

# thINKingDANCE

Upping the ante on dance coverage and conversation



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## SoLow Fest: RAINDANCE

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[SoLow Fest](#) is a do-it-yourself festival in June that focuses on “solo performance that is low-maintenance and low-stress.” Now in its seventh year, it has become an opportunity for independent and emerging theatre, music, and dance artists to present work in varying stages of development, from half-baked to fully produced. In the spirit of low-maintenance, many performances take place outside or in artists’ homes, and all claim a pay-what-you-can ticketing policy.

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I feel the breeze

and wonder if it moves you.

I hear your sneakers scrape the concrete

and wonder if it hurts you.

I see the clouds

and wonder if you conjure them.

You are so small against this empty space.

But you spiral

I spiral.

You swing

I swing.

They sit in the mini amphitheater, finally here's your audience.

You don't squirm when a jokester joins you. He embarrasses quickly and leaves.

His friends are more interested in you.

Have you changed your dynamic,

your focus, now that they are

**closer**

to you?

There is quiet, but rumbling,

cars and leaves,

not yet thunder.

Your job is not over until it rains.

I am thirsty.

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Sean Thomas Boyt, *RAINDANCE*, Old Pine Community Center, June 19

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