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**Beach Sessions Dance Series returns to Rockaway Beach, Queens
for its fourth season of free beach-front performances on August 25 and 26.**

Program:

AUNTS @ ROCKAWAY

Organized by AUNTS in collaboration with Beach Sessions

New York, NY - Beach Sessions Dance Series is proud to return to Rockaway Beach, Queens for its fourth season of free beach-front outdoor performances with a platform for dance called **AUNTS**, presenting varied works by New York's most exciting artists. This season's programming continues to support Beach Sessions' commitment to presenting public site-responsive performances in the Rockaways, and offering beachgoers and Rockaway locals a unique cultural experience at the City's popular summertime retreat.

For AUNTS @ Rockaway, a collection of over a dozen artists organized by AUNTS will transform the neighborhood and take over three diverse locations - the beach, the boardwalk, and Rockaway's architectural marvel, The Castle - for a two-day performance with multiple performers, open dance parties, multidisciplinary, body/non-body based, time orientated, finished/experimental/process art.

Audiences will be able to join, follow, wander and experience as many as or as few performances as they choose, creating their own experiences through chance encounters.

Program Details:

Saturday, August 25 | 5:00pm - 9:00pm

AUNTS @ ROCKAWAY

Free and open to the public

Schedule:

5:00 pm: Biba Bell, Hustle on the sand | On the sand at B110th Street

5:30 pm: AUNTS Procession | B110th Street to The Castle

6:00 pm: Evening performances at The Castle | B117th Street and Newport Avenue

Featured Artists:

Stephanie Acosta

Chris Braz

Justin Cabrillos

Jessica Cook

Tess Dworman

Lisa Fagan

Wojciech Gilewicz

Lily Gold + mary read

Jasmine Hearn
Zavé Martohardjono + J Dellecave
Katrina Reid
Karl Scholz
Tatyana Tenenbaum

Sunday, August 26 | 2:00pm - 5:00pm

FLIP IT AND REVERSE IT

Schedule:

2:00 pm: Afternoon performances at The Castle | B117th Street and Newport Avenue
(Same program as August 25)

4:00 pm: AUNTS Procession | The Castle to B110th Street

4:30 pm: Biba Bell, Hustle on the sand | On the sand at B110th Street

About AUNTS

AUNTS is about having dance happen. The dance you've already seen, that pops into your head, that is known and expected and unknown and unexpected. Dance that seeps into the cracks of street lights, subway commotion, magazine myth, drunk nights at the bar, the family album, and the couch where you lay and softly glance at the afternoon light coming in through the window. AUNTS constantly tests a model of producing dance/performance/parties. A model that supports the development of current, present, and contemporary dancing. A model that expects to be adopted, adapted, replicated, and perpetuated by any person who would like to use it. Where performing can last five seconds or five hours; never a "work in progress." Where the work of performing is backed by the "land of plenty" rather than "there is not enough." Where the work of AUNTS defies the regulation of institution, capitalism, and consumerism. AUNTS is about being gracious in this world. <http://auntsdance.com/>

Directions

To B110th St:

Train: Take the "Far Rockaway" bound A train to 105th street, walk to the beach (5-min. walk), and up to Beach 110 on the sand.

Ferry: Take the Rockaway-bound Ferry to B108th street, walk to the beach (10-min. walk), and up to Beach 110 on the sand.

Landmark: Beach 106th Street Food Concession on the Boardwalk

TO THE CASTLE:

Train: Take the "Far Rockaway" bound A train to 116th street, walk towards Beach Channel Drive to B117th St and Newport Avenue (5-min walk)

Ferry: Take the Rockaway-bound Ferry to B108th street and walk 10 minutes up Beach Channel Drive to B117th St and Newport Avenue, or you can hop on the free shuttle.

Beach Sessions Funders and Partners

The series is funded by Black & White Project Space, Black Flamingo, Playday LIC, Rockaway Retreat House, ZOCA Lotion, Off Season, Caracas, and individual donors.

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