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[Daze of love at Dixon Place](#)

With the hectic spring dance and performance season, I'm able to only dip into the [X-YU Festival](#), a co-presentation of **WaxFactory**, **Dixon Place** and **Dance New Amsterdam**. Curated by WaxFactory's **Ivan Talijancic**, the festival showcases new performance works by artists of the former Yugoslav republics. Shows are running, in a rather packed schedule, through June 3 at Dixon Place. Each show will set you back only about an hour.

[Schedule and other details](#)

Just a few words, then, on *Ways of Love*, a multimedia presentation created and performed by Slovenia's **Maja Delak** and **Luka Prinčič**. From a few things I've seen at Dixon Place in recent months, I'd say DP is already ground zero for edgy, festishistic eroticism in contemporary performance. At first, this pair spent a lot of time going there, and that was about as remarkable as the academic word salad in their poster-sized brochure, which I hope was meant to be a goof. It was also goofy to watch lots and lots of donning and doffing of clothes to no apparent point--except, perhaps, to suggest a kind of time-lapse passage in which many things have happened that we cannot see. There are hints, throughout, of human vulnerability; as it turns out, the vignettes of love are not all a total yawn. The completely brilliant selection, interpretation and manhandling of standards and pop songs earn respect, and Delak proves to be an absorbing performer with dramatic range, stamina and grit. *Ways of Love* is intense, saturated, obnoxious and, literally, hard to get rid of. It outstays its welcome. So, when it gets too clingy, just do what the opening night audience did and applaud it away.

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