

# GRAND OPENING BENEFIT PARTY

HOSTED BY  
URBAN RESEARCH THEATER

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## BEN SPATZ AND MAXIMILIAN BALDUZZI

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Urban Research Theater has rented this theater for two months to present a series of performances, workshops, and events. Everything here has been donated by artists and local businesses: food and drink, performances and visual art, music and the space itself. This is a completely independent project.

We need your support to make this work. Thank you for coming. Please make a donation.

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## PROGRAMME

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### LIVE ART GALLERY

#### MATILDE SOLIGNO

"Matter and Memory" (photographic prints on aluminum)

This exhibit explores the passage of time through moody images of deserted interiors. There are no people here, only the traces they've left behind.

The photographer is Italian. She is currently in New York in order to take part in a master class at Foley Gallery and Sasha Wolf Gallery in Chelsea. Her exhibition opens next week.

[www.matildesoligno.net](http://www.matildesoligno.net)

#### MARTINA MERLINI & CRISTINA AMODEO

The site specific mural in the lobby is the first collaborative work created by these two Italian visual artists and illustrators. The giant rabbit is part of Merlini's ongoing exploration of animal imagery through primary colors and geometric abstraction, juxtaposed here with more "realistic" elements drawn by Amodeo from the surrounding environment.

#### MR. BRACE

Davide Rastelli is a singer-songwriter, performer, engineer, and founder of the Italian artistic collective "tafuzzy." Legend has it that every time Brace performs with one foot up on a chair, a famous person dies.

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## 7PM PERFORMANCE

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#### COMPAGNIA IRIS / VALENTINA CAGGIO

"Emilia Altafronte" (work in progress)

Movement research: Paola Ponti and Valentina Caggio

Music: "Introduction" and "L'aller simple du boomerang" by Circus Marcus

"Altafronte is a family name. Surname of a woman, heritage of her father, heritage of her grandfather.

There are traces in her blood, crossing the blood. Burning and alive blood. Carried with a focused walk.

Carried with strength and fairys. Searching a dry balance. Searching a balance that is passing, that is missing. Searching for joy. A focused walk. Foretasting. Nets full."

[www.iristeatrodanza.it](http://www.iristeatrodanza.it)

## MIRIAM WOLF

"Gameshow for Genocide" (work in progress)

Miriam wolf is Performance Adventure.

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## 8PM PERFORMANCE

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### DANIEL IRIZARRY AND LAURA BUTLER

Excerpt from "The Constant Prince"

Prince Fernando: Daniel Irizarry

Princess Fenix: Laura Butler

Here we present a fragment of Calderon's play about a martyred prince who forms a relationship with a Moorish princess while in captivity. It is performed in a combination of English and the original Spanish, with an etude from Meyerhold's biomechanics called "The Fool." This piece was originally directed by Niky Wolcz.

[www.daniel-irizarry.com](http://www.daniel-irizarry.com)

## 9PM PERFORMANCE

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### LEIMAY - XIMENA GARNICA & SHIGE MORIYA

"Becoming" (work in progress)

Concept and Design: Ximena Garnica & Shige Moriya

Choreography: Ximena Garnica

Live Video: Shige Moriya

Music: Laddio Bolocko & Roland Toledo

Dancers: Denisa Musilova, Masa Asahara, Miyu Leilani

LEIMAY is an interdisciplinary project and laboratory of contemporary performance and installation art. Works range from art installations, to dance-theater pieces, inter-media collaborations, improvisational studies and training projects.

[www.leimay.org](http://www.leimay.org)

## 10PM MUSIC

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Emanuel Ayvas

[emanuelandthefear.com](http://emanuelandthefear.com)

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ARDESIA [www.ardesia-ny.com](http://www.ardesia-ny.com)

Urban Research Theater will perform PLAY/WAR in this space from July 15 through August 14 (Thursday - Saturday at 8pm). Also upcoming: "Lines of Flight" intensive workshop (August 2-5) with guest teachers from Columbia University, SITI Company, The South Wing, and Theatre of a Two-Headed Calf.

More information is available on our website: [www.urbanresearchtheater.com](http://www.urbanresearchtheater.com)