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**Neo-Pagan Maypole Performance:
Maria Kozak and Damaris Drummond**

Saturday, May 1st, 5pm
Petrosino Square (Lafayette between Kenmare and Spring)
New York, NY 10012

NEW YORK - On May 1st, artists **Maria Kozak, Damaris Drummond** and a diverse ensemble of artists and performers will hold a Maypole Performance in Petrosino Square. A pagan ode to fertility and the rites of spring, the Maypole dance dates back centuries. This performance re-envisioning an ancient tradition within a contemporary urban context. Evoking the archetypal myth, the performers will dress in sheer, pagan dresses designed by Carolyne Cass. The ritualistic dance becomes a live sculpture as the performers dance with ribbons, wrapping and unraveling the maypole. Accompanied by violinist Emily Adams, Mass Transit a cappella singers and the Gypsy Kittens featuring Syrie Moskowitz and Jacqui Becker, the performance will begin at 5pm.

Sponsored by **RH Gallery, Vita Coco, and Eskayel**, the performers are Maria Kozak, Damaris Drummond, Jessy Brodsky, Carolyne Cass, Julia Colevita, Hillary Foxweldon, Simone Frazier, Evy Gonzalas, Rebecca Heidenberg, Tracey Langfitt, Caitlin MacQueen, Panni Malek, and Jeanine Rogers.

Damaris Drummond is a performance artist who navigates love, fantasy and mysticism. She has performed at Red Rocks Amphitheater, The Denver Art Museum, The Brucennial 2009/10 and Dactyl Foundation. Her work translates personal experience into whimsical live happenings and video. Music, spoken word, projection and death-defying acts are common elements of her performances.

Maria Kozak is a painter living between Brooklyn and the East End. Recent exhibitions include Lost Horse Gallery in Reykjavik, Iceland and FoCi at Miami Art Basel. She is one of the founders of Foolsgold Arts, a collective that produces exhibitions in support of nature conservancy. Her work is figurative with a satirical nuance that explores the human condition.

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