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for Martha's Vineyard and beyond
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Danza Orgánica and Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Members continue collaboration with Yard Residency

With Studio Showings at The Yard's Open Air Studio
July 23, 2021

[July 15, 2021] — (Chilmark, Massachusetts) Boston's Danza Orgánica returns to The Yard for a two-week residency in collaboration with Aquinnah Wampanoag tribal members from July 13 - July 26. The engagement closes with two studio showings of their in-process performance *âs nupumukâunean (We Still Dance)*, held at The Yard's Open Air Studio in Chilmark.

Danza Orgánica is a dance theater company that creates antiracist, anti-patriarchal, and decolonizing work. Through high-quality performance, education (Dance for Social Justice™), and the annual festival *We Create*, they work with-and-for communities interested in embodying a liberated future. They honor the right to express our BIPOC experience, joyfully reimagine ourselves in liberated BIPOC bodies, and leave a legacy that sheds light upon an untold side of history.

Danza Orgánica first connected with members of the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe during their 2018 residency at The Yard. Since then, the two groups have been collaborating to create *âs nupumukâunean (We Still Dance)*, which highlights traditional and contemporary stories of the Aquinnah Wampanoag People through dance, song, installation, and storytelling.

"I am mostly excited to get creative again in a wonderful location with some amazing and inspiring collaborators," Mar Parrilla, Founding Artistic Director, says. *"I am looking forward to being at The Yard, Aquinnah, and creating in my element: nature."*

In addition, the collaborators behind *âs nupumukâunean (We Still Dance)* perform as part of the Annual Aquinnah Native Artisans Market on Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 11 - 4pm. This event features contemporary and traditional indigenous art, tribal drumming, food, fun for all ages, and more. The Artisans Market takes place at the Aquinnah circle on the cliffs with free parking available. No advance registration required.

On Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:30pm, Mar Parilla opens the seventh season of the Lassalle Dance Program at the Woods Hole Library. Parilla will speak about Danza Orgánica's approach to choreographic work, their multi-year collaboration with members of the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe, and share video footage of the company. The event will take place in the Library's Courtyard unless inclement weather necessitates it

moving indoors. Pre-registration required by calling 508-548-8961 or emailing whpl_mail@clamsnet.org. More information is available [here](#).

“It is an honor to hold space for the vital work of Danza Orgánica and their collaboration with Aquinnah Wampanoag tribal members,” says Yard Executive Director Chloe Jones. *“This interdisciplinary, intergenerational group is positively radiant and wholeheartedly present in their creative process.”*

To purchase tickets to the studio showing and learn more about the company, visit dancetheyard.org.

Performance Information:

Danza Orgánica and Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Members âs nupumukâunean (We Still Dance)

Friday, July 23, 2021 at 6:00pm & 8:00pm

Location: The Yard's Open Air Studio
1 The Yard, Chilmark, MA 02535

Tickets: \$30 Adult / \$25 Senior(65+)/Military / \$5 Youth Under 18

A new program, Yard Access, offers \$10 tickets to anyone for whom The Yard's normal ticket prices are prohibitively expensive due to economic hardship. Applications to the program and more information can be found [here](#).

*Note: this performance takes place inside of our Open Air studio. Seating is provided, and **masks are required**.*

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