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Artistic Director
MARK MORRIS

General Director
BARRY ALTERMAN

Executive Director
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PROGRAM:

Canonic 3/4 Studies
The Argument
— INTERMISSION —
Foursome
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with the
MMDG Music Ensemble
Ethan Iverson, music director

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Choreography by Mark Morris

CANONIC 3/4 STUDIES

Music: Piano waltzes - various composers, arranged by Harriet Cavalli

Lighting: James F. Ingalls

ETHAN IVERSON, *piano*

MARJORIE FOLKMAN, SHAWN GANNON, LAUREN GRANT,
DAVID LEVENTHAL, BRADON McDONALD, AMBER MERKENS,
JUNE OMURA, MATTHEW ROSE, MICHELLE YARD

Premiere: July 29, 1982 –

Washington Hall Performance Gallery, Seattle, Washington

-PAUSE-

THE ARGUMENT

Music: Robert Schumann (Fünf Stücke im Volkston)

I. "Vanitas vanitatum". Mit Humor

II. Langsam

III. Nicht schnell, mit viel Ton zu spielen

IV. Nicht zu rasch

V. Stark und markiert

VI. "Vanitas vanitatum". Mit Humor

Lighting: Michael Chybowski

Costumes: Elizabeth Kurtzman

WOLFRAM KOESSEL, *cello*; ETHAN IVERSON, *piano*

JULIE WORDEN, CHARLTON BOYD,
MARJORIE FOLKMAN, JOHN HEGINBOTHAM,
MICHELLE YARD, SHAWN GANNON

Premiere: February 26, 1999 – The Wang Theatre, Boston, Massachusetts

In memory of Howard Gilman.

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FOURSOME

Music: Erik Satie (Grossiennes #1, #2, #3) and
Johann Nepomuk Hummel (Seven Hungarian Dances)

Lighting: Michael Chybowski

Costumes: Katherine McDowell

ETHAN IVERSON, *piano*

SHAWN GANNON, JOHN HEGINBOTHAM,
MARK MORRIS, GUILLERMO RESTO

Premiere: February 27, 2002 – Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, New York

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– PAUSE –

V

Music: Robert Schumann (Quintet in E flat for piano and strings, op. 44)

Allegro brillante

In modo d'una Marcia. Un poco largamente – Agitato

Scherzo molto vivace

Allegro, ma non troppo

Lighting: Michael Chybowski

Costumes: Martin Pakledinaz

LISA LEE, *violin*; JONATHAN DINKLAGE, *violin*;

JESSICA TROY, *viola*; WOLFRAM KOESSEL, *cello*;

ETHAN IVERSON, *piano*

JOE BOWIE, CHARLTON BOYD, MARJORIE FOLKMAN, LAUREN GRANT,
JOHN HEGINBOTHAM, DAVID LEVENTHAL, BRADON McDONALD,
AMBER MERKENS, GREGORY NUBER, MAILE OKAMURA, JUNE OMURA,
MATTHEW ROSE, JULIE WORDEN, MICHELLE YARD

Dedicated to the City of New York.

Premiere: October 16, 2001 – Sadler's Wells, London, England

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

MARK MORRIS was born on August 29, 1956 in Seattle, Washington, where he studied as a young man with Verla Flowers and Perry Brunson. He performed with a variety of companies in the early years of his career, including the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Hannah Kahn Dance Company, Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians, Eliot Feld Ballet, and the Koleda Balkan Dance Ensemble. He formed the Mark Morris Dance Group (MMDG) in 1980, and has since created over 100 works for the Dance Group, and over a dozen commissions for ballet companies, including San Francisco Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet, and American Ballet Theatre. From 1988-1991 he 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. Mr. 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. He directed and choreographed a Royal Opera, Covent Garden production of Rameau's *Platée* that 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. Most recently, he directed and choreographed the June 2000 English National Opera production of *Four Saints in Three Acts*. Mr. 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).

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 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 - 2000. Audiences have also become accustomed to the Dance Group's regular and frequent appearances in Boston, MA; Seattle, WA; Fairfax, VA; London, England; and at the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in Becket, MA. The Dance Group was named the official dance company (2000 - 2005) of the Virginia Arts Festival. In addition to a full international touring schedule, the Dance Group has completed three film projects: an Emmy Award-winning collaboration with cellist Yo-Yo Ma entitled *Falling Down Stairs* using Bach's Third Suite for unaccompanied cello, a film version of Mr. Morris' *Dido and Aeneas* and a video of *The Hard Nut*. In fall 2000, MMDG was the subject of a second documentary for London's South Bank Show. In 1997 the Dance Group won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Dance Production for their British premiere performances of *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato* with English National Opera. The Mark Morris Dance Group celebrated its 20th anniversary with a three-week season at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in March 2001. In fall 2001, MMDG opened the Mark Morris Dance Center in Brooklyn, New York. This 30,000 square-foot facility features three studios, and is the company's first permanent headquarters in the U.S.

JOE BOWIE, born in Lansing, Michigan, 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, and other music videos. He first appeared with the Mark Morris Dance Group in 1989 and became a company member in 1994.

JONATHAN DINKLAGE (violin) received his degree in classical performance from the Mason Gross School of the Arts. He has played on Broadway in *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Lion King*, and *Footloose*. Jonathan maintains an active studio career in New York and has recorded and performed with artists such as Michael Jackson, David Bowie, Ricky Martin, Barry White, Whitney Houston, The Black Crowes, Ray Charles, and many more. He is a featured soloist in numerous radio and television commercials. Jonathan is an active leader and founder of the electric jazz quintet One More Once. He lives in New York City.

MARJORIE FOLKMAN graduated summa cum laude from Barnard College. She has danced for Amy Spencer and Richard Colton, Sally Hess, Neta Pulvermacher, Kraig Patterson, the Repertory Understudy Group for the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, and Sara Rudner. She began dancing with Mark Morris in 1996.

SHAWN GANNON is from Dover, New Jersey, where he received his early dance training with Dorothy Wescott Rosen. He joined the Mark Morris Dance Group 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 in Highland Park, Illinois, and began dancing at age three. She continued training, primarily in classical ballet, through high school. At New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, Lauren received her modern dance training and graduated with a BFA. Lauren joined MMDG in 1998.

JOHN HEGINBOTHAM grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. 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 1995-1998. He joined MMDG in 1998.

ETHAN IVERSON (piano/music director) took his place at the feet of the Mark Morris Dance Group in January 1998. A modern jazz pianist, Iverson's recordings for the Fresh Sound label include *Construction Zone (Originals)*, *Deconstruction Zone (Standards)*, *The Minor Passions*, *Live at Smalls*, and most recently *The Bad Plus*. He has been the subject of major profiles in *The New York Times*, *Downbeat*, and *Britain's Jazz Review*. The cooperative trio "The Bad Plus" includes bassist Reid Anderson and drummer David King and has been lavished with critical acclaim for both their live concerts and their debut recording, which was placed on Top Ten Records of 2001 lists in *The New York Times*, the *Chicago Reader*, and on VIII.com. "The Bad Plus" played in NYC in May at the Knitting Factory and will play in June at the Village Vanguard. Iverson often plays in the groups led by saxophonist Mark Turner and guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel, and he also performs unusual concerts of solo piano. His teachers are Fred Hersch and Sophia Rosoff.

WOLFRAM KOESSEL (cello) made his critically acclaimed debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in 1994, since then he has performed as soloist and chamber musician in concert halls throughout the world. Strings Magazine wrote: "Mr. Koessel, in a very promising debut, played a substantial program with great seriousness, using his excellent technical means only for the music, not for effect or show." Based in New York City, Mr. Koessel appears with a wide range of ensembles and chamber music groups, most notably the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and The Jupiter Symphony. As a soloist, Mr. Koessel has performed the standard as well as unusual cello concerto repertoire with the Jupiter Symphony, the New York Metamorphoses Orchestra, which he co-founded in 1994, the Mannes Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestras of Cordoba, Mendoza, Costa Rica and Stuttgart. Multifaceted as a chamber musician, Mr. Koessel is on the faculty of the New York Youth Symphony Chamber Music Program and is the music director of "Sundays on the Island" (a chamber music series on New York's City Island). He served until recently as cellist with the award-winning Meridian String Quartet. His performance of Tchaikovsky's "Rococo Variations" was featured on WQXR's "Young Artists Showcase". Upon completion of his master's degree at the Mannes College of Music, he was the recipient of the George and Elizabeth Gregory Award for Excellence in Performance. He has played for the Mark Morris Dance Group since the new millennium.

LISA LEE (violin) made her debut with the San Francisco Symphony at the age of 16 and has received numerous honors and awards, including first place in the Seventeen Magazine/General Motors National Concerto Competition, first prize in the Pacific Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition, first prize in the National Hennessy Cognac Scholarship Awards, a Fulbright Foundation Award, and most recently, first prize in the International Sheffield Violin Competition. Ms. Lee has been invited to such distinguished chamber music festivals as Marlboro Music Festival, Ravinia Festival, Caramoor Rising Stars/Virtuosi Festival, and the Prussia Cove Chamber Music Sessions Festival. Performances have taken her throughout Europe, Croatia, Japan, China, and the US. Ms. Lee began her musical training at the age of five in San Francisco. She received her bachelor of music from the Curtis Institute of Music where she studied with Arnold Steinhardt. Other mentors include Donald Weilerstein, David Takeno, Zaven Melikian, and Joey Corpus. She currently resides in New York City.

DAVID LEVENTHAL, a native of Newton, Massachusetts, 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 Gotheiner before joining the Mark Morris Dance Group in January of 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 3 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. Bradon 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 Bradon was the choreographic assistant to Donald McKayle for his new work on the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Bradon joined Mark Morris Dance Group in April 2000.

AMBER MERKENS was raised in Newport, Oregon. She received her BFA from The Juilliard School in 1999 and was a member of the Limón Dance Company from 1999 – 2001. Her own choreography has been presented in such New York City venues as The Juilliard Theater, Alice Tully Hall, Joyce SoHo, St. Mark's Church, and the Clark Studio Theater. She is a recipient of the 2001 Princess Grace Award. She joined the Mark Morris Dance Group in August 2001.

GREGORY NUBER began working with MMDG in 1998 and became a company member in 2001. He was a member of Pascal Rioult Dance Theatre for three years, has appeared as a guest artist with New York City Opera, Cleveland Opera and Tennessee Repertory Theatre, and has worked with numerous New York based choreographers. Gregory is a graduate of Arizona State University where he studied acting and dance.

MAILE OKAMURA was born and raised in San Diego, CA. She was a member of Boston Ballet II and Ballet Arizona before moving to New York in 1996. Since then she has had the pleasure of dancing with Neta Pulvermcher, Zvi Gotheiner, Gerald Casel, and many others. Maile began working with MMDG in 1998 and became a company member in 2001.

JUNE OMURA spent her first six years in New York City and then grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, 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 happily joined the Dance Group in 1988.

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. Matthew began working with the Mark Morris Dance Group in 1997 and became a company member in 1999.

BRYNN TAYLOR raised in San Diego, CA, graduated from UC Berkeley with a double major in molecular biology and dance. As a member of the Bay Area Repertory Dance Company she performed in works by Marni and David Wood, Martha Graham and Joe Goode. In New York Brynn danced with Lori Belilove & Co. before joining the Mark Morris Dance Group in 2002.

JESSICA TROY (viola), a native New Yorker, holds degrees from Amherst College, the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and the Musikhochschule in Luebeck, Germany, where her major teachers were Philipp Naegele, Caroline Levine, and Barbara Westphal. She is a member of the Brooklyn Philharmonic and plays regularly with the Jupiter Symphony. Her chamber music activities have included performances with Sequitor and the Eberli Ensemble, as well as with the Acacia, Maia, and Meridian String Quartets in venues ranging from The Knitting Factory, to the Saratoga Music Festival, and the Violin Society of American Conference, where she also served as a judge in the instrument competition. She has been a participant at many chamber music festivals, including Marlboro and Prussia Cove. She has had the opportunity to work with many composers on their own works, including Roger Reynolds, Jacob Druckman, Oliver Knussen and Gregory Kurtag.

JULIE WORDEN, from Naples, Florida, 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, N.Y. She began her professional dance training at the New York City High School of the Performing 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 graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Michelle began dancing with the Dance Group in 1997.

MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP STAFF

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