

## Yoo and Dancers

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### Dixon Place Presents the World Premiere of Modern Dance “Almost There...” by *Yoo and Dancers*

On Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 7:30pm at Dixon Place  
161A Chrystie Street, New York, NY 10002

The Korean phrase “거의 다왔는데” means reaching for something that is just a little too far, but possible to obtain, roughly translated to English as “almost there.” *Yoo and Dancers*’ new work is about our collective dream to reach our desires in a modern, chaotic world. The dance emerges from New York City, which is a constant reminder of the forces of people in a crowded space. Usually they are working together relatively smoothly, but what if that was not the case? What if the order went away?

“Almost There...” features six dancers. Movement is fast and furious, depicting a future where chaos is taking over. People take advantage of others to reach their own goal. The dancers represent a crowd becoming a stampede, a warning of one possible outcome of our current path. ‘Almost There’ was developed during *Yoo and Dancers*’ three-month residency at Dixon Place.

**Choreography:** Hee Ra Yoo

**Dancers:** Mirela Amaral, Lauren Camp, Mark Willis, Sean Hatch, Lindsey Mandolini, Chloe Markewich

**Lighting:** Rob Lariviere

**Costumes:** Lara de Bruijn

Admittance is \$12/\$15, available at the door or prior at [http://www.dixonplace.org/html/series\\_index.html](http://www.dixonplace.org/html/series_index.html).

**Yoo and Dancers** is a New York City dance company that is cooking without recipes. We want to be inside, outside, behind, underneath, and on top of the subject. The company is full of curiosity and mystery, exploring who we are – what is unique, what is exotic, what comes from far away, and what is close by. This season, Yoo and Dancers will perform two full-length concert works commissioned by the Korean Culture Service and by Dixon Place. Yoo and Dancers is currently in residence at Dixon Place.

#### **Hee Ra Yoo, Choreographer & Artistic Director**

International choreographer Hee Ra Yoo founded *Yoo and Dancers* in 2009 after completing the MFA program at NYU Tisch. Before moving to New York City in 2007, Ms. Yoo danced with the Korean National Ballet, the California Ballet, the San Diego City Ballet, the Canberra Dance Theatre in Australia, and was a guest dancer with the Kirov Ballet company Russia. Ms. Yoo has taught dance at universities in the U.S. and Korea and as a guest teacher in Japan, Canada, Australia, and Korea. She has coached the Australian and Korean Olympic Gymnastics Teams. In New York City, Ms. Yoo has taught at the Joffrey Ballet School, Dance New Amsterdam, and Steps on Broadway.

#### **ABOUT DIXON PLACE**

Dixon Place is a non-profit organization founded in 1986 to provide a space for literary and performing artists to create and develop new works in front of a live audience. While other venues of its kind have since disappeared or now only present established artists, Dixon Place remains at the heart of the New York experimental performance scene. Taking risks is crucial to the life of Dixon Place, its artists and audiences. Dixon Place's primary commitments are to bring artists and audiences together through live performance in order to expand the understanding of the creative process and its final product, and to provide a supportive environment for emerging artists to present new work. Over the last twenty-five years, Dixon Place has successfully maintained its intimate atmosphere and unique environment while increasing its programming to fulfill the need for performance opportunities for the New York community of performing and literary artists.

