

JACOB'S PILLOW DANCE FESTIVAL

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MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP

June 30 - July 4, 1987

MY PARTY (1984)

Music: Jean Francaix

RUTH DAVIDSON, TINA FEHLANDT, PENNY HUTCHINSON, DAVID LANDIS, JON MENSINGER, GUILLERMO RESTO, KEITH SABADO, TERI WEKSLER

DECK OF CARDS (1983)

Music: Jimmy Logsdon, George Jones, T. Texas Tyler

MARK MORRIS, DONALD MOUTON

STRICT SONGS (1987)

Music: Lou Harrison

RUTH DAVIDSON, TINA FEHLANDT, SUSAN HADLEY, PENNY HUTCHINSON, DAVID LANDIS, JON MENSINGER, DONALD MOUTON, GUILLERMO RESTO, KEITH SABADO, TERI WEKSLER

Dedicated to the memory of Liberace. Commissioned by the Seattle Men's Chorus.

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BIJOUX (1983)

Music: Eric Satie (Quatre Petites Melodies, Ludions)

TERI WEKSLER

NEW LOVE SONG WALTZES (1982)

Music: Johannes Brahms (Neue Liebeslieder Walzer, opus 65)

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MARK MORRIS was born, raised and lives in Seattle, where he studied with Verla Flowers and Perry Brunson. He has performed with the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians, Elliot Feld Ballet and Koleda Balkan Dance Ensemble. In addition to the Mark Morris Dance Group, he has set works on CoDanceCo, Jacob's Pillow Dancers, Spokane Ballet, Batsheva Dance Company, Concert Dance Company of Boston and Repertory Dance Company of Canada. In 1985 Mr. Morris created "Mort Subite" for the Boston Ballet, one of nine commissions of the National Choreography Project and received a second commission in 1986 to create "Esteemed Guests" for the Joffrey Ballet. Mr. Morris also teaches regularly at the University of Washington in Seattle. He has received choreography fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (1980-81 and 1983-84) and from the National Endowment for the Arts (1983-86). He was commissioned by the Jerome Foundation to create two new works, "New Love Song Waltzes" (1982) and the "Death of Socrates" (1983) for Dance Theater Workshop's New Works Project. Mr. Morris received a New York Dance and Performance Award (Bessie) in 1984 for choreographic achievement and is currently a Guggenheim Fellow.

THE MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP was formed in 1980 and gave its first annual New York home season concert that year at the Cunningham Studio. For four seasons the Group was produced by Dance Theater Workshop; in the "Split Stream" series in December 1981, and the "Fall Series" in November 1982, December 1983 and December 1985 and December 1985. The Company has appeared twice at the Brooklyn Academy of Music Next Wave Festival. Since 1984, the Group has toured extensively throughout the United States and Europe and was recently featured on an hour-long program on the PBS "Dance in America" series. In 1986, the Group held an intensive workshop at the University of Washington in Seattle, which it will repeat in the summer of 1987. Future plans include the continued touring and performance of new works, as well as collaborations with opera and ballet companies.

PHIL SANDSTROM, lighting designer, recipient of a 1986 New York Dance and Performance Award (Bessie), has designed original lighting for more than fifty dance companies. He has designed for the Mark Morris Dance Group since 1982 and was stage lighting designer for the Group's PBS "Dance in America" television program. He is currently Production Manager and resident lighting designer at Dance Theater Workshop.

RUTH DAVIDSON, a native New Yorker, attended the High School of Performing Arts, and went on to receive her BFA from SUNY Purchase. She has danced in the companies of Hannah Kahn, Don Redlich and the recent production of Susan Hadley's "Reunion." Ms. Davidson joined the Mark Morris Dance Group in 1980.

TINA FEHLANDT grew up in Wilmington, DE and started dancing at age 5. She has danced with Mark Morris since 1980, and has staged Mr. Morris' work on Repertory Dance Company of Canada, Concert Dance Company of Boston and the Boston Ballet. She studies ballet with Cindi Green and recently performed with David Landis in San Diego, Phoenix and New York.

SUSAN HADLEY received her M.A. in dance from Ohio State University, danced in Senta Driver's "Harry" for four years, and performed in Meredith Monk's "Quarry" at LaMaMa. She has presented collaborative works with composer Bradley Sowash in New York City since 1984 and they recently completed a video work funded by the New York State Council on the Arts.

PENNY HUTCHINSON received her early dance training from the Juilliard School as an apprentice with the First Chamber Dance Company and as a dancer with Diane Germaine & Dancers. She has taught in Seattle, Wash. Sitka Alaska and New York City. She has been a member of the Group since 1980.

DAVID LANDIS grew up in California where he received a MFA in dance from CalArts. In 1981, he toured briefly with his own company before moving to New York where he danced with CoDanceCo, Ruby Shang, Charles Moulton and Susan Marshall. He has danced with the Group since 1983 and regularly produces his own on both coasts.

JON MESINGER danced with Mark Morris in 1982 and 1983. He has also worked with Maggie Patton, Jim Self and Douglas Dunn.

DONALD MOUTON, a cajun, was born in Crowley, Louisiana. He holds a B.A. in theater from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Since moving to New York he has performed with Rudy Perez, Rosalind Newman, Jane Comfort, Susan Marshall and CoDance Co. He has worked with Mark Morris since 1980.

GUILLERMO RESTO, recipient of a 1986 New York Dance and Performance Award (Bessie), has danced with Mark Morris since 1983.

KEITH SABADO was born in Seattle where he studied at the University of Washington and performed in the works by Marian Anderson, Nelle Fisher and Todd Bolender. In New York he has danced with the companies of Pauline Koner, Hannah Kahn, Jim Self and Rosalind Newman. He has performed with the Group since 1984.

JENNIFER THIENES was raised in Seattle where she began dancing at the age of 6. She performed with European companies for 3 years and in New York has performed with Matthew Diamond, Bebe Miller and Senta Driver. She has choreographed works for CoDanceCo and One Night Stands. Ms. Thienes has danced with Mark Morris since 1980.

TERI WEKSLER was born in Baltimore. A graduate of the Juilliard School, she danced with Daniel Lewis Repertory and was a member of the Hannah Kahn Dance Company for 6 years. She frequently works with Jim Self, with whom she appeared in the Rome section of Robert Wilson's "the CIVIL wars." She also appeared in the film, "Beehive," by Jim Self and Frank Moore. She has danced with Mark Morris since 1980. Ms. Weksler recently received a New York Dance and Performance Award (Bessie).

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Phil Sandstrom designs the lighting for the Mark Morris Dance Group through the courtesy of Dance Theater Workshop - David White, Executive Director.

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