

# PIONEERS

GO EAST COLLECTIVE

*Poetry, music, dance,  
imagery and video  
documentary for  
social change.*

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*Crossroads Series at Judson Church - Rina Espiritu*  
*Photo by Michelle Thompson*



*Gemini Stars / Scorpio at La MaMa -Daniel Diaz*  
*Photo by Jon Burklund*

# PRESS

“Pioneers Go East Collective *is*.”

– *TimeOut NY - Critics’ Pick*

“With charm, poignancy, enhanced by spirited, if easy-going, presentation.”

– *InfiniteBody Dance Review Eva Yaa Asantewaa*

“Pioneers ‘knocks down the walls between expressive genres, amalgamating music, video and acting into an adrenalizing experience.”

– *Backstage NY*

“Pioneers Go East Collective harnesses a very successful experience that’s equal parts wondrous and strange. CowboysCowgirls is a strong gesture about collective queer yearning on a deeply microcosmic, personal level.”

– *Culturebot*

“A true story and a wonderful rendition about the American Labor Movement and a woman who found herself at the forefront of the protest movement...the music is beautiful, and touching.”

– *Maxamoo*

# ABOUT

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Pioneers Go East Collective is a New York-based award-winning collective of multigenerational artists and activists in residence at La MaMa and Judson Church.

Since 2010, Pioneers Go East Collective has been empowering LGBTQ and Feminist artists. The collective has been and incubator of 13 theatre works, produced over 10 series and arts festivals, and has collaborated and presented works by more than 400 art-makers and theatre artists to date.

The Collective presents a regular season of live performance, art and technology, and curated series including CROSSROADS SERIES, and NEW WORKS! OUT-FRONT. The collective has crossed paths with over 400 artists and created platforms of inclusion that have linked audiences in all five boroughs and in communities in New York State, through personal storytelling that blends heartfelt, humorous experiences infused with joy and high-energy.

*[www.pioneersgoeast.org](http://www.pioneersgoeast.org)*

# COWBOYS COWGIRLS

*CowboysCowgirls is an interactive performance installation that explores and explodes the myth of the American Cowboy and Cowgirl, looking with humor at how chauvinism and bravado transpose into gay subculture.*

**Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance**  
*(June 8, 2018)*

**JACK**  
*(Nov. 15-18, 2018)*

**Rhubarb Festival in Toronto:  
Buddies in bad times**  
*(Feb. 20 – 24, 2019)*

**The Wild Project**  
*(March 15, 2019)*

**THE LGBT CTR.**

**Creative  
Team** |



*CowboysCowgirls at JACK - Mike Coyato - Photo by Jon Burklund*

Daniel Diaz  
Philip Treviño  
Brenda Reilly

Hao Bai  
Gian Marco LoForte  
Mike Cotayo

Dmitri Barcomi  
Jon Burklund  
Mark Tambella

Beth Graczyk  
Fleur Voorn  
Agosto Machado

Laura Marciano  
Zoie Omega  
Mac Smith

# VIRGO STAR

*Set in a performance installation Virgo Star looks at Western Movies scene to examine same-sex bonding, romance, and self-defense.*

**Ars Nova**

*(June 14, 2019)*

**Bronx Academy of Arts & Dance**

*(June 24- June 28, 2019)*

**Time Space Limited / Hudson**

*(Oct. 2019)*

**La MaMa**

*(Nov. 14 to Dec. 1, 2019)*

**Judson Church**

*(Fall 2019)*

**Green Space / Queens**

*(June 12 & 13, 2020)*

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Team |





*VIRGO STAR at La MaMa - Daniel Diaz - Photo by Jon Burklund*

Bree Breeden  
Jon Burklund  
Daniel Diaz

Beth Graczyk  
Effy Grey  
Anabella Lenzu

Gian Marco  
Riccardo Lo Forte  
Agosto Machado

Gerard Minaya  
Gavin Price

Philip Treviño  
Niko Tsocanos

# CROSSROADS

*Crossroads features artists who explore new genres and known performance and art-making modes to share their creative practices with other artists and their audiences. Each evening we witness different generations of artists dealing with actual, day-to-day, contemporary challenges to further discussion between artists, and to activate a network of exchange and inclusion with social and artistic intervention.*

**Judson Memorial Church (Free Events)**

*October 17, 2018      March 20, 2019*

*Dec 19, 2018      June 19, 2019*

*Fall/Winter 2019/20*

**Creative  
Team** |



*Crossroads Series at Judson Church - Dionne Slay - Photo by Michelle Thompson*

Stacey Robinson  
Yoshiko Chuma  
George Emilio  
Sanchez

Nicky Paraiso  
Nash Glynn  
Rina Espiritu

Anabella Lenzu  
Parijat Desai  
Agosto Machado

Dionne Slay  
Paz Tajuaquio  
Nic Adams

Beth Graczyk  
Jonathan Matthews  
Mersiha Mesihovic

Holly Sass  
Fana Fraser

# NEW WORKS OUT-FRONT

*A series dedicated to LGBTQ and feminist new works curated by Pioneers Go East Collective. Each evening, the series brings together 6 cross-disciplinary artists to share their performances in a safe space. The intent for the series is to share less-known stories, encourage artists to experiment with new performance modes, and to build a nurturing environment with like-minded artists.*

**The Exponential Festival (Bushwick)**

*January 24 & 25, 2019*

*January, 2020*

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*OUT-FRONT at The Exponential Festival - Bree Breeden and Proteo Media + Performance*

Mike Cotayo

Bree Breeden

Marisa Tornello

Theresa Buchheister

Kirsten Davis-Flores

Paul Burque

Amy Surratt

Jose Rivera

Regina Nejman

Julia Dobner-Pereira

Ori Flomin

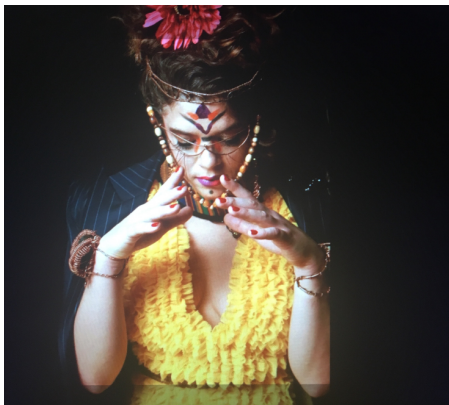
Amy Gijsberg van Wijk

Erick Montes

Daniel Diaz

Rina Espiritu

# NEXT PIONEERS



A program in creative thinking and self-producing open to performance and movement-based artists and writers. Each year this program offers two artists professional opportunities, production support to develop and energize their creative voices.

FREE educational programs: Creative Workshops + Mentorships. Each season, Pioneers Go East Collective offers 4 workshops and 3 mentorships and internships to youth and young adults in creative practice and producing art-making – serving over 60 participants! Artists are offered one-on-one mentorship to Production and creative practice: One intern in the Spring and one intern in the Fall assist the collective on the field! Free educational programs are offered once a year to include youth and young adults. The next educational program are FREE and open to youth and young adults at Judson Church and Vital Joint in Bushwick in Summer/ Fall 2019 & Winter/ Spring 2020.

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# FOUNDATION

Pioneers Go East Collective has presented original works in NYC at LaMaMa, Judson Church, JACK, Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance, Ars Nova, The Tank, Dixon Place, HERE at Performance Mix/New Dance Amsterdam, Astor Alive, Chashama, Goethe Institute, A.R.T./New York, Triskelion, Exponential Festival, St Ann's Warehouse, Governors Island/ Building 101, The LGBT Center, Wild Project; upstate at Time Space Limited (Hudson); and Buddies in Bad Times in Toronto. The collective's work has been developed through the generous support of La MaMa and Judson Church where the collective is company-in-residence; A.R.T./ New York Pilot Program; Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's Process Space; New Vic LabWorks Artists Associates; St. Ann's/ Puppet Lab; Opera America L. T. Tobin Award.

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## STAFF

Gian Marco  
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*(artistic director)*

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*(choreographer/  
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Beth Graczyk  
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Hao Bai  
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Good.*

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Nick Paraiso



*CowboysCowgirls at JACK - Agosta Machado - Photo by Jon Burklund*

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