



A contemporary artist residency, dance and performance center,
for Martha's Vineyard and beyond
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Lucky Plush Productions in Residence at The Yard

Presenting *Rink Life* at the Patricia N. Nanon Theater

June 11 & 12, 2022 | 7 pm

[June 7, 2022] — (Chilmark, Massachusetts) Lucky Plush Productions makes their long-awaited return to The Yard's stage with *Rink Life* on June 11th & 12th. *Rink Life* explores the visual aesthetics and social dynamics of 1970's roller rink culture, integrating dance, theater, and a full-throated, live-sung soundtrack.

Rink Life is sure to delight. It is applauded for its “**whip-smart comedic timing**” and described as a “**fun-filled, nifty nod at skate culture...complete with colorful tweeds and polyester galore**” by the ChicagoTribune.

The Chicago Reader notes that *Rink Life* is “**supremely charming...producing moments of unison, balance, and coordination that arise like miracles from disorder.**”

Rink Life's staging and choreography are built from the rink's spatial rules and social codes, and its script-turned-libretto—created from passing conversations, distant whispers, pop-song earworms, and found scripts—is entirely spoken and sung live. As the ensemble sings full-throatedly to score their experiences, they demonstrate through effort, risk, beauty, and failure that they—and we—are utterly dependent on one another

Lucky Plush Productions is an ensemble dance-theater company based in Chicago, led by founder and Artistic Director Julia Rhoads. The company is committed to provoking and supporting an immediacy of presence—a palpable live-ness—shared by performers in real-time with audiences. A unique hybrid of high-level dance and theater, Lucky Plush's work is recognized for its layered choreography, nuanced dialogue, surprising humor, and socially relevant content.

Lucky Plush will lead a workshop at The Yard on June 15th at 10 am. This workshop explores the ensemble-based creative methods behind Lucky Plush's nationally acclaimed dance-theater work. Participants will be led through a collaborative devising process in which they turn actions, movements, and stories into short group compositions.

Lucky Plush will also co-host The Yard's Pride Dance Party—a family-friendly event, featuring 70s music with fun activities and a sing-along! The Pride Dance Party is taking place in partnership with Nomans, June 16th, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, at Nomans, 15 Island Inn Road Oak Bluffs, MA.

For more information about Lucky Plush Productions' residency at The Yard please visit dancetheyard.org/lucky-plush-productions

Event Information:

Lucky Plush Productions

In Residence June 9-20

Performances, June 11 & 12 at 7 pm | Patricia N. Nanon Theater, 1 The Yard, Chilmark, MA

Tickets: (Patricia N. Nanon Theater)

\$30 Adult

\$25 Senior 65+/Military

\$10 Youth under 18

*Yard Access \$10 price is available. [Please use this application form.](#)

Workshop, June 15th at 10 am | Open Air Studio, 1 The Yard, Chilmark, MA

\$20 / person

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Pride Dance Party, June 16th, 5:30-8:30 pm | Nomans, 15 Island Inn Road Oak Bluffs, MA.

*note: we ask that attendees read our [Covid-19 policy](#) for performances and classes ahead of attending.

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The Yard is a creation and performance platform for artists from around the globe, and we offer exhilarating, wide-ranging, and educational arts experiences through performances, residencies, and community activities. We present performances by international, national, and local artists; provide paid residencies for artists; offer inter-generational engagement programs and classes for our island community; and bring dance and creativity-centered education programs into schools. Our community programs run year-round and can be found on The Yard's campus and in partner locations across the island of Martha's Vineyard. Please visit www.dancetheyard.org for more information.

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