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## AUNTS FESTIVAL

a DANSPLACE PROJECT OFF SEASON RENTAL

JUNE 16-21, 2025  
@ DANSPLACE PROJECT

FEATURING: CLASSES, PERFORMANCES, DANCE PARTIES, + AUNTIE FELLOWSHIP

AUNTS FESTIVAL is organized and facilitated by [jess pretty](#)

with support from AUNTIES: Stephanie Acosta, Laurie Berg, Shana Crawford, Maggie Heath,  
Niall Jones, Hadley Smith and Anna Adams Stark

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AUNTS FESTIVAL COLLABORATORS: THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY THEATER, MOVEMENT  
RESEARCH, DANSPLACE PROJECT

## **FESTIVAL EVENT SCHEDULE:**

### **JUNE 10**

CLASSCLASSCLASS @ DANSPACE PROJECT, 10-12, LED BY [MARIANA VALENCIA](#)

### **JUNE 12**

CLASSCLASSCLASS @ DANSPACE PROJECT, 10-12, LED BY [JESI COOK](#)

### **JUNE 16**

PERFORMANCES AT 7:30 PM BY

[CHARMAINE WARREN](#) + [JASMINE HEARN](#). [TESS DWORMAN](#). BESSIE  
MCDONOUGH-THAYER. [STEPHANIE ACOSTA](#). [JESS PRETTY](#).

### **JUNE 17**

CLASSCLASSCLASS @ DANSPACE PROJECT, 10-12, LED BY [LESLIE CUYJET](#) (followed by  
lunch)

PERFORMANCES @ 7:30P BY

[RENA ANAKWE](#). STEPHANIE ACOSTA. [DARRIN WRIGHT](#). [HADLEY SMITH](#). JESI COOK.

### **JUNE 19**

CLASSCLASSCLASS @ DANSPACE PROJECT, 10-12P, LED BY JESS PRETTY

JUNETEENTH COOKOUT @ DANSPACE COURTYARD, 12-4P

PERFORMANCES AT 7:30P BY

[WENDELL GRAY](#). [ALEXA GRAE](#), [ARIANA SPEIGHT](#), [KATRINA REID](#), [MYSSI ROBINSON](#),  
JESS PRETTY. [BRIA BACON](#). [KRIS LEE](#).

### **JUNE 21**

PERFORMANCES @ DANSPACE PROJECT @ 7:30P BY

[SHANA CRAWFORD](#). [LAURIE BERG](#). [LAURA OSTERHAUS](#). [MARTITA ABRIL](#). STEPHANIE  
ACOSTA. [AYANO ELSON](#). [MILLIE KAPP + MATT SHALZI](#). [AUTUMN KNIGHT](#). [FANA FRASER](#).

### **NOTE FROM AUNTIE J:**

DIVINE TIMING IS RIGHT NOW. BE THE AUNTIE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THIS WORLD. GET TOGETHER WITH PEOPLE YOU LOVE. HAVE A LAUGH. MAKE DINNER TOGETHER. NOURISH YOUR BODIES. CREATE WILDLY. EMBRACE THE MESS. INTENTIONALLY SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY. DANCE WITH YOUR FRIENDS. (DON'T BE AFRAID TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS). FALL IN LOVE. TRY SOME NEW SHIT. EXPERIMENT. AUNTIE THE FUCK OUT. PAY ARTISTS. [DONATE TO AUNTS](#), CALL YOUR AUNTIE. DRINK WATER. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN. REMEMBER YOUR BREATH. YOU'RE DOING THE BEST YOU CAN. KEEP GOING. KEEP GOING. AUNTIE LOVES YOU

### **GRATITUDE:**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT SAID YES TO THIS FESTIVAL. ONE PERSON AT A TIME YOU ALL GOT US HERE. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THESE INCREDIBLE ARTISTS. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THESE INCREDIBLE ARTISTS. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THESE INCREDIBLE ARTISTS. YOUR TIME IS SO VALUABLE. YOUR ART IS SO VALUABLE. YOUR BODY IS SO VALUABLE. YOUR LIFE IS SO VALUABLE. THANK YOU FOR SHARING WITH ME. WITH US. YOU ARE POWERFUL. THANK YOU TO DANSPLACE PROJECT FOR SAYING YES TO THE JESS AND OFFERING YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU MOVEMENT RESEARCH FOR LETTING US TEACH CLASSCLASSCLASS IN THE MORNING CLASS SLOT. THANK YOU MARIANA FOR FACILITATING CLASSCLASSCLASS. THANK YOU LAURIE AND ANNA! THANK YOU STEPHANIE! THANK YOU NIAL! THANK YOU HADLEY! THANK YOU MAGGIE! THANK YOU SHANA! THANK YOU RAUSCHENBERG FOR FUNDING THE AUNTIES!

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AUNT'S was founded by Jmy James Kidd and Rebecca Brooks in 2005, co-organized by Liliana Dirks-Goodman and Laurie Berg from 2009-2020, in 2021 AUNT'S was organized by Laurie Berg, Jessie Young, Shana Crawford, Jordan Lloyd, Kadie Henderson and Larissa Velez-Jackson and is currently organized by jess pretty.