

INTERNATIONAL DANCE
FESTIVAL IRELAND

DANCE

4-23 MAY 2004

MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP (USA)

8pm Tue 4 / Wed 5 May



'THE MARK MORRIS EXPERIENCE IS LIKE NOTHING ELSE IN DANCE... FOR ME, MARK MORRIS IS A DANCEMAKER AND A SPELLBINDER. THAT IS ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM TRANSPARENTLY A SYMBOL OF HIS TIMES.'
THE NEW YORKER

The Abbey Theatre Tickets: €15 - €35. Booking: 01 878 7222. Time: 1 hr 40 mins. incl. interval.

A Spell (music: John Wilson)

Going Away Party (music: Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys)

Serenade (music: Lou Harrison)

Grand Duo (music: Lou Harrison)

Mark Morris, one of the great masters of contemporary dance, has probably come closer than any other choreographer to becoming a household name. His joyous, infectious blend of live music and dance has garnered international popular acclaim for his company, and people across the world come in droves to experience the purity and exuberance of his work. This is feel-good dance at its best. Morris makes the audience laugh, soar, gasp and marvel at the sheer, sparkling brilliance of his dances. However, Morris' genuine genius lies in the fact that although gloriously appealing, his work is also highly complex and rigorously structured in terms of both its intricate choreography and its astonishingly refined interaction with music. For this, the group's first visit to Ireland, Mark Morris Dance Group presents a delectable mixed programme to suit all tastes and sensibilities from the hugely entertaining 'Going Away Party' to the astonishing signature piece 'Grand Duo' for fourteen dancers.

The opening night performance is dedicated to the memory of Carolyn Swift.

Post-performance discussion: Wed 5 May.

Hear Mark Morris in conversation with Myles Dungan on RTÉ's Rattlebag on May 4th. Rattlebag can be heard on RTÉ Radio One weekdays from 2.45pm and repeated from 8.30pm every Friday.



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