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June 27, 2023

**Sean Dorsey Dance**

**In Residence July 3 - 10, 2023**

**Performances July 7 & 8, 2023 at 7pm**

**[June 27, 2023] — (Chilmark, Massachusetts)** *“The Lost Art of Dreaming”* is an evening of powerful dance-theater that invites audiences to reconnect with longing, embrace expansive imagination, connect with joy and pleasure, and move toward loving futures. The work is a fusion of full-throttle contemporary dance, intimate storytelling, intricate costuming, and exquisite queer partnering – all performed with [Sean Dorsey Dance’s](https://seandorseydance.com/) signature technical precision and deep humanity.

Sean Dorsey explains, “At a time when transgender and LGBTQI+ communities across the US are experiencing increased attacks on our bodies, our rights and our creative expression, ‘The Lost Art of Dreaming’ expansively imagines our futures, disrupting long-entrenched constructs that deny our communities the space to dream.” Dorsey is an [Emmy Award-winning choreographer](https://sfbaytimes.com/san-francisco-choreographer-sean-dorsey-wins-emmy-award/), a [2020 Doris Duke Artist](https://seandorseydance.com/sean-dorsey-has-been-named-a-2020-doris-duke-artist/) and a [Dance/USA Artist Fellow](https://www.danceusa.org/dance-usa-artist-fellows-2019). He has been awarded five Isadora Duncan Dance Awards and the Goldie Award for Performance. In 2009, Dorsey was named in *Dance Magazine*’s “25 To Watch;” in 2019, he became [the first openly-transgender person on the cover of *Dance Magazine*](https://www.dancemagazine.com/sean-dorsey-2640885622.html).

*“The Lost Art of Dreaming”* is performed by a powerhouse ensemble of five queer, trans and gender-non-conforming dancers – with a rich, layered soundscore featuring original and commissioned music.

**Details:**

Performance Date: July 7th & 8th at 7pm

Location: The Yard, Patricia Nanon Theater, 1 The Yard, Chilmark, MA

**Tickets:**

Adult: $33

Senior/Military: $28

Youth/Student: $13

Purchase: [The Lost Art of Dreaming](https://www.dancetheyard.org/choose-seats?eid=SeanDorseyDance_2023)

**Community Activities:**

The Yard seeks to engage the Island community with our guest artists. Sean will conduct two activities FREE to the public during his residency, including a Community Conversation rooted in Trans and Queer joy, as well as a Movement Workshop. These programs are provided in partnership with Circuit Arts, West Tisbury Library and Queer Hub MV. Please join us:

*A Community Conversation: Sean Dorsey*

Moderated by: Scott Mullin from Queer Hub MV

**Wednesday July 5th, 2023 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**The Grange Hall, West Tisbury, MA**

*A Movement Workshop with Sean Dorsey*

This all-queer/gender-nonconforming/non-binary group will lead the class in mindful breathing, meditation, a gentle warmup, movement exercises, concluding with creative self-expression through movement! For ALL humans and ALL levels – including terrified “non-dancers”!

**Saturday July 8th, 2023 11:30am - 1pm**

**The Dancer’s Studio, The Yard, Chilmark, MA**

**Upcoming Shows:**

*Music From The Sole*: A company that celebrates the Afro-diasporic roots of tap dance, performing, *"I Didn’t Come to Stay”,* July 15th at the Martha’s Vineyard Performing Arts Center.

For more information & tickets: [Music from The Sole — The Yard](https://www.dancetheyard.org/music-from-the-sole)

**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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