

The Museum of Modern Art

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PLEASE NOTE SUMMERGARDEN PERFORMANCE OF WEEKEND OF SEPT. 21 WILL BE ON FRI. & SUN. INSTEAD OF SAT.

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ELAINE SUMMERS DANCE AND FILM CO. AT SUMMERGARDEN

The Elaine Summers Dance and Film Co. will perform in the Sculpture Garden of The Museum of Modern Art for the Summergarten program on Friday and Sunday, September 21 and 23, from 6 to 9 pm.

Visitors to Summergarten are invited to wander throughout the garden among the dancers, musicians (playing everything from flutes to pottery), projected films, trees, fountains, and sculptures. Leaflets written for the occasion entitled "Ear Experiences Fountain Volume" and "Metal Meditations" will be distributed to the public, and bells and gongs will be offered to invite audience participation.

The piece to be performed entitled Energy Changes has been adapted especially for The Museum of Modern Art's spacious garden. An earlier version of the work was performed in London for the Contemporary Ballet Trust Fund Ltd. Choreographer Elaine Summers describes the piece as being "based on the dancers' responsiveness to their inner life force" and says that "the choreographic structure exists as a map for the dancers and the audience to travel together."

The Elaine Summers Intermedia Foundation is supported by grants from the New York State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Summergarten is Mobil Foundation's gift to New York. It enables The Museum of Modern Art to open its Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden without charge on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from 6 to 11 pm, through September 30. Access to the garden is through the gates at 8 W. 54 Street.

The following week's performer will be Naid Sofian, a Middle-Eastern dancer, who will present the final entertainment in this year's Summergarten program.

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