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Saturday, November 4, 2000 — 8 p.m.
Northrop Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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MARJORIE FOLKMAN SHAWN GANNON LAUREN GRANT
JOHN HEGINBOTHAM DAVID LEVENTHAL BRADON MCDONALD*
GREGORY NUBER* JUNE OMURA MIREILLE RADWAN-DANA KIM REIS*
GUILLERMO RESTO MATTHEW ROSE JULIE WORDEN MICHELLE YARD

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MARK MORRIS

General Director
BARRY ALTERMAN

Executive Director
NANCY UMANOFF

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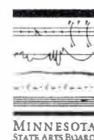
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Choreography by Mark Morris

SANG-FROID (2000)

Music: Frédéric Chopin

(Etude in a, Mazurka in a, Etude in G^b,
Mazurka in D, Berceuse in D^b, Waltz in D^b,
Nocturne in f, Prelude in A, Etude in a)

Lighting: Michael Chybowski

Costumes: Elizabeth Kurtzman

ETHAN IVERSON, piano

MARJORIE FOLKMAN, SHAWN GANNON, LAUREN GRANT,
JOHN HEGINBOTHAM, DAVID LEVENTHAL, JUNE OMURA,
MIREILLE RADWAN-DANA, MATTHEW ROSE, JULIE WORDEN

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— *pause* —

DANCING HONEYMOON (1998)

Music: "Limehouse Blues," "You Were Meant for Me," "Do Do Do,"
"Someone to Watch Over Me," "A Cup of Coffee, A Sandwich, and You,"
"Wild Thyme," "Experiment," "Dancing Honeymoon," "And Her Mother Came Too,"
"Fancy Our Meeting," "Who," "Two Little Bluebirds," "Goodnight, Vienna,"
"It's Not You," "There's Always Tomorrow"

Transcribed and arranged by Ethan Iverson from historical recordings of Gertrude Lawrence and Jack Buchanan.

Lighting: Michael Chybowski

Costumes: Elizabeth Kurtzman

EILEEN CLARK, *soprano*

SARAH ROTH, *violin*; ETHAN IVERSON, *piano*; STEFAN SCHATZ, *percussion*

CHARLTON BOYD, RUTH DAVIDSON,
SHAWN GANNON, JOHN HEGINBOTHAM, MARK MORRIS,
MIREILLE RADWAN-DANA, JULIE WORDEN

This dance was created under the auspices of the Mark Morris Dance Group New Works Fund sponsored by Philip Morris Companies Inc.

— *intermission* —

SILHOUETTES (1999)

Music: Richard Cumming (Silhouettes - Five Pieces for Piano)

Lighting: Michael Chybowski

ETHAN IVERSON, piano

DAVID LEVENTHAL, SHAWN GANNON

Silhouettes is performed by special arrangement with the composer.

— *pause* —

GRAND DUO (1993)

Music: Lou Harrison (Grand Duo for Violin & Piano)

Prelude

Stampede

A Round

Polka

Lighting: Michael Chybowski

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SARAH ROTH, violin; ETHAN IVERSON, piano

CHARLTON BOYD, SETH DAVIS, MARJORIE FOLKMAN,

LAUREN GRANT, JOHN HEGINBOTHAM,

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was Director of Dance at the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels, the national opera house of Belgium. During his tenure there, he created 12 pieces including three evening-length works: *The Hard Nut* (his comic book-inspired version of *The Nutcracker*); *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato*; and *Dido and Aeneas*, and founded the White Oak Dance Project with Mikhail Baryshnikov. Morris is noted for his musicality. He has been described as "undeviating in his devotion to music" — and for his "ability to conjure so many contradictory styles and emotions." He has worked extensively in opera as both a choreographer and a director. Most recently, he directed and choreographed a Royal Opera, Covent Garden production of Rameau's *Platée*, which premiered at the Edinburgh International Festival in 1997 and had its New York debut with The New York City Opera in April 2000 at Lincoln Center. Morris was named a Fellow of the MacArthur Foundation in 1991, and he is the subject of a biography by Joan Acocella (Farrar, Straus & Giroux).

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Mark Morris Dance Group was formed in 1980 and gave its first concert that year in New York City. In the following years, the company's touring schedule steadily expanded to include cities both in the U.S. and in Europe and, in 1986, the Dance Group made its first national television program for the PBS Dance in America series. In 1988 the Mark Morris Dance Group was invited to become the national dance company of Belgium. During its three years as resident company of the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels, the Dance Group was the subject of several television programs, including the U.K.'s South Bank Show. The company returned to the United States in 1991 as one

of the world's leading dance companies, performing across the U.S. and at major international festivals. The Dance Group has maintained and strengthened its ties to several cities around the world, most notably Berkeley, CA where, for the past several years, the Dance Group has performed twice annually at CalPerformances - including presentations of *The Hard Nut* each December from 1996-99. Audiences have also become accustomed to the Dance Group's regular and frequent appearances in Boston, MA; Fairfax, VA; London, England; and at the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in Becket, MA. The Dance Group was recently named the official dance company (2000-05) of the Virginia

Waterfront International Arts Festival. In addition to a full international touring schedule, the Dance Group has recently completed two film projects: an Emmy Award-winning collaboration with cellist Yo-Yo Ma entitled *Falling Down Stairs* using Bach's Third Suite for unaccompanied cello, and a film version of Morris's *Dido and Aeneas*. The company's British premiere performances of *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato* with the English National Opera garnered the 1997 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Dance Production.



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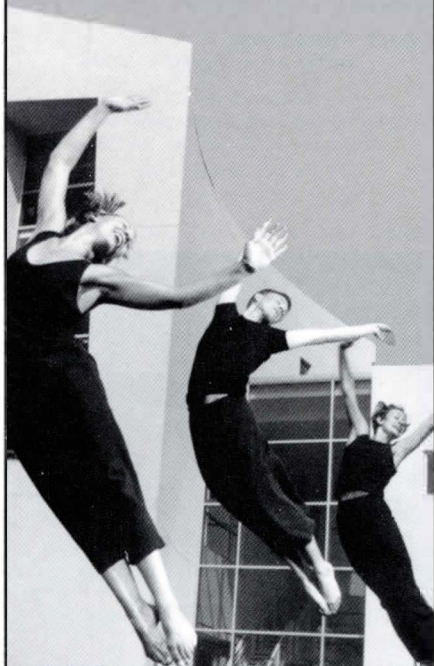
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COMPANY MEMBERS

JOE BOWIE, born in Lansing, MI, began dancing while attending Brown University. After graduating with honors in English and American Literature, he moved to New York and performed in the works of Robert Wilson, Ulysses Dove, and danced with the Paul Taylor Dance Company for two years before going to Belgium to work with Mark Morris in 1989.

CHARLTON BOYD was born in New Jersey where he studied and performed with Inner City Ensemble Theater & Dance Company. He is a graduate of the Juilliard School and has danced with the Limon Dance Company. He appears in the Jose Limon Technique Video, Volume 1. Boyd first appeared with the MMDG in 1989 and became a full-time company member in 1994.

EILEEN CLARK (soprano) has sung Queen of the Night (*The Magic Flute*) and Naiad (*Ariadne auf Naxos*) with Syracuse Opera. She has also appeared in principal roles with Concert Royal, Commonwealth Opera, and others. In concert, she has guested with Syracuse Symphony, Newark Cathedral Symphony, Adirondack Festival Orchestra and Long Island Symphonic Chorale. Clark has sung for dance companies such as the Limon Dance Company, Anita Feldman Tap, and New York Baroque Dance Co. When not touring with MMDG (with whom she sings works by Brahms, Purcell, Monteverdi and Vivaldi), she enjoys singing as soloist and chorister with Liliith and Ascension Music Inc. and creating unusual concerts with vocal quartet Kiitos. Clark has recorded on Delos, Sony, Vox, Newport Classics, RCA, and appears on the sound track of *Dead Man Walking*.

RUTH DAVIDSON, a native New Yorker, has enjoyed dancing with the MMDG since its first performance in 1980. She has studied consistently with Jocelyn Lorenz since 1979.

SETH DAVIS began dancing under the instruction of his mother, Victoria Shiflet, in Fredericksburg, VA. He attended Shenandoah Conservatory where he studied dance and photography. After receiving a full scholarship to the School of American Ballet, he moved to New York City. He has performed with bopi's black sheep, dances by Craig Patterson, and in numerous productions with the Metropolitan Opera Ballet. He can also be seen dancing in the upcoming feature film *Still a Kiss*. He has performed with the MMDG since 1998.

MARJORIE FOLKMAN began dancing for Mark Morris in 1996. She has danced with Amy Spencer and Richard Colton, Sally Hess, Neta Pulvermacher, Craig Patterson, the Repertory Understudy Group for the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, and Sara Rudner. She is a graduate of Barnard College and studies part-time at Columbia University.

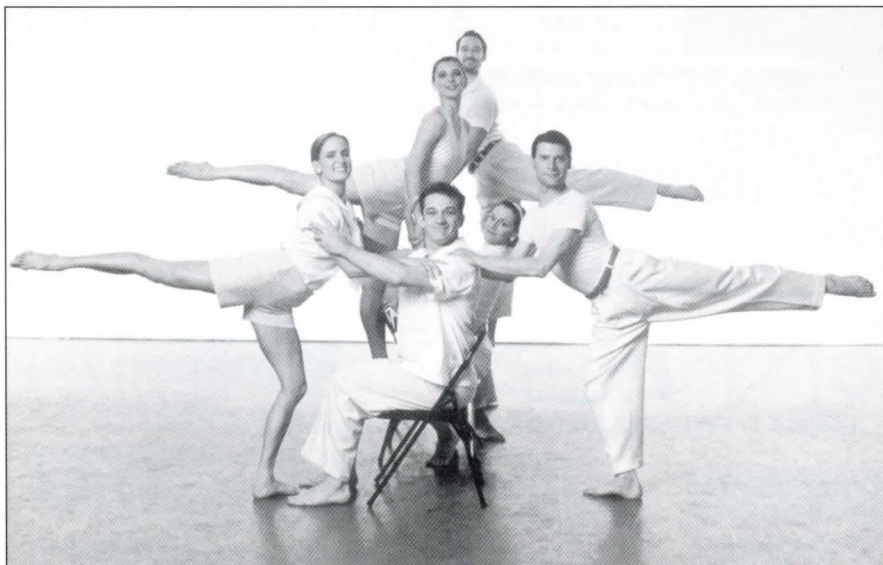
SHAWN GANNON is from Dover, NJ, where he received his early dance training with Dorothy Wescott Rosen. He joined the MMDG in 1995 after dancing with Lee Theodore's Dance Machine, Mark Dendy Dance Group, Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians, and Jane Comfort and Company.

LAUREN GRANT was born and raised in Highland Park, IL. She graduated with a B.F.A. from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts where she was awarded the Eric and Mark Myers Scholarship. Grant began working with the MMDG in 1996 and became a full-time company member in 1998.

JOHN HEGINBOTHAM grew up in Anchorage, AK. He graduated from The Juilliard School's dance division in 1993 and since then has performed with artists including John Jasperse, Ben Munisteri, and as a guest artist with Pilobolus Dance Theater. He was a member of Susan Marshall and Company from 1995-98. He joined MMDG in 1998.

ETHAN IVERSON (piano/music director) took his place at the feet of the MMDG in January 1998. A modern jazz pianist, Iverson's latest CD (*The Minor Passions*, with Reid Anderson and Billy Hart) was first on Ben Ratliff's list of the Top Ten "alternative" jazz recordings of 1999 in *The New York Times*. This year Iverson's engagements include solo, trio, and quartet performances as a leader (his Weill Hall recital debut is next February), sideman appearances with the Dave Douglas Sextet and the Mark Turner Quartet, and his concerto debut playing the Pat Zimmerli Piano Concerto with *Metamorphosen* in Boston. His piano teachers are Sophia Rosoff and Fred Hersch.

DAVID LEVENTHAL, a native of Newton, MA, began his dance training at Boston Ballet School, and continued his studies with Boston-area teachers and at Brown University, where he received a B.A. with honors in English Literature. He danced with the companies of Marcus Schulkind, Spencer/Colton, Ben Munisteri, and Zvi



Mark Morris Dance Group, *Dancing Honeymoon*

Gotheiner before joining the MMDG in January 1998.

BRADON McDONALD received his B.F.A. from the Juilliard School in 1997. After graduation he won the Princess Grace Award and joined the Limón Dance Company where, for three years, he performed such roles as "Eros" in Limón's *The Winged*, "Iago" in Limón's *The Moor's Pavane*, and the third and fifth solos in Tudor's *Dark Elegies* as well as works by Jiri Kylian, Doug Varone, Igal Perry, and Donald McKayle. McDonald has choreographed and presented his own works internationally and has served as choreographer for seven Juilliard Opera Company productions under the director Frank Corsaro. Recently he was the choreographic assistant to Donald McKayle for his new work on the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. This is McDonald's first season with the MMDG.

GREGORY NUBER has appeared with the MMDG since 1998 in productions of *The Hard Nut*; *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato*; *Platée*; and with cellist, Yo-Yo Ma, in *Rhymes With Silver*. He was delighted to join the Dance Group as an apprentice in April 2000. Nuber has also danced in New York City Opera's production of *Carmina Burana* directed and choreographed by Donald Byrd, and was a member of Pascal Rioult Dance Theatre for three years. He is a graduate of Arizona State University with degrees in Theatre and Dance.

JUNE OMURA spent her first six years in New York City and then grew up in Birmingham,

AL, appearing in local dance and theater productions from the age of eight. She returned to New York to attend Barnard College, graduating in 1986 with honors in Dance and English. She first studied with Mark Morris that summer and joined the Dance Group in 1988.

MIREILLE RADWAN-DANA joined in 1988. "The six Grandfathers have placed in this world many things, all of which should be happy. Every little thing is sent for something, and in that thing there should be happiness and the power to make happy. Like the grasses showing tender faces to each other, thus we should do, for this was the wish of the Grandfathers of the world." (Black Elk)

KIM REIS was raised in Vancouver, WA, where she competed in gymnastics for eight years before leaving the sport to pursue dance at a performing arts high school. She received her B.F.A. from the University of Utah, and is certified to teach Pilates. Reis first appeared with the Dance Group in 1998 and became an apprentice in April 2000. "Endless thanks to family, friends, and teachers for their belief and support."

GUILLERMO RESTO has danced with Mark Morris since 1983.

MATTHEW ROSE received his B.F.A. from the University of Michigan. He has appeared with the Martha Graham Dance Company, Pascal Rioult Dance Theater, and Ann Arbor Dance Works. Rose began working with the MMDG in 1997 and became a full-time company member in 1999.

SARAH ROTH (violin) is from the Boston area. She graduated with distinction in performance from the New England Conservatory of Music, where she began her early training in the Preparatory School. She is active as an orchestral musician, playing with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, and Cantata Singers. As a member of Boston's Emmanuel Music she has performed over 100 cantatas of J. S. Bach, has appeared as soloist, orchestral, and chamber musician in Emmanuel's major productions of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Brahms, and Schubert, and was the violinist in the Peter Sellars/Craig Smith production of *Weill/Bach: Mahagonny Songspiel*; *Conversations Between Fear and Death*, presented recently in Paris and Frankfurt. Her principal teacher was James Buswell, and as a Tanglewood Fellow, she coached chamber music with Joel Smirnoff, Peter Serkin, and Yo-Yo Ma.

STEFAN SCHATZ (percussion) has been working around the New York music scene for the past several years. A 1995 graduate of the prestigious New School jazz and contemporary music program, Schatz has had the pleasure of performing with some of the finest names in jazz, including Dakota Staton, Betty Carter, Milt Hinton, John Hicks, and Ray Bryant. As a member of the Glenn Miller Orchestra and an accompanist for the New York-based tap dance ensemble Manhattan Tap, Schatz has toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Central and South America, and Europe. A recent career highlight includes an engagement of the six-star rated Crystal Symphony 1998 World Cruise, where he was featured in a trio and traveled to over 30 countries.

JULIE WORDEN, from Naples, FL, is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts. She worked with Chicago choreographers Bob Eisen, Jan Erkert, and Sheldon B. Smith. She has been dancing with Mark Morris since 1994.

MICHELLE YARD was born in Brooklyn, NY. She began her professional dance training at the New York City High School of the Arts. Upon her graduation she received the Helen Tamiris and B'nai Brith awards. For three years she was also a scholarship student at The Alvin Ailey Dance Center. She attended New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where she recently graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Michelle began dancing with the Dance Group in 1997.



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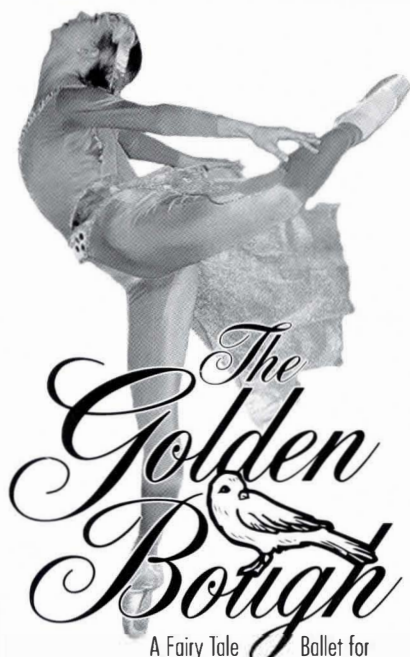
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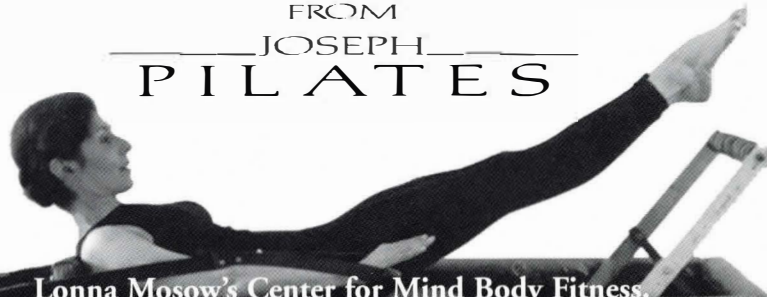
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