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“AGORA II”

The site-specific choreographer Noémie LaFrance returns to the vast, empty pool in Greenpoint’s McCarren Park. This time, to fill the massive space, LaFrance’s troupe teams with dancers from Streb, the Young Dance Collective, Celeste Hastings and the Butoh Rockettes, and many others, and select audience participants, who perform unison moves they’ve learned in advance on the Web site. Bora Yoon directs the live music as dancers swarm the pool and the featured characters—including an astronaut, a waitress, a butcher, and a roller skater—emerge. Meanwhile, a beat-boxer flies by on a bicycle, a stuntwoman breaks boards, a bunch of movers carry furniture, and people dash in with buckets of water, filling an inflatable pool. (Lorimer St. at Driggs St., Brooklyn. 718-388-6309. Sept. 13-16 at 8. Through Sept. 30.)