



CAL STATE EAST BAY

THEATRE & DANCE

Wandering in the Wilderness

An Experimental Dance/Music/Theater Ceremony Exploring the In-Between

Audition

Thursday August 20th, 2020

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Online through Zoom



Wandering in the Wilderness is an experimental performance ceremony exploring the spaces in-between, when we have moved away from the things that no longer work in our lives, but we don't yet know what is next. You don't have to prepare anything for the audition, just bring your whole self, ready to participate in an evening of creative exploration. Students, alumni, community members, faculty, staff, and professional artists are invited to come check it out.

The project will investigate the nature of uncertainty, groundlessness, and mystery—particularly inquiring into how to leave behind situations, attitudes, relationships, governments, homes, and habits of abuse & dysfunction. How do we create our new lives after this pandemic without carrying forward the unwholesomeness we absorbed in our past? How do we end cycles of oppression? How do we shed our suffering armor? How do we learn new ways?

The project will play with stories, practices, belief systems, and art forms from the many cultures represented in our group, as well as others we encounter along the way. We will experiment with the intersections of modern dance, new music, drumming, multi-cultural body percussion, martial arts, labyrinths, processions, rituals, and games. We will co-create a performance experience to be presented as the Department of Theatre and Dance's Faculty Dance Concert in April/May 2021, intended to take place outdoors, as a physically-distanced journey across the CSU East Bay campus.

The work will be directed/choreographed by Eric Kupers. It will be created collaboratively and performed by the CSU East Bay Inclusive Interdisciplinary Ensemble (including DanceSing Drum Company and members of Creativity Lab.) People of all sizes, shapes, ages, abilities/disabilities, cultures, ethnicities, genders, identities, art practices, and experience levels are invited to join us.

Those interested in participating should sign up for one or both of the following classes for fall semester: **DANC 360 (1 unit) or DANC 362 (2 units)**

For more info and to reserve your spot for the auditions please send an email to Eric Kupers at eric.kupers@csueastbay.edu

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