October, 9-26, 2014

Mark Dendy Projects

Company: "Labyrinth," a new dance play
Venue: Abrons Arts Center
Location: New York, NY

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Obie and Bessie Award-winning choreographer Mark Dendy's new work is presented by Mark Dendy Projects and Abrons Arts Center. A tragicomic, autobiographically inspired retelling of the Theseus myth, the work is set in present-day and performed by a cast of four in multiple roles.

In *Labyrinth*, Dendy interweaves character portraiture, myth, autobiography, and fantasy. Set in New York City, with Theseus hailing from Athens, Georgia, and aided by a transgender Ariadne, the hero quest is given a picaresque spin. En route to choreograph a Rockettes number, an artistically conflicted Theseus washes down anti-anxiety pills with absinthe just as Superstorm Sandy is approaching the city. His journey through the mythic labyrinth is peopled with a Jungian underworld of colorful, disenfranchised characters, and pits him against multiple forces including a mechanical bull at the Bellevue Psych Ward. With Dendy's signature wit, intense physicality, and searing social commentary, *Labyrinth* explores a world of inner demons and, ultimately, redemption by way of midlife crisis. The play is performed by Mark Dendy, Heather Christian, Stephen Donovan, and Matthew Hardy, with sound, music, and video created live on stage by the performers amid an ever-changing set of found objects.

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Schedule
August 10, 2014: 8:00pm