

LAVA *A Goddessy*



NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS — **LAVA's** language of feminist dance includes towering human pyramids, acrobatic wrestling, and subtle physicality. The company's new piece, developed in part at MASS MoCA, is a survival story that vaults the audience from a patriarchal present into a rainbow-colored feminist future. **LAVA** performs ***A Goddessy*** for kids and their grown-ups in MASS MoCA's Hunter Center on **Saturday, April 15, at 3pm.**

Founded in 2000 by Sarah East Johnson, LAVA is an ensemble of diverse artists combining dance, theater, and acrobatics into captivating presentations packed with social commentary. It is known for performances that mix dance and acrobatics in what the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* has deemed "satisfying, magical, human." The group develops and performs original works that utilize their athleticism and intellect, often weaving in scientific elements — such as how the human body relates to geological forms — through movement and emotion. The award-winning troupe received a Bessie Award and an OBIE Award for *Lava Love*, a production that highlights the relationships between young women.

Their newest work, *A Goddessy*, is the amalgamation of 15 years of empowering performances exploring the human body as a social landscape. Featuring ropes, nets, hoops, mats, and trapeze, the emotionally driven performance delivers entertainment and sustenance, empowering and exciting people of all ages to find their own strength.

LAVA performs *A Goddessy* on **Saturday, April 15, at 3pm**, in MASS MoCA's Hunter Center. Lickety Split, MASS MoCA's café, serves up crisp salads, hearty soups, and lip-smacking pub fare for lunch before the show. Tickets are \$5 for members, \$5 kids 6-16, \$10 advanced, \$12 day of, and free for kids 5 and under. Tickets for all events are available through the MASS MoCA box office located on Marshall Street in North Adams, open 11am to 5pm every day except Tuesdays. Tickets can also be charged by phone by calling 413.662.2111 during box office hours or purchased online at massmoca.org.

Images

High-resolution images of MASS MoCA's spring 2017 events are available through this link: bit.ly/MMWinterSpring2017.

About MASS MoCA

MASS MoCA is one of the world's liveliest (and largest) centers for making, displaying, and enjoying today's most important art, music, dance, theater, film, and video. MASS MoCA will nearly double its gallery space in spring 2017, with artist partnerships that include Laurie Anderson, the Louise Bourgeois Trust, Jenny Holzer, the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, and James Turrell.

Gallery admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for veterans and seniors, \$12 for students, \$8 for children 6 to 16, and free for children 5 and under through May 21, 2017. Members are admitted free year-round. The Hall Art Foundation's Anselm Kiefer exhibition is seasonal and reopens on April 15. For additional information, call 413.662.2111 x1 or visit massmoca.org.

Hours

11am to 5pm, closed Tuesdays
(Open Tuesday, April 18)