

# The La MaMa Moves! Dance Festival

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La Galleria 47 Great Jones Street, NYC, 10012 April 24-25, 2025

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LUCY AI is a collaboration between Lucy Simic and her Toronto-based interdisciplinary performance collective bluemouth inc. and Montreal artificial intelligence company Reimagine AI. Lucy and David Usher, of Reimagine AI have been close friends for 3 decades since they first met as students while studying modern dance at University in Vancouver, BC.

In 2018, at the age of 49, Lucy was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. David was deeply impacted by the news and began wondering how his company Reimagine AI, might be able to use its technology to create a poetic, visual archive of his friend's life and career as an artist.

This exhibition is the story of Lucy's life told through a collage of film, music, and movement powered by artificial intelligence.

bluemouth inc. is an award-winning Canadian performance collective known for creating bold, immersive experiences that push the boundaries of live performance. Since 1998, they've captivated audiences around the world with groundbreaking works like Dance Marathon, It Comes in Waves, and Cafe Sarajevo. Blending theatre, dance, and technology, bluemouth inc. crafts performances that resonate deeply on a personal level while reflecting the complexities of our times. Their latest project, GAME OF LIFE, continues this tradition—a powerful two-part exploration of how we mark time, navigate relationships, and find meaning in the face of life's biggest challenges.

**REIMAGINE AI** Founded by David Usher in 2018, Reimagine AI is an artificial intelligence creative studio specializing AI-powered minds and cutting-edge virtual being technology.

#### La MaMa Moves! Dance Festival Team

Nicky Paraiso: Curator

Gloria Gomez: Production Manager

Janet Stapleton: Press Rep

## Stage Managers:

Berit Johnson Aubrey Mann Buffy Cameron Barnett Amanda Reynoso

Light Design for (Daniel/Pat) + (Jessie/Jordan) - Cameron Barnett

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Aaron Conover (Master Electrican The Downstairs Theater)
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Sebastian Fazio, Corey Kreisel.

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Perase Redmond (Technician/Video Supervisor)

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Musa VP, Leo Zhang, Xavier Vassallo, Mac Catarata, Ren Ali, Tyler McIntyre, Alan Wong Ellen Stewart Theatre



## April 10-13, 2025 John Jasperse Projects

Composed by Hahn Rowe Performing Collaborators: Vicky Shick, Jodi Melnick, Cynthia Koppe, Maria Fleischman, and Jace Weyant

John Jasperse Projects will premiere a new evening-length work that is built around a collection of real-life, intergenerational mentor/ protegé relationships that exist within the team of collaborators. This celebration of the arc of life in dance and the generosity of the act of transmission is at the heart of the work.

The Downstairs



#### April 10-13, 2025 Keith A. Thompson & danceTactics performance group

Love Alone Anthology Project Inspired by the writings of Paul Monette Original Music by Albert Mathias, Dalal Bruchmann, and Maesa Pullman

Galvanized by his powerful 1988 volume of poetry Love Alone: 18 Elegies for Rog, written while his gay lover was dying from HIV, this multidisciplinary performance interprets and embodies these stream-of-conscious monologues into a suite of powerful episodes performed by men of multiple generations, backgrounds, and sexual identities, Performed by Clarence Brooks, Shawn Brush, Aidan Feldman, and Brendan McCall.



The Downstairs / Shared Program

#### April 18-20, 2025 **Pat Catterson** Tremor (2023) and Then (2025)

Representing Catterson's 116th and 118th works, respectively. Dancers: Brandon Collwe Mitzi Eppley, Louisa Pancoast, Maia Ramnath, Sarah Slifer Swift and Timothy Ward.

#### **Daniel Gwirtzman Dance** Company e-Motion

A dance-theater collaboration between choreographer Daniel Gwirtzman and playwright Saviana Stănescu explores Al. neuroscience and what it means to be human in a digital age Dancers: Daniel Gwirtzman, Sarah Hillmon.

#### April 18-20, 2025 **Hunter College** MFA Dance

The Club / Shared Program

Francesca Dominguez Maria Angela Talavera-Tejeda Por Debajo de la Rodilla

#### Interdisciplinary Research at New York University MFA Dance

marion spencer Xin Ying Paper Dragon: Five Elements Matrix

Community Arts Space



#### April 24-25, 2025 bluemouth inc.

Lucv Al

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The Downstairs / Shared Program



#### April 25-27, 2025 Jesse Zaritt and Pamela Pietro dance for no ending

This duet is an experiment in accumulation and dissolution. Through persistent dancing, we attempt to exhaustively examine, negotiate, dissect, inflate and undermine the mov vocabularies and patterns of effort that

# produce what we think of as ourselves Jordan Demetrius Lloyd

Performer is both the magician and the veil, fostering spaces of encounter with its audiences. Lloyd works from formal foundations focusing on exactitude of shape, energetics, and tone, which becomes one layer of poetics that emerges from the work.

The Club / Shared Program



#### April 25-27, 2025 Alexis Chartrand and Nic Gareiss

Movement and sound by Alexis Chartrand and Nic Gareiss

Melding unparalleled virtuosity with an introspective sensibility, Alexis and Nic explore, the sharing of sounds and gestures, blurring the lines between music and dance, melody

# Megumi Eda

Please Cry is a deeply personal solo performance, blending dance, live video, and music to explore intergenerational trauma, resilience, and the lingering impact of war. Inspired by the silence surrounding her grandmother's past.

Community Arts Space



#### April 26-27, 2025 Amalia Suryani Ta'na Nirau

Dancer/Asst. Choreographer: Maria Curry Composed by Anusirwan Dancers: Putri Kumalaratri, Nella Zaini Artistic Adviser: Supriyadi Arshad

Rooted in the dance, music, and storytelling traditions of the Dayak tribes of Borneo Indonesia, who are grappling with multiple existential challenges. These tribes are struggling with environmental destruction, land theft, illegal logging and palm oil plantations. Forests are destroyed by unchecked greed, with no regard for the suffering of earth's creatures. This performance gives voice to the Indigenous resistance striving to restore denuded forests against all odds.

Community Art Space / Shared Program



#### May 1-4, 2025 **New York Arab Festival** Curated by Adham Hafez

New York Arab Festival, and pioneers from the Arab and Arab American dance, performance and theatre scenes including Marie Alfajr, Sarah Brahim, Marilena Roussoglou, Ohoude Khadr, Ali Andre Ali, among others.

The Club / Shared Program



#### May 1-4, 2025 **Emerging Choreographers** Program Curated by Martita Abril and Blaze Ferrer

Martita Abril (Pichu) is an artist, curator, and producer from the border city of Tijuana.

México.

Blaze Ferrer is an interdisciplinary performer and choreographer interested in the mainstreaming of queerness within the American capitalist hegemony

## **Funders**

The 20th season of the La MaMa Moves! Dance Festival (Spring 2025) is made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council, the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. the Mertz Gilmore Foundation, the Harkness Foundation for Dance, the Howard Gilman Foundation, the Jerome Robbins Foundation, and The Shubert Foundation, Québec Government Office in New York. The opening night reception sponsored by Sobaya.

La MaMa Moves! Press Rep Janet Stapleton

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April 10 - May 4, 2025

# La MaMa Moves! Dance Festival

20th Anniversary Season

We gather together to celebrate our festival's 20th anniversary season during a fraught, turbulent time of crisis and challenges to our basic freedoms and democracy. Resistance as a way of life has become essential to us as art makers and culture workers. In an embattled world consumed with continuing strife and war, we choose to resist by making and building dance, movement and performance as a means of reflection and activism in order to understand humanity's need for transcendence and positive transformation.

We thank the many choreographers, performers, musicians, and visual artists who have created and contributed amazing innovative new work for the last 20 years!

Welcome once again, dear audience.

Much love,

#### Nicky Paraiso

Curator of La MaMa Moves! Dance Festival

# **WEEK 1**

## **THUR, APRIL 10**

7pm | Tides 8pm | Love Alone Anthology Project

# FRI, APRIL 11

7pm | Tides 8:30pm | Love Alone Anthology Project

# **SAT, APRIL 12**

2pm | Tides 5:30pm | Love Alone Anthology Project

# **SUN, APRIL 13**

2pm | Tides 4pm | Love Alone Anthology Project

# WEEK 2

## FRI. APRIL 18

7:30pm | Shared: Pat Catterson/Daniel Gwirtzman with Saviana Stănescu 8pm | Shared: Hunter/NYU

# **SAT, APRIL 19**

5pm | Shared: Pat Catterson /Daniel Gwirtzman with Saviana Stănescu 7:30pm | Shared: Hunter/ NYU

# **SUN, APRIL 20**

3pm | Shared: Pat Catterson /Daniel Gwirtzman with Saviana Stănescu 5pm | Shared: Hunter/NYU

# WEEK 3

# **THUR, APRIL 24**

6:30pm | Lucy Al

# FRI, APRIL 25

6:30pm | Lucy Al 7:30pm | Shared: Alexis Chartrand and Nic Gareiss/ Megumi Eda 8pm | Shared: Jesse Zaritt and Pamela Pietro/Jordan Demetrius Lloyd

# **SAT. APRIL 26**

6pm | Shared: Jesse Zaritt and Pamela Pietro/Jordan Demetrius Lloyd 7:30pm | Shared: Alexis Chartrand and Nic Gareiss/ Megumi Eda 8pm | Ta'na Nirau

# SUN, APRIL 27

3pm | Shared: Alexis Chartrand and Nic Gareiss/ Megumi Eda 4pm | Shared: Jesse Zaritt and Pamela Pietro/Jordan Demetrius Lloyd 5pm | Ta'na Nirau

# WEEK 4

# **THUR, MAY 1**

7:30pm | Shared: Emerging Choreographers Program: Martita Abril/Blaze Ferrer 8pm | New York Arab Festival

# FRI, MAY 2

7:30pm | Shared: Emerging Choreographers Program: Martita Abril/Blaze Ferrer 8pm | New York Arab Festival

# SAT, MAY 3

6pm | Shared: Emerging Choreographers Program: Martita Abril/Blaze Ferrer 8pm | New York Arab Festival

## **SUN MAY 4**

3pm | Shared: Emerging Choreographers Program: Martita Abril/Blaze Ferrer 5pm | New York Arab Festival

# A full program with information on this production can be found on the LUCY AI

page of the La MaMa website.

In addition you can scan the QR code Poster located in the theatre lobby for access to the digital program.

# LA MAMA





La MaMa's historic, landmark building at 74 East 4th Street underwent an urgently needed complete renovation and restoration to preserve the historic façade, create building-wide ADA accessibility, and provide much needed performance, exhibition and community space for decades to come.

La MaMa, founded by Ellen Stewart in 1961, has been on east 4th Street since 1967. La MaMa embraces every person in its community and is legendary as the place where new artists of all nations, cultures, races, and identities are given opportunities. It is the place where art begins.

To learn more about the renovation, or to make a donation please visit www.lamama.org/remakeaworld

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> Ta'na Nirau La MaMa Moves! Dance Festival April 26-27, 2025 Community Arts Space

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New York Arab Festival La MaMa Moves! Dance Festival May 1-4, 2025 Community Arts Space

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Shared Program: El Club MEG La MaMa Moves! Dance Festival May 4, 2025 The Club

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May 8-11, 2025 Ellen Stewart Theatre

Those Who Remained May 8-18, 2025 The Club