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## *Celestial Moonbeams Funk* **Sundays, November 4 and 11, 2007**

### **Featuring**

**What: P. Nicholson's Celestial Moonbeams Funk Group**  
Dance: Patricia Nicholson, Miriam Parker, Julia Wilkins, Jason Jordan  
Capoeira: Solomon Nadaf + JonMichael Leccia  
Sax & Voice: Sabir Mateen – Sax: Rob Brown  
Trpt + Voice: Roy Campbell & Lewis Barnes  
Violin: Jason Kao Hwang, Bass: William Parker (11/4) then Todd Nicholson (11/11)  
Drums: Jackson Krall (11/4) then Gerald Cleaver (11/11)

Dates: Sundays, November 4 and 11

Times: 8pm

Place: The Living Theatre  
21 Clinton Street, New York City  
Between Houston and Stanton at Ave B  
212-792-8050

Cost: \$15

Full Info: [www.visionfestival.org](http://www.visionfestival.org) [www.livingtheatre.org](http://www.livingtheatre.org)

New York, NY- Choreographer / Improvisor and songwriter Patricia Nicholson will present two evenings featuring her latest creative endeavor, the Celestial Moonbeams Funk Group. Full of surprises, Ms Nicholson has started her own avantFunk group, featuring some of the top musicians on the avantJazz scene.interacting with classically trained dancers and capoeiristas. It redefines what it means to be modern.

The group has already proved its worth at its premier performance as the official closer for this year's HOWL festival on the South Stage at Tompkins Square Park. If you were in attendance that day, we are sure that your appetite was merely whetted by this brief appearance. If you were not present that day, there's even more reason to come check out the group.

The idea for this group came out of Ms. Nicholson's other recent undertaking, Rise Up Creative Music and Art. The songs, their lyrics and rhythms; and the dancers' movements express the ideas and sentiments of this new movement in the arts. So Check It Out! More info about Rise Up can be found at [www.visionfestival.org](http://www.visionfestival.org).

**A note on the dancers:**

**Jason Jordan** lead dancer with Ballet Tech + Montreal Ballet etc

**Miriam Parker** dancer/performance artist Amanda Miller's Pretty Ugly etc

**Julia Wilkins** dancer/actress Donald Byrd's Spectrum + Gus Solomons jr et al

**Patricia Nicholson** choreographer/improvisor/song writer etc. has stood alone doing her own creative work bringing together different mediums and styles to create work that puts the intuitive at the forefront. Her work is eclectic and complex in the detailing of her compositions. However, she considers this work to be her populist piece, written to reach out and bring people together.