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## **Third Rail Projects Premieres**

### **OASIS**

#### **Free performances offered April 1 - 12 at Brookfield Place**

**Arts Brookfield** and **Third Rail Projects** (creators of the seminal immersive hit *THEN SHE FELL*, now in its 7th year of performances) have collaborated for over 10 years, creating and presenting 10 site-specific pop-up performances. As part of its 30th Anniversary programming, Arts Brookfield has now commissioned Third Rail Projects' newest site-specific pop-up, **OASIS**, for the Winter Garden at Brookfield Place -- the shopping, dining and office complex on the Hudson River in Lower Manhattan. Free performances will be offered during from April 1 – 12.

Set in the 1980s, when the building first opened, four over-worked dreamers take their daily lunch breaks inside the Winter Garden. Longing for relief from the daily grind, they find themselves unexpectedly swept into a mirage that appears on the staircase, providing them a respite from the fast-paced pressures of the work day. As the story unfolds over ten episodes, these strangers find themselves uniting in unexpected ways, chasing the promise of escape only to discover that they wield the power themselves to create their own sanctuary.

Over the course of ten daily episodes, characters meet through quirky interactions, busting out 80s dance moves as they cascade and tumble across the steps of the palm-tree-lined Winter Garden at Brookfield Place and into a pop-up tropical installation. After a two-week series of lunchtime vignettes, a culminating performance will occur on the evening on Friday, April 12 that combines all of the previous episodes.

**OASIS** is conceived, directed and choreographed by Jennine Willett, in collaboration with performers Julia Kelly, Madison Krekel, Edward Rice, Jessy Smith, and Ryan Wuestewald. Third Rail Projects Co-Artistic Directors are Tom Pearson, Zach Morris, and Jennine Willett.

Hailed as one of the foremost companies creating site-specific, immersive and experiential dance and theater, **Third Rail Projects**, led by Artistic Directors Zach Morris, Tom Pearson, and Jennine Willett, is dedicated to re-envisioning ways in which audiences engage with contemporary performance. They have made work in New York, nationally, and abroad since 2000 with projects including *GHOST LIGHT* at Lincoln Center, the Off-Broadway hit *THE GRAND PARADISE*, *SWEET & LUCKY* with Denver Center for the Performing Arts, and Chicago's *LEARNING CURVE* with Albany Park Theater Project. Third Rail Projects has been the recipient of several prestigious awards, including New York Dance and Performance (Bessie) Awards for *Then She Fell* (2013) and

Vanishing Point (2008). Third Rail's artistic directors were named among the 100 most influential people in Brooklyn culture by Brooklyn Magazine. For more info, visit [thirdrailprojects.com](http://thirdrailprojects.com).

**Arts Brookfield** presents exciting, world-class cultural experiences to hundreds of thousands of people for free each year in both indoor and outdoor public spaces at Brookfield's premier office properties in New York, Los Angeles, Denver, Houston, Washington, D.C., London, Toronto, Perth and Sydney. From concerts, theater and dance to film screenings and art exhibitions, Arts Brookfield has brought public spaces to life through art for the past 30 years.

**Brookfield Place (BFPL) New York** is one of Brookfield's most iconic Place Making destinations that brings together modern office space, cultural experiences, curated dining and world-class shopping. One of New York City's most dynamic districts, Brookfield Place is a step away from the everyday and in step with the latest in global and local culture. The 14-acre, 5-building complex on the Hudson River in Lower Manhattan is home to some of the world's most innovative companies and one of New York's most celebrated experiential, culinary and shopping destinations. Brookfield animates its grand indoor and outdoor public spaces year-round through a mix of culture and events, bringing together a diverse array of New Yorkers and visitors. From waterfront cafes along the North Cove Marina to palm trees inside the famed Winter Garden, art installations to live music, Brookfield Place New York is a setting for discovery and inspiration, savoring and indulging, relaxing and socializing.

**OASIS** runs Monday, April 1 – Friday, April 5 at 12 – 12:10PM & 1 – 1:10PM and Monday, April 8 – Friday, April 12: 12 – 12:10PM & 1 – 1:10PM. The final full-length performance run Friday, April 12 at 7:30 PM. All performances are free and open to the public, no advance reservations are needed. Brookfield Place is located at 230 Vesey Street in Lower Manhattan. For more information visit <https://bfplny.com/stories/oasis>.

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