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THE STRANGER

Yang Sun & Poets



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The Stranger **Yang Sun & Poets**

Lead Artist, Yang Sun

Dancer, Nicole Arakaki

Dancer, Angélica María Barbosa Rodríguez

Dancer, Nikkie Samreth

Composer, Qiujiang Levi Lu / 卢秋江

Dramaturg, Alisya Razman*

Dramaturg & Residency Assistant, Alexis Vinzons*

*Original Cast

Community Cast

Natalia Fernandez

Daniella Marce

Shenghan Gao

Sharon Moreno

Angelina Ng

Set Design

Yang Sun

Alexis Vinzons

Natalia Fernandez

The Stranger sits at the intersection of dance and installation, delving into the stories of immigrants and “resident aliens” in the United States across generations.

“Coming to the United States from China for high school, my teenage years have been filled with questions about my place in both the U.S. and my motherland – frustration with the foreign language, illusional strivings to fit in, anger and helplessness in defending my identity or fears towards indeterminate Visa application. Yet, the above is only one piece of a larger story. I am curious about other immigrants’ stories, and their complicated shared emotions: fear, hope, sorrow, anger. *The Stranger* captures their stories and mine.” — Yang Sun

Yang Sun

Yang Sun (she/her) is an award-winning dancer, choreographer, and director, working in the intersection of movement, color, and poetry. Her strong bond with movement begins with improvisation practices in the field, cafeteria, corridor, riverbank, and other non-traditional spaces. Growing up in China and finding her path in the U.S., Yang holds a Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Dance from Amherst College. She is also an alum of the Trinity/LA MAMA Performing Arts Program in New York and the NUOVAX program in Torino, Italy.

远行 | 老电影 (Journey | Old Movie)

等待 | 候鸟 (The Wait | Bird)

头发 | 锅 (Hair | Pot)

桥 | 移民手册 (Bridge | Immigration Pamphlet)

抑 | 怒 | 扬 (Suppress | Wrath | Raise)

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This residency marks the official launch of Yang Sun’s company, Yang Sun & Poets, which is dedicated to uplifting immigrant dancers and fostering a community where diverse voices can thrive. Yang Sun & Poets seeks to enrich the dialogue around migration and identity, making the art form more inclusive and reflective of the world we live in.

Stay updated with Yang Sun & Poets online.

yangsunmovements.com

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