

## *Picaza*- Synopsis

The Inamorata Dance Collective

*Picaza* is the story of one woman's journey to self awareness. Beginning with her birth in a bustling marketplace, she is surrounded by people who feel proud of their birthplace, people who draw their strongest identity from their homeland. She does not, and often feels like an alien in her own city. As she grows, she begins to ask herself instead, if she is solely defined by her passion and intellect. Once again, she finds herself feeling alone and incomplete. In her dreams, she encounters ethereal women who walk barefoot in the light of the full moon, and is swept away in their arms. Her dreamland offers her solace, but she cannot escape there indefinitely. The people from her city begin to show that, despite what they have displayed on the surface, they too are longing for a deeper connection and meaning. Collectively, they begin to push through the fog in search of themselves, facing doubt, anger and oppression for doing so. Having reached the tipping point, the air clears and each person holds their answer within. The woman has come face to face with herself, and now that she recognizes her own reflection, she is also genuinely seen by others. Though never complete, her journey towards self awareness and self love has opened her up to authentic connections with her environment, romances, and community.