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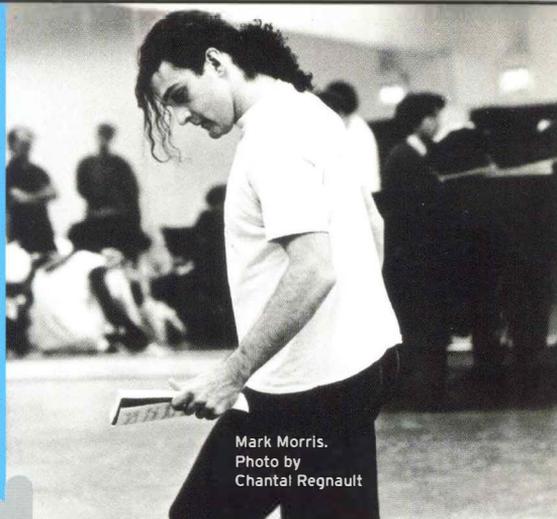
WELCOME TO DANCE UMBRELLA 2008

AND MARK MORRIS
DANCE GROUP
AT THE BARBICAN

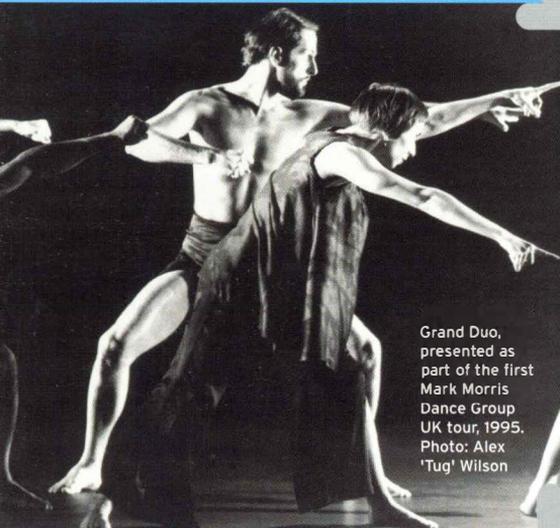


Welcome to the Dance Umbrella festival and this performance by the Mark Morris Dance Group.

As well as bite's 10th anniversary, 2008 marks Dance Umbrella's 30th birthday and our two organisations have a lot to celebrate.



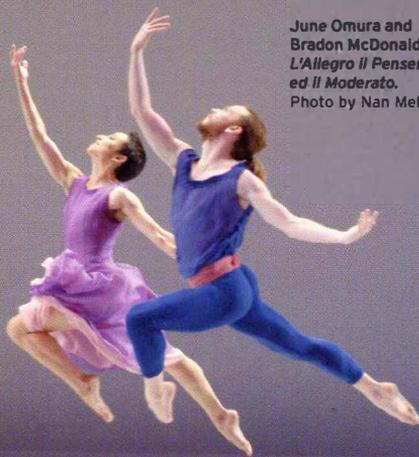
Mark Morris.
Photo by
Chantal Regnault



Grand Duo,
presented as
part of the first
Mark Morris
Dance Group
UK tour, 1995.
Photo: Alex
'Tug' Wilson

It's 24 years since Mark Morris, accompanied by two dancers, made his Dance Umbrella debut. Since then, we have presented the Mark Morris Dance Group numerous times and not only as part of the London festival. In 1995, we produced the first of four national tours by the company which included the opening performances of the first Woking Dance Umbrella.

In 1997, in collaboration with English National Opera, Dance Umbrella presented the long awaited London premiere of *L'Allegro il Penseroso ed il Moderato* which received two Olivier Awards. We are delighted to close our 30th festival with the company's UK premiere of *Romeo & Juliet, On Motifs of Shakespeare*, a bite08 commission supported by Dance Umbrella. We look forward to the company's return to the festival in 2009 as part of a national tour in association with the Dance Consortium.



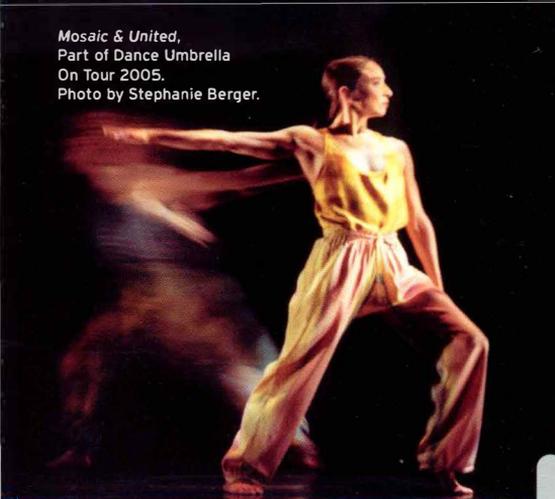
June Omura and
Bradon McDonald in
*L'Allegro il Penseroso
ed il Moderato*.
Photo by Nan Melville

Dance Umbrella is privileged to be working with London Symphony Orchestra on two projects in this year's festival. The LSO performs tonight fresh from their participation in our most ambitious project to date, *Overture 2012* at the Royal Albert Hall which featured 120 young Londoners dancing to Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 10*.

The company in *The Hard Nut*, part of Dance Umbrella 2004. Photo by Peter DaSilva



Mosaic & United, Part of Dance Umbrella On Tour 2005. Photo by Stephanie Berger.



Over 10 years of bite, the Barbican and Dance Umbrella have collaborated in presenting a plethora of dance companies from around the world including Merce Cunningham Dance Company (USA), Batsheva Dance Company (Israel), David Gordon & Valda Setterfield/Pick Up Performance Company (USA), Splintergroup (Australia), Shen Wei Dance Arts (USA), Inbal Pinto Dance Company (Israel) and, over a period of three years, Michael Clark's *Stravinsky Project* (UK).

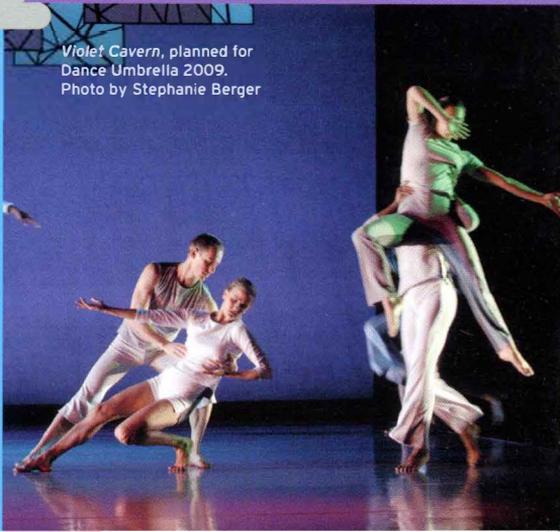
We thank the Barbican for 10 years of fruitful collaboration and look forward to working together in the future to bring the best of contemporary dance to bite audiences.

We hope you have enjoyed this year's festival over the past five weeks and look forward to seeing you in 2009.

Betsy Gregory

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Artistic Director, Dance Umbrella

Violet Cavern, planned for Dance Umbrella 2009. Photo by Stephanie Berger





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The Times, 8 Oct (on Royston Maldoom, *Overture 2012*, Royal Albert Hall)

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