



A contemporary artist residency, dance and performance center,
for Martha's Vineyard and beyond
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LVJ Performance Co. in Residence at The Yard

Presenting a late-stage work-in-progress of *Protecting Complexity with the Star Pû Method*

at the Patricia N. Nanon Theater June 7, 2022

[May 31, 2022] — (Chilmark, Massachusetts) The Yard kicks off its 50th summer season with Larissa Velez-Jackson// LVJ Performance Co., in residence May 30th - June 9th. Velez-Jackson's creation residency will culminate in a late-stage work-in-progress showing of *Protecting Complexity with the Star Pû Method* on June 7th, 7 pm, at The Yard.

Larissa Velez-Jackson is a choreographer, interdisciplinary artist, performer, and teacher who uses improvisation as a main tool for research and creation, focusing on personhood and the dancing, sound-making body.

"Velez-Jackson's a charismatic, kickass artist who, with playfulness and protean skills as a physical comedian, establishes immediate rapport with her audience. Getting us right where she wants us, she's capable of delivering any kind of message or sting or bouquet of rare joy that she desires." – Eva Yaa Asentewaa, Infinite Body blog

In *Protecting Complexity* Velez-Jackson's message comes in the form of a question — can the performance experience truly provide a space that makes healing possible? Using movement, breath, communal connection, and vocal sound the cast explores facets of healing and the performance reveals the multiplicity of the cast members' approaches to movement, their own embodiment, and the task of performance. With an openness to the lessons accrued by failure, the *Star Pû Method* makes any attempt at healing and connection a form of blessing.

To purchase tickets and learn more, visit dancetheyard.org/lvj-performanceco

Performance Information:

Larissa Velez-Jackson// LVJ Performance Co.

In Residence May 30-June 9

Performance, June 7 at 7 pm | Patricia N. Nanon Theater, 1 The Yard, Chilmark, MA

Tickets:

\$30 Adult

\$25 Senior 65+/Military

\$10 Youth under 18

*Yard Access \$10 price is available. [Please use this application form.](#)

*note: we ask that attendees read our [Covid-19 policy for performances](#) ahead of attending.

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The Yard is a creation and performance platform for artists from around the globe, and we offer exhilarating, wide-ranging, and educational arts experiences through performances, residencies, and community activities. We present performances by international, national, and local artists; provide paid residencies for artists; offer inter-generational engagement programs and classes for our island community; and bring dance and creativity-centered education programs into schools. Our community programs run year-round and can be found on The Yard's campus and in partner locations across the island of Martha's Vineyard. Please visit www.dancetheyard.org for more information.

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