

the click presents

my guide to feeling it all

an informal showing

MAGMA

**11 Pleasant Street
Gloucester MA**

November 18, 2023 | 7:30PM

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"The Click, while young as a collaborative, possesses a spunk and verve that bring a fresh perspective to both audiences and their peers in the dance community. The Click's core collaborators- varied and unique individuals - break conventional roles of hierarchy in the making of performance works. Fresh and forthright in their performances, as an audience we learn how to exhale, and let their dynamic vibrancy take over. The Click's experiments with collegial creation make fresh and exciting work for us to devour."

-Peter DiMuro, Executive Artistic Director, The Dance Complex

Spearheaded in 2021, The Click is an experiment in organization, connection, and collaboration among a group of like-minded creative spirits living, making, teaching, studying, and/or existing in the Greater Boston area. We are a group of dancers whose primary medium of physical expression is through contemporary forms, but we are also a group of individuals who dabble and play in many modes and genres of creativity. Whether we spend our time sliding along the marley of a dance studio, praying in the pew of a church, researching within the walls of a science lab, or spinning around the metal of a dance pole, we are each deeply invested in answering the universally complex question that might play across your mind as well: who am I and what I am doing here?

The Click contributes to the consistent presence of creativity in Boston and beyond by: educating pre-professional youth dancers, professional adult dancers, and the dance-curious of any age; performing original creations several times a year at a variety of venues, both traditional and non-traditional across Massachusetts, New England, and beyond; and investing in the curiosity of those new to dance in Boston or new to dance in general by maintaining an open, inclusive, and accessible community of individuals eager and enthusiastic to share resources, feedback, tips and tricks, or even just a simple hello.

Since its inception, The Click has maintained four weekly drop-in classes per week, in addition to special workshops and events geared toward community engagement in relation to our professional projects. The Click has held residencies at The Foundry through the Anchor Partner program and at The Dance Complex through the BLOOM Residency program. The company has partnered with private youth studios, Boston-area elementary schools and senior centers, and more to bring our unique education programs to a variety of populations and ages, and has been awarded grants and other recognition from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, The Boston Foundation, the New England Foundation for the Arts, and a number of local cultural councils in the Boston area.

**The Click Presents:
An Informal Showing of Angelina Benitez's
my guide to feeling it all
MAGMA, 11 Pleasant Street, Gloucester MA**

my guide to feeling it all runs approximately 35 minutes, with no intermission. Please stay for a brief talkback with the cast immediately following the show.

A Note from the Maker:

Amidst many creative projects, family, applying for grants, running multiple rehearsals, friendships, constantly administrating, etc... *my guide to feeling it all* is my chance to embrace the chaos and fold into rest. We've done the work - the research, composition, and movement generation. Now we get to sink into the meditations and memories we invoke as we perform this piece.

But to be honest, I am terrified of presenting my first showing of solely my work. Though it is collaborative at its core, it's my vision, my brainchild, my choreography. It is processing two chaotic years of my life filled with enough drama for a telenovela or two. There is something truly scary about owning up to something. Especially for what feels like my first debut as an "emerging artist". I no longer have the title of "student" to hide behind or another person to deflect to. So please, slide into my DMs or let's chat over coffee. I am so curious to hear how my deeply personal work resonates in your mind: let's click.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angie". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'e'.

my guide to feeling it all

Direction: Angelina Benitez

Collaboration and Performance: Angelina Benitez, Katrina Conte, Alexandria Nunweiler

Music: Adam Matthew

Technical Assistance: Sarah Slifer Swift

Additional Support: Kristin Wagner

We spend time trying to escape, control, or intellectualize our emotions. What if instead, we invited them in? In an effort to feel it all, we'll embody the seemingly contradictory. Join us in exploring the intersection of love and grief, pain and pleasure, peace and anger...

Please stay for a talkback with the cast, facilitated by Kristin Wagner!

Special Thanks To: John Vassallo, Sarah Slifer Swift/MAGMA, The Dance Complex, David Orr/Boston Moving Arts Production, and the heartbreakers that made this work possible.

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Ongoing Classes

BAREFOOT BALLET | Mondays 10-11:30am @ The Dance Complex
Now through December 11

CLASSES WITH THE CLICK | Tuesdays 10-11:30am @ The Dance Complex
Now through December 12

YOGA FOR PEOPLE WHO MOVE | Thursdays 10-11:30am @ The Dance Complex
Now through December 14

COMMUNITY CONTEMPORARY | Thursdays 6-7:30pm @ The Foundry
Now through December 14

With classes resuming January 2024, **including a REPERTORY opportunity with Angie!** Stay tuned for more information coming soon via our website, newsletter, and Instagram.

Upcoming Performances

my guide to feeling it all (excerpt) at "Roots and Routes"
Presented by The Dance Complex: December 9-10, 2023

Edge of Aquarius (premier)
Presented by The Click: The Foundry, January 19-21, 2024

Moving Through March
Presented in Collaboration with développ  : The Foundry, March 8-10, 2024

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THE CLICK

Angelina Benitez (Leo ☉, Taurus ↑, Scorpio ♃) prides herself in having too many skills for her own good. Aside from being a generous and stunning modern dancer, she is also a surprisingly modest fiber artist, passionate cook, wannabee influencer, and amateur tarot reader. To survive in this capitalist society, she mainly teaches dance, administrates, makes dance, and sells her visual art on the side. When she isn't working, you can find her dying her hair a new color or being gay.

Katrina Conte comes into any space with raging waves of sunshine. She moved to Boston 2 years ago and still isn't used to the uneven sidewalks, crowded/inconstant trains and unpredictable weather. When Katrina is not dancing your best bet is to look for her in nature. She loves to ditch the city and go hiking, kayaking or hammocking. If she's not outside you can bet, she is playing with her fur babies Sunny and Forest while baking some new recipe she found on Pinterest.

Playing up her southern accent to get out of parking tickets,

Alexandria/Alex/Allie Nunweiler moved to Boston to escape the heat of South Carolina and, of course, the conservatives. She is a dance maker, educator, and performer with the philosophy of "life is practice," which she tends to cite as she makes a mistake. Overall, Alexandria's sailor mouth is what gets her in trouble more often than not along with her inability to sit still.

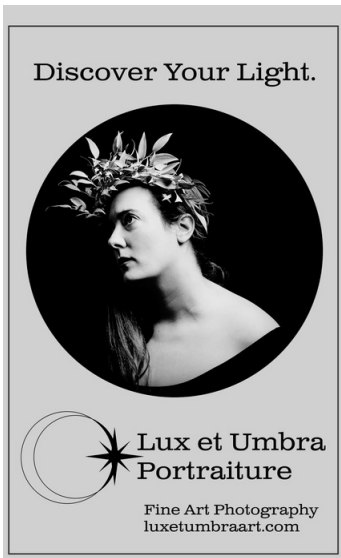
Kristin Wagner attempts to strike down her basic bltch tendencies by accumulating tattoos and queer-adjacent clothing. She's been said to be "so straight it hurts", but recently received the massive compliment of her sexual preferences being questioned. Her brand new husband isn't sure how he feels about that. This Connecticut-born Girl Next Door™ is sweet as apple pie until she's not. She much prefers the company of children to adults, which is why she decided to have one: a little bundle of joy will join The Click in January 2024! In addition to dancing and procreating, Kristin likes impromptu Taylor Swift dance parties with her toddler niece and nephew, and solo cry sessions in the car and shower.

GUEST ARTISTS

Adam Matthew is a guitarist and songwriter local to the North Shore. He's been playing and performing for over 20 years. He has studied music at the New School in New York and with artists including David Schumacher and Joel Yennior. A resident of Newburyport for many years, Adam has played at many local favorites such as the Grog, The Barking Dog, The Sunset Club, Plum Island Grille, and the Grove at the Briar Bar Inn.

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We are currently in the midst of our Fall Small Gifts Campaign, running November 1-30 with a goal of raising \$3000 to close gaps in our programming budgets. If you feel moved by this performance, our mission, or the beauty and spirit of any of our dancers, please consider making a contribution at www.igg.me/at/theclickfall2023. Please note that these donations are **not** tax deductible.



The Click operates under the fiscal umbrella of "Bodies Moving," a fiscally-sponsored project of the Boston Dance Alliance, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. **Tax deductible donations of any amount can be made via our BDA Donor Portal, accessible through the QR code above.** To learn more about how you might champion The Click and the dance ecology in the Greater Boston area, contact Kristin Wagner at kristincooperwagner@gmail.com.

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