

June, 27-28, 2025

## Primordial Sadness

Company: Madeline Wilcox

Venue: TheaterLab

Location: New York, NY

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Primordial Sadness is a new dance theater work by Madeline Wilcox, developed over a year-long experimental process. Staged as a shifting constellation of movement, song, and text, the dance oscillates between choreographic structure and improvisational risk. The tone shifts from ethereal softness to visceral overflow; threaded with sharp humor, spiritual undertones, and the quiet tension of live performance.

Primordial Sadness is an evocative excavation of grief, femininity, identity, and the unsocialized body. Dreamlike and intuitive, the show invites us into a porous space of reflection, where physical expression becomes a portal to what we feel but rarely name. Dancers: Laura Witsken, Jordan Patt, Jenna Purcell and Wilcox channel inner states of the body in service of exploring how the soul takes form in physical space, clears out debris of the past, and offers acceptance of the present.

A dissonant yet vibrant sound score blends nature sounds, rehearsal recordings, and 80's pop songs to expand the limits of sensation, memory, and satire. Rather than resolve, the work unravels, questioning the roles we have inherited and the voices we have internalized, especially those that ask us to smile through grief.

For more information and performer bios:

<https://theaterlabnyc.com/primordial-sadness-june-27-28-2025/>

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June 27, 2025: 7:00pm  
June 28, 2025: 3:00pm, 7:00pm

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