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MIRA by Bare Portland
A movement performance inspired by
the work of Tennessee Williams

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Bare Portland is excited to announce our production of MIRA directed by Tarra Haskell and Choreographed by Liz Pettingill. The ensemble creates a rich and dynamic movement performance inspired by Tennessee Williams, accompanied by an immersive and personal audio experience.

Performance Information:

MIRA by Bare Portland, Inspired by the work of Tennessee Williams

October 18-20 @ 8:00 PM

SPACE Gallery

538 Congress St, Portland, Maine

Tickets: \$12 in advance | \$15 at the door

Visit SPACE538.org for tickets

A select number of Pay-What-You-Can seats are available only in advance and subject to availability. Please email info@bareportland.org to reserve a pay-what-you-can seat.

About the Show:

MIRA roots itself in the lyrical style of Tennessee Williams, plumbing the psychological depths and rich characters typical of his work. An urgent longing drives a young woman to seek relief from her pressing emptiness for the first time. She finds an unexpected friendship to abate her loneliness in a shared love of poetry. *MIRA* explores the difficult beauty often found in an uncertain future. This physical performance is spun from a love of the Southern Gothic, and writers such as Lillian Hellman and John Steinbeck.

Innovative Methods:

MIRA brings together artists across disciplines to explore the work of Tennessee Williams with a contemporary eye. Expanding the understanding of contemporary performance and theater, Bare Portland seeks innovative forms of storytelling in each performance. *MIRA* features choreography by Liz Pettingill and direction by Tarra Bouchard. Each audience member has the choice to listen to various selected audio experiences that weave rich images, with text and narrative. Attendees should bring a smart-phone or WIFI-capable device and headphones (or share with a neighbor!) A limited number of headphones will be available for sale at each performance.

Bare Portland's Mission:

Bare Portland is a performance collaborative focused on community building through site-specific creative projects. We create high caliber theatrical productions open to all members of the Portland community to foster empathy and inclusiveness.

Emboldened by the idea that stories can be told anywhere, Bare Portland hosts performances outside of the traditional stage setting and brings programming to notable public spaces of Portland. Bare Portland collaborates with a broad section of local creatives, as well as organizations outside the creative sector. In our commitment to accessibility, we feature pay-what-you-can or free tickets to all events.

Cast and Creative Team:

Dancers:

Kerry Anderson

Emily Dunwila

Allie Freed

Voice Performers:

James Patefield

Bridgette Kelly

Creative Team:

Direction by Tarra Bouchard

Choreography by Liz Pettingill

Design by Catherine Buxton and Dana Hopkins

Company Members:

Tarra Bouchard

Catherine Buxton

Allie Freed

Dana Hopkins

Mackenzie O'Conner

James Patefield

JJ Peeler

Julianne Shea