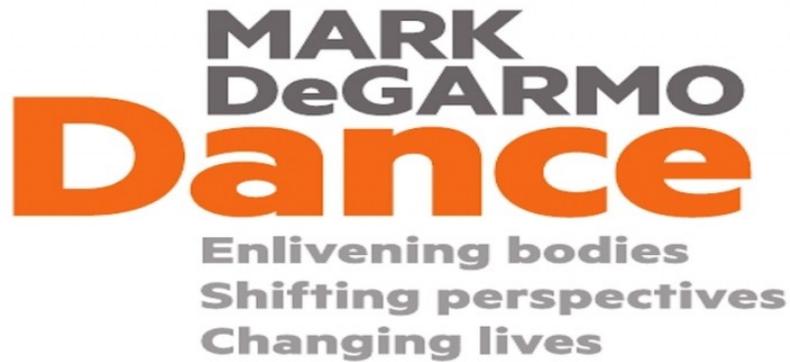


Thursday, April 4, 2024

## Virtual Salon Performance Series for Social Change - April 4th

Company: Mark DeGarmo Dance  
Venue: Zoom  
Location: New York, NY

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Mark DeGarmo Dance

Mark DeGarmo Dance (MDD)'s 14th annual interactive Virtual Salon Performance Series for Social Change (VSPS) in its Final 2024 Salon Presents 4 NYC, U.S., and Global Choreographers on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7 PM ET via Live Zoom\* with the VSPS 2024 Theme of Social Rescue and Healing.

MDD's VSPS is a facilitated sharing of works-in-progress hosted by NYC-based director & choreographer Mark DeGarmo. MDD's Thursday, April 4 salon features Teresa Fellion & BodyStories (New York, NY), Tessie Herrasti (New York, NY), Tamie Rietenbach (Columbus, OH), Muyu Ruba (Philadelphia, PA), & sarAika movement collective (New York, NY).

Tickets on Eventbrite: General Admission: \$20; Students and Seniors: \$10; Should you need to request further consideration to attend, contact us at least 24 hours in advance: [info@markdegarmodance.org](mailto:info@markdegarmodance.org) with the reason for your request so you can join us. Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3uwjAfy>

\*Zoom Link from [info@markdegarmodance.org](mailto:info@markdegarmodance.org) will be sent to attendees by 5:00 PM ET the day of the performance. If a donation for tickets is made after that time, the MDD staff will send the link via email as soon as possible. Contact [info@markdegarmodance.org](mailto:info@markdegarmodance.org) to communicate regarding ticket status.

### About the Artists & Works-in-Progress

The artists will present a range of dance works-in-progress exploring the VSPS 2024 theme, social rescue and healing. The works will explore identity-based violence, and infringement on personal rights to bodily autonomy (Teresa Fellion & BodyStories, New York); a release for grief and loss and a celebration of love (Tessie Herrasti, New York); fusing art, dance, & videography practices through location & humor (Tamie Rietenbach, Columbus, OH); environmental justice, including the detrimental effects of fast fashion, plastic pollution, and light pollution (Muyu Ruba, Philadelphia); and equity, diversity, inclusivity, and human connection (sarAika movement collective, New York).

### About MDD's Virtual Salon Performance Series for Social Change

Founded in 2010, MDD's Virtual Salon Performance Series for Social Change supports performing artists in New York City & State, U.S., and globally with a focus on Asian American, Pacific Islander, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Latinx, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, seniors, and others. VSPS provides a curated opportunity for the general public to view, engage with, and demystify the creation of original dance & movement works-in-progress of emerging, mid-career, & established artists.

Mark DeGarmo Dance began operations in 1982, was incorporated in 1987, and in 2024 celebrates its 37th anniversary as a leading New York City nonprofit dance organization located in Manhattan's Lower East Side at NYC-owned The Clemente Center. President Barack Obama commended DeGarmo and MDD for your service to your community and the nation. The National Endowment for the Arts deemed MDD's NYC dance education program for under-resourced public elementary children of color living under the federal poverty rate a national model. Miss America 2019 Nia Imani Franklin endorsed MDD's program.

<https://markdegarmodance.org>

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April 4, 2024: 7:00pm

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