

Live performance, art & technology!

Pioneers Go East Collective is a New York-based community of multigenerational artists and activists in residence at La MaMa. The collective's creative platforms include original performance, curated series and educational programs for social change. Pioneers Go East Collective presents a regular season of live performance, art and technology and curated series including Crossroads Series, and Stars Series examining LGBTQ+ and Feminist experiences. Since 2010, the collective has crossed paths with over 200 artists and created platforms of inclusion that have linked audiences in all five boroughs and in rural communities in New York State, through live performances, exhibitions, curated series, panel discussions, and educational programs.

The Collective's Values

Through personal storytelling that blends heartfelt, yet humorous experiences infused with joy and high-energy, the collective celebrates gender non-binary as a form of social activism, and as a protest against the artificial confinements of gender roles, and to attempt to examine those structures – including homophobia and sexism. The impetus beyond the work is to celebrate pride, and to generate a more meaningful direction regarding LGBTQ+ advancements towards inclusivity.

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Pioneers Go East Collective

LGBTQ+ & Feminist stories of vulnerability, courage and pride!

Seasons 2018 & 2019

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"Pioneers Go East Collective knocks down the walls between expressive genres and amalgamates music, video, and performance into an adrenalizing experience. Poetic productions, intense, and atmospheric theater art installations." - Backstage



Gemini Stars - Niko Tsocason, photo by Theo Cote

GEMINI STARS/ SCORPIO

September 23, 2017
Astor Alive Festival at 3pm (Astor Place, NYC)

December 7-17, 2017 at 8pm
La Mama ETC (66 east 4th Street, NYC)

GEMINI STARS/ SCORPIO is devised by an ensemble of multigenerational artists, this multimedia project is inspired by stories of LGBTQ+ vloggers self-identifying to the world on YouTube, juxtaposed with stories of exclusion and violence IRL. It is a funny and touching performance about Realvlogs love, self-identity, and self-defense while reflecting on what the LGBTQ+ community has achieved using social media.



Agosto Machado, photo by Jon Burklund

COWBOYS

June 8, 2018 at 8pm
Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance BAAD
(2474, Westchester Ave., The Bronx)

October 6-7, 2018 at 8pm
Time Space Limited (Hudson, NY)

COWBOYSCOWGIRLS

November 15-18, 2018 at 8pm
JACK (505 Waverly, Clinton Hill)

COWBOYSCOWGIRLS is a multigenerational performance installation by Pioneers Go East Collective that explores and explodes the myth of the American Cowboy and Cowgirl, looking with humor at how chauvinism and bravado transpose into Gay subculture. In the piece, audience members are invited to don Western attire and sit around a theatrical campfire while performers, both live and on video, share stories of bullying, self-discovery and coming out.



Curated series exploring LGBTQ+ and Feminist voices

STARS SERIES (New LGBTQ+ Works)

June 28, 2018 at 8pm
January 24-25, 2019 at 8pm
Exponential Festival/ Vital Joint
(109 Meserole Ave., Bushwick)

6 works + 6 artists each night exploring aspects of queer identity and inclusion.

CROSSROADS, CROSSWINDS, CROSSCURRENTS, CROSSFIRES

October 17 & December 19, 2018 at 8pm
March 20 & June 19, 2019 at 8pm
Judson Church (55 Washington Sq. Park, NYC)

A series dedicated to empowering LGBTQ+ and feminist artists, in dialogue with their communities.

Featuring Beth Graczyk! Rina Espiritu!
Amy Surratt! Julia Dobner-Pereira! Jose'
Rivera Jr.! Daniel Diaz! Mike Cotayo! Hao
Bai! Agosto Machado!