

January, 10-11, 2025

## I am, here; Here with us; Where we find ourselves

Company: Stacy Matthew Spence  
Venue: Danspace Project | St. Mark's Church  
Location: New York, NY

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Stacy Matthew Spence's new dance in triptych form, *I am, here* (a solo for Spence), *Here with us* (a duet), *Where we find ourselves* (a quartet) explores ideas of self, impulse, and sharing. *I am, here; Here with us; Where we find ourselves* is created in collaboration with dance artists Tim Bendersnagel, Joanna Kotze, Hsiao-jou Tang, singer/musician Charlotte Jacobs, percussionist Raf Vertessem, and costumer Athena Kokoronis.

A longtime member of Trisha Brown Dance Company (1997-2006), an educator, and performer, Stacy Matthew Spence's dance work often explores the exchange between person and environment. This involves playful interactions and movement generated in response to the places he finds himself – studio, home, and in public spaces.

Presently, he brings his attention to the internal space of "me" – as a personal environment to be outwardly created, expressed, occupied, and shared.

For this work, "I asked my collaborators to take a journey from their internal finding, to the external expression and wondered how we would bump up against, allow for and possibly join/accommodate/revel in each other's individual selves," Spence explains. "How do we find ourselves? How do we find our place? How do we find each other?"

A forthcoming film version of Spence's solo *I am, here*, a collaboration with videographer Iki Nakagawa, has been made in tandem with the live work. "The filmed solo, placed in different locations around New York City, is a conversation between myself and my history, the place and its history and the physicality of being in the present."

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