MAIZE MANTIS

The Kitchen
Glasser and Jonathan Turner: Charge
October 23–24. 8pm. $20
Charge is a performance exploring the hyper-personal and sensorial connective tissue of human relationships, and the blurring of the senses by means of technology. Glasser’s compositions both simulate and make use of the most personal sound source—the body—with beats and sound effects generated by her own breath and fingertips. Jonathan Turner’s synchronized visual language will be replete with living and detailed organic imagery that references the natural world—images recognizable in texture and composition, yet abstract and alien in scale. Each sequence engages and augments a specific feeling and sensory organ, deepening the sacrifice of performer to audience.

Scaffold Room
October 30–December 5
With Kevin Beasley, Jim Findlay, Paul Hamilton, Malcolm Low, April Matthys, Roderick Murray, Naoko Nagata, Okwui Okpokwasili, Omagbemi Omagbemi, Katherine Profeta, Marina Rosenfeld, Mike Taylor, Philip White, and Ralph Lemon. Please visit thekitchen.org for a schedule of events and more information.

Emily Sundblad and Guests
November 21–22. $20
On the heels of her recent residency at The Kitchen, Sundblad and special guests including Juliana Huxtable and Ken Okiishi present performances incorporating new romantic texts and musical adaptations.

Tere O’Connor: The Goodbye Studies
December 2–12. 8pm. $15
The Kitchen welcomes back Tere O’Connor for the world premiere of The Goodbye Studies, a piece continuing his decades-long commitment to strictly movement-based investigations. Engaging a large group of twelve New York-based performers, the work promotes complexity as a key feature of consciousness and seeks to fully detach from comprehension as a value. Together with the performers, O’Connor will create aqueous fields of constant movement, where transition and event are indistinguishable.

Synth Nights: Champagne Jerry, Penis, and Tami Tamaki
December 16. 8pm. $15
This bill brings together artists forming new performative personae, each from their own radically different place on the musical spectrum. Sophia Cleary and Samara Davis created Penis, a feminist punk band committed to transformation, remaking value systems, and vulnerability. Champagne Jerry is the hip-hop project of Neal Medlyn that seeks to “continuously create and provide the most significant moments in everyone’s lives.” Making her US debut, Swedish electronica artist Tami Tamaki crafts sweeping, shimmery dance tracks that combines soft-focus romance with frank sexuality. Organized by Matthew Lyons.

Sergei Tcherepnin: Maize Mantis
October 15 – 17, 8pm
While Maize Mantis finds a historical precedent in the example of Sergei Diaghilev’s Feu d’artifice—a ballet of light played across geometric staging, set to music by Igor Stravinsky—this hybrid-media performance is directly inspired by artist Lucy Dodd’s recently published book, The Genesis of a Painting. Presenting a story of the genesis of Picasso’s Guernica using only allegorical pictures, Dodd’s volume invokes a mythic creature of the artist’s own making, the Maize Mantis, whose presence passes through and alters things even while composed of nothing more than plants and shadows. In this regard, while confronting the legacy of modernist artists, from Picasso to Stockhausen, Maize Mantis seeks to render a psychological space marked by a metonymy of objects—whose fluidity, newly tied to the physicality and sensuality of sound, awakens them from their dormancy. Reversals take place in turn, with background becoming foreground, interior becoming exterior, and figures weaving into setting.

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Act I

Movement 1: Starpit
Movement 2: Jellyfish
Movement 3: Labyrinth Light
Movement 4: Mantis Shadow Play
Movement 5: Flame Creatures
Movement 6: Wolves & Wanderers
Movement 7: Jellyfish Trance Dance

10 MIN INTERMISSION

ACT II

Movement 8: Prelude
Movement 9: The Door
Movement 10: Maize Mantis Dance
Movement 11: Dandelion
Movement 12: Mantis Disappears

Duration: approximately 80 Minutes

CAST

Wanderers: Darnell Celius, Michael O’Regan, Fern Silva
Jellyfish: Shoko Fujita, Kayoko Asami, Lawson Pinder, Edwin Rodriguez, Vanessa Salgado
Wolves: Hanna Törnudd, Stefan Tcherepnin, Keith Connolly
Mantis: Sergei Tcherepnin
Dandelion Queen: Lucy Dodd

CREW

Director: Sergei Tcherepnin
Original Story: Lucy Dodd and Sergei Tcherepnin
All Music: Sergei Tcherepnin, except Movement 5 with samples from Stupid Thing by Wally Blanchard and Lonely Drums by Stefan Tcherepnin
Lighting: Zack Tinkelman
Choreography for Jellyfish: Shoko Fujita
Staging Assistance: Ei Arakawa
Stagehand: Keiko Hiranaka
Forest Backdrop: Loose Booch Studios
Jellyfish Costumes: Hanna Törnudd
Wolf Costumes: Hanna Törnudd
Three Shields: Loose Booch Studios
Flame Creatures: Kerstin Brätsch
Maize Mantis Costume: Lucy Dodd
Dandelion Queen Costume: Lucy Dodd
Cover Image Drawing by Lucy Dodd
Organized by Tim Griffin as part of “From Minimalism into Algorithm”

BIOS

Sergei Tcherepnin is an artist and composer exploring the materiality of sound and its physical and psychological effects on the listener. His installation Pied Piper Part II: Ringing Rocks is currently on view at Greater New York in MoMA PS1.

Lucy Dodd (Loose Booch Studios) is a painter who has exhibited internationally at numerous galleries and institutions. Her upcoming solo exhibitions: David Lewis, New York, the Power Station, Dallas, and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York.

Zack Tinkelman is a lighting designer in New York City. Selected lighting designs: at The Kitchen: Sarah Michelson’s Devotion, Maria Hassabi’s Premiere, Half Straddle’s Ancient Lives, Marina Rosenfeld’s P.A./Hard Love, Gillian Walsh’s Scenario, Yve Laris Cohen’s Fine, Dance and Process 2010, 2011, and 2013; elsewhere: many more shows with Tina Satter’s Half Straddle, Sarah Michelson’s Devotion Study #1 and 4 at the Whitney and tournamento at the Walker Art Center, Benjamin Forster’s Edibles Incorporated at Incubator Arts Project; Paul Lazar’s A Country Doctor at NYU; Red Terror Squad’s Family Bed at HERE and Grey Eyed Dogs at Dixon Place. Love to Lena and Cletus.

Kerstin Brätsch is a painter who lives and works in New York. She recently exhibited at The Art Institute of Chicago; Hamburger Bahnhof, Germany; Museum of Modern Art, New York; The 54th Venice Biennial, Italy (as DAS INSTITUT); Gwangju Biennial, South Korea, and many other institutions. She is represented by Gavin Brown’s enterprise in New York.

Darnell Celius is good at basketball.

Michael O’Regan is a public policy expert.

Fern Silva is an artist based in NYC. He has created a body of film, video, and projection work that has been screened and performed at various festivals, galleries, museums and cinemathques. He studied art and cinema at the Massachusetts College of Art and Bard College.

Shoko Fujita is a freelance dancer based in NYC. Graduated with highest honor from Japan Women’s College of Physical Education and obtained a bachelor’s degree in Movement Science specialized in Dance Studies.

Kayoko Asami came to NY two years ago from Hokkaido, Japan. She graduated from Ballettschule Für Das Opernhaus in Zürich.

Lawson Pinder is a dancer, actor and circus artiste from the Bahamas. If there is a star out there with enough reach, you can mostly find him jumping to reach it. Lawson is also in process of starting his own dance theatre company with a Caribbean flair.
Edwin Rodriguez is a New York-based dancer and choreographer in the Tri-State area. He has graduated from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. He dances and has choreographed for Diversity of Dance Inc. Company under the direction of Earl Mosley. EdwinRodriguez0988@gmail.com

Vanessa Salgado is a New York-based dance artist and educator. She is a graduate of the Alvin Alley/Fordham University BFA program at Lincoln Center. She can be seen performing with CONTINUUM Contemporary Ballet and is on faculty at the Joffrey Ballet School. www.VanessaSalgado.com

Hanna Törnudd is a Brooklyn-based artist. Her work has recently been shown at 50 Taaffe Place, Brooklyn, and with Single Moms at Vilma Gold, London.

Stefan Tcherepnin is a composer and artist who lives in Brooklyn. He is co-founder of The Metaphysical Store, which has recently made appearances at the Liverpool Biennial and Paramount Ranch.

Keith Connolly is a founding member of the no-neck blues band (NNCK), and has worked with the theater company New York City Players. He is currently working with multi-media artist Tom Thayer on a collaborative album and series of performances entitled IT’S HOUSE.

Ei Arakawa is a performance artist who works and lives in NYC. He produced two musicals previously Paris & Wizard and Jiro, Digital Painting. His upcoming musical will be at Reena Spaulings, New York in Spring 2016.

Wally Blanchard is a drummer and composer based in Cape Cod. He played drums and programmed electrics for E.A.R.S.H.O.T. and creates electronic music as WALLYBRAIN.

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