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**Music From The Sole**

**In Residence July 12-17, 2023**

**Performance July 15, 2023 at 7pm | Martha’s Vineyard Performing Arts Center**

**[July 5, 2023] — (Chilmark, Massachusetts)** **Music From The Sole** is a tap dance and live music company that celebrates tap's Afro-diasporic roots, particularly its connections to Afro-Brazilian dance and music, and its lineage to forms like house dance and passinho (Brazilian funk). Led by Brazilian dancer/ choreographer Leonardo Sandoval and by bassist/ composer Gregory Richardson, their work embraces tap’s unique nature as a blend of sound and movement, incorporating wide-ranging influences like samba, passinho, Afro-Cuban, jazz, and house.

Tap, percussive dance, samba, house, and live music come together in ***I Didn’t Come to Stay****.* In the work, Sandoval and Richardson lead eight dancers and a five-piece band in a performance that explores tap’s lineage and connections to other Afro-Diasporic forms. Together the pair embrace shared roots across the diaspora and reflect on racial and cultural identity, while also celebrating the joy, strength, depth, and virtuosity of Black dance and music.

As part of its mission to bring tap, America's original vernacular dance, to new audiences, the company appears as both a dance company and percussive-led band at dance and music venues, including The Yard and recently at Harlem Stage, Lincoln Center, Jacob’s Pillow, Caramoor Jazz Festival, Bryant Park, and the Guggenheim.

**Details:**

Performance Date: July 15th at 7pm

Location: The Martha’s Vineyard Performing Arts Center, 100 Edgartown Road, MA

**Tickets:**

Adult: $33

Senior/Military: $28

Youth/Student: $13

Purchase: [I Didn't Come To Stay](https://www.dancetheyard.org/choose-seats?eid=MusicfromtheSole_23)

**Community Activities:**

Visit our [website’s calendar](https://www.dancetheyard.org/eventscalendar) for a comprehensive view of our summer programming.

**Upcoming Shows:**

***Rainbow Serpent Collective*:** The Rainbow Serpent is a multidisciplinary collective based in Pittsburgh that advances Black LGBTQ culture through an exploration of emerging technologies, advanced healing protocols, African cosmologies, and multimedia art. They create and sponsor work in many media, including live performance, public installation, literature, photography, film, animation, painting, and sculpture.

***Performance July 29th at 7pm, Patricia Nanon Theater at The Yard***

***For more information & tickets:*** [***Rainbow Serpent Collective***](https://www.dancetheyard.org/rainbow-serpent-collective)

**About The Yard**

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](http://www.dancetheyard.org) for more information.

*The Yard Access*program is designed to make The Yard programs accessible to a wider portion of our community. Find more information [here.](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffcGS6MSeqoAHRrjMok4hbI4Y9kajTabCm-hzp_Hp1FbRDVA/viewform)

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