

Thursday, May 29, 2025

DIDIDADA *Dance Camp Edition*

Company: Somatic Movement Workshop with Coco Villa

Venue: Activation Residency at Forest Fringe Farm

Location: Bethel, NY

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* ABOUT [DIDIDADA](#)

DIDIDADA is a movement workshop created and facilitated by Coco Villa to bring physicality, play and catharsis into everyday life. Conducted in follow-along and guided improvisation, DIDIDADA's instruction is inspired by somatic movement practices, Caribbean dance styles, dance aerobics, modern dance, avant-garde forms, elementary PE activities, performance art and familial rituals. Some call it a brain break. Some call it a waking up game. Some call it a dance class. There is no right way, just the fun way. DIDIDADA is open to all skill levels, no prior dance experience necessary.

Throughout the weekend, you will be invited to groove, shake & bop, write & draw, breathe deeply, play, slow down, listen/notice and rest & move. Throughout the weekend expect solo practice, partner work, group practice, guidance from rich and playful imagery, recipes for movement and invitations to practice stillness.

* COST, DATES & LOCATION

The dance camp costs \$450-\$750 sliding scale and will run from Thursday, May 29, 2025 with a late afternoon arrival through Monday, June 2, 2025 with a late morning departure. The lower end of the scale is for folks who experience financial difficulty accessing leisure and the higher end of the scale is for folks who can pursue leisure with ease. We trust you to pay an amount that suits your circumstances. Payments are to be submitted after your application has been accepted. You will find more instructions on travel in the application below.

Forest Fringe Farm is becoming a space for us to gather on our terms. Forest Fringe Farm was founded by Kamra in support from their spouse, Cody. They grow local organic mixed vegetables and are passionate about queer people having the space they need to thrive. As a Covid cautious space, we provide masks and encourage folks experiencing sickness to stay home. A more thorough list of what to bring will be provided upon acceptance to attend.

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- * will hit capacity at 30 people on a rolling basis
- * scholarships have been awarded
- * bring a water bottle
- * wear comfortable clothing to move around in
- * bring warm layers for the evenings
- * parts of the workshops will be photographed &/or recorded

* ABOUT [COCO VILLA](#)

Coco Villa is a dancer, interdisciplinary artist and educator from Queens, New York. Tightly bound to identity, Villa leads an art-research practice investigating relations between body, object, and landscape. Their work spans across disciplines of dance, performance, analog photography and costume design. In conjunction with their creative practice, Villa regularly facilitates DIDIDADA, a movement practice for every body. Driven by historical and scientific discovery, they thrive in the ocean, in the woods, in the dance studio, darkroom, design lab, film set and library, playfully creating by hand.

Villa studied Photography + Film and Holistic Health at Lesley College of Art and Design (2011-2015), then continued studies in dance, performance art, and somatic movement through apprenticeships and workshop intensives at Tanzfabrik Berlin, Movement Research, American Dance Therapy Association and Casa Cultural Cartagena. They have participated in residencies with Pocoapoco (2025), Drop of Sun (2023), KinoSaito (2022), Atlantic Center for the Arts (2022) and Township10 (2021).

They have exhibited and performed at galleries and museums including The Museum of Modern Art (New York, NY), Brooklyn Museum (Brooklyn, NY), Performance Space New York (New York, NY), Mark Morris Dance Center (Brooklyn, NY), Marigny Opera House (New Orleans, LA), Black Mountain College Museum (Black Mountain, NC), Ciudad de la Artes y las Ciencias (Valencia, Spain) and Tate Modern (London, United Kingdom).

*ABOUT ACTIVATION RESIDENCY

Activation Residency is a satellite artist residency known for its restorative programming. The residency is dedicated to creating opportunities for artists to receive care, connect and nurture transient realities in natural environments. Primarily taking place in the forests of the Catskill mountains, the residency program is designed to enrich artists' experience of gathering around peer-led knowledge sharing and creative practice. Additionally, the residency works with its sibling project, Forest Fringe Farm, to feed artist-in-residence locally grown organic produce. Activation Residency is fiscally sponsored by New York Foundation for the Arts and is eligible for tax-deductible donations.

★ Questions or concerns? Email kamra@forestfringe.farm ★

Sign up [here](#).

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Schedule

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