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railroad stories

Interdisciplinary dance and video by
Tara Rynders + Joan Farley Academy Teens

Denver, CO-October 5, 2011: Creative Resident **Tara Rynders** is an interdisciplinary dance and video artist who layers performance with visual art, remixed sound scores, spoken text, video, projection, site- specific performance and film. During her seven-week residency at PlatteForum she created a body of work inspired by the location, image, and sounds of PlatteForum's studio overlooking the railroad while collaborating alongside the teens from the **Joan Farley Academy**.

In **railroad stories**, the viewer stands trans-fixed, surrounded by swirling layers of movement, sound, image...and stories. The railroad becomes a symbol for the transient aspects of life, fleeting fragments from the past, constantly speeding towards the future. New endings and new beginnings are suggested, with shifting perspectives and movement being the constant. **railroad stories** juxtaposes video projections with live performance, music and spoken word "popping" throughout the space during the performance.

During the residency, Tara worked intensely with teens from The Joan Farley Academy, moving alongside and encouraging them to express their own stories through dance, video and music. Her hope was to let them know that they have the ability to move in and around their past and present, and have the ability to create their own endings and new beginnings. The work of the teens is incorporated in the exhibition and performance, adding a rich, candid dimension to the exhibition.

OPENING RECEPTION + PERFORMANCE: Thursday, October 20, 2011, 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Performances: 6:15 pm – 7pm

EXHIBITION: continues through October 28, 2011

Tuesday-Saturday, noon - 4:00 pm or by appointment, 303.893.0791

Free and open to the public

About the Artist

Tara Rynders has a MFA Dance with emphasis in Performance and choreography, Dance for Camera and Somatics, University of Colorado, Boulder, a BSN in nursing, a BFA in Spanish with a minor in Nutrition. In **railroad stories** she actively layers video, dance, and live performance creating changing perspectives for the viewer to experience the performance.

About The Joan Farley Academy at the Third Way Center

Third Way Center is a residential treatment and education for troubled teens and families, offering quality foster care placement and community outreach since 1970. The late Joan Farley, one of the first social workers at Third Way Center, was instrumental in forming the first Third Way Center School. The Joan Farley Academy (JFA) is housed at the KW Brill Center and is a hub of activity. School programs provide small classrooms, masters level, certified special education teachers, core courses, elective courses, service learning opportunities, athletic programs and community events. Every year more than 40 youth graduate with high school diplomas from state-approved educational programs.

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Location

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