



3D Film Installation and Dance Performance at Union Square

This Memorial Day weekend, come check out *Bitter Melon*, a free 3D film installation and dance performance at Union Square and participate in a unique talk with the Artistic Director, videographer and dancers including Princeton alum, Katerina Wong '10!



This Memorial Day weekend, Raissa Simpson's Push Dance Company will be presenting the world premiere of *Bitter Melon* at the historic Dewey Monument in Union Square, downtown San Francisco. Push Dance has paired up with British video artist, Ben Wood to create a unique 3D dance installation throughout the square's central plaza with large scale projection onto the monument itself, intermingling performers and public in an intimate space.

Inspired by the cultural histories of San Francisco's African American and Filipino communities, this performance will strive to crack open questions to the contradictions of life: national and cultural identity, natural disaster and war and the power of loss and redemption. Drawing directly from images and historical sources of the Philippine-American War and the 1927 Mississippi River floods, see how Raissa Simpson, Ben Wood and the dancers interpret the parallels of cultural histories and tragedies of African Americans and the native people of the Philippines, particularly through their relationship to water- a source of natural disaster, suffering and rebirth.

Sunday, May 27th's performance will offer a unique opportunity to speak with the creative team and dancers after the show. Ask them about their artistic vision, inspiration, the rehearsal process or technical challenges while working on *Bitter Melon*. Feel free to give feedback or impressions of the piece to create an environment of inquiry and interpretation. Learn more about the company or the dance scene in San Francisco. Or just stop by to support your fellow Princeton alumna.

The free performances will be given Friday, May 25 - Monday, May 28th at 8pm or at sundown and will last about 30 minutes. Union Square Park is bordered by Geary, Powell, Post and Stockton Streets in San Francisco. For more information about *Bitter Melon*, visit www.pushdance.org or www.deweylive.net.