

Dance Theater Workshop presents

# The Fall Events 1985

## Mark Morris Dance Group



**Invitational Performance**

**December 11, 1985 at 8p.m.**

**DTW's Bessie Schönberg Theater 219 West 19th Street, New York City**

MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP

Choreography by Mark Morris  
Lighting Design by Phil Sandström

Rob Besserer   Scott Cunningham   Ruth Davidson   Tina Fehlandt   Susan Hadley  
Penny Hutchinson   David Landis   Lodi McClellan   Mark Morris   Donald Mouton  
Guillermo Resto   Keith Sabado   Jennifer Thienes   Teri Weksler

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FRISSON

Music: Igor Stravinsky (*Symphonies of Wind Instruments*)  
Dancers: Tina Fehlandt, David Landis, Donald Mouton, Jennifer Thienes,  
Teri Weksler

VESTIGE

Music: Dmitri Shostakovitch (*Sonata for Cello and Piano in d*)  
Dancers: Ruth Davidson, Susan Hadley, David Landis, Lodi McClellan,  
Donald Mouton, Guillermo Resto, Keith Sabado, Jennifer  
Thienes, Teri Weksler

--INTERMISSION--

LOVEY

Music: The Violent Femmes

I Hear the Rain  
Blister in the Sun  
Country Death Song  
Kiss Off  
I Know It's True, But I'm Sorry to Say

Dancers: Company Members

ONE CHARMING NIGHT

Music: Henry Purcell

Dancers: Mark Morris, Teri Weksler

MARBLE HALLS

Music: J. S. Bach (*Concerto for Two Harpsichords in C Minor, BWV 1060*)

Dancers: Scott Cunningham, Ruth Davidson, Tina Fehlandt, Penny  
Hutchinson, David Landis, Lodi McClellan, Donald Mouton,  
Guillermo Resto, Keith Sabado, Jennifer Thienes

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MARK MORRIS was born, raised, and currently lives in Seattle, where he studied dance with Verla Flowers and Perry Brunson. He has performed with the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Hannah Kahn Dance Company, Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians, Eliot 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, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Kinetics Company, and the Batsheva Dance Company. In 1986, Mr. Morris will create new dances for the Boston and Joffrey Ballet Companies. From January to June, 1984, he taught at the University of Washington, where he will return to teach in the spring of 1986.

The Mark Morris Dance Group was formed in 1980 and gave its first concert in the fall of that year in New York City.

Mr. Morris has received Choreographer's Fellowship awards from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (1980-81) and (1983-84), and from the National Endowment for the Arts (1983-85). 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. In 1984, Mr. Morris received a New York Dance and Performance Award (BESSIE) for choreographic achievement.

ROB BESSERER came to New York in 1973 and danced with the Jose Limon Dance Company before joining Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, with whom he has danced for 10 years. He has performed the dances of Bill T. Jones, Karole Armitage and works with Jim Self frequently. He was in the Rome section of Robert Wilson's the CIVIL warS. This spring he will be seen in Martha Clarke's Vienna. He has danced with Mark Morris since 1983 and won a BESSIE in 1984.

SCOTT CUNNINGHAM studied English and Dance at U Mass/Amherst. After performing in Boston for two years he moved here (NYC) in '84. He has since worked with Elisa Monte and Mark Morris.

RUTH DAVIDSON is a native of New York City and attended the High School of Performing Arts where she began her dance studies. She then went on to receive a BFA from SUNY/Purchase. She has danced in the companies of Hannah Kahn and Don Redlich, and joined the Mark Morris Dance Group in 1980.

TINA FEHLANDT grew up in Wilmington, Delaware and started dancing at age 5. She has danced with the Mark Morris Dance Group since 1980, and recently staged Mr. Morris' Canonic 3/4 Studies on the Repertory Dance Co. of Canada (Vancouver, B.C.). Ms. Fehlandt lives in Seattle and recently danced there with Erin Matthiessen.

SUSAN HADLEY received her M.A. in Dance from Ohio State University. She was a member of "HARRY, dance and other works by Senta Driver" for four years. She performed in the revival of Meredith Monk's Quarry at La MaMa in 1985. In March, Ms. Hadley will present a program of collaborative works with composer Bradley Sowash at P.S. 122.

PENNY HUTCHINSON received her early training from the Juilliard School and as a First Chamber Dance Company Apprentice. She has taught in Seattle, WA., Sitka, Alaska, and the Jacob's Pillow Festival. Ms. Hutchinson has choreographed and worked with other independent choreographers in Seattle, most recently Erin Mattheissen. She has been a member of the Mark Morris Dance Group since 1980.

DAVID LANDIS grew up in California where he attended CalArts, studying under Nicholas Gunn and Mia Slavenska. In 1981 he toured briefly with his own company before moving to New York, where he has danced with CoDanceCo, Ruby Shang, Susan Marshall, Rhonda Martyn, and Charles Moulton. Since 1983, he has danced with the Mark Morris Dance Group, and produced his own work on both coasts.

LODI McCLELLAN graduated in 1980 with a BA in Dance from Mount Holyoke College. She immediately moved to Seattle, where, for the next five years she taught ballet and performed frequently. She first danced with Mark Morris in 1983. She lives in Cambridge with her student-of-architecture husband.

DONALD MOUTON, a Cajun, was born in Crowley, Louisiana, the "International Rice Capital of the World." He holds a BA in Theater from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Since moving to the New York area, he has performed with Rudy Perez, Rosalind Newman, Mel Wong, Jane Comfort, Susan Marshall, and CoDanceCo. He has danced with Mark Morris since 1980.

GUILLERMO RESTO has danced with Mark Morris since 1983.

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

JENNIFER THIENES was raised in Seattle where she began dancing at the age of six. She performed with European companies for three years and in New York has performed with Matthew Diamond, Bebe Miller, and Senta Driver. In collaboration with composer Dwight Dixon, she has created pieces for CoDanceCo and One Night Stand. 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 Hannah Kahn Dancers for six years. She now works with Jim Self, with whom she appeared in the Rome section of Robert Wilson's the CIVIL warS. She has danced with Mark Morris since 1980. Ms. Weksler recently received a New York Dance and Performance Award (BESSIE).



David R. White is the series producer for DTW Presents.

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Vestige was commissioned by the University of Washington Division of Dance and the Spokane Ballet. Marble Halls was commissioned by the Batsheva Dance Co.

Group Manager: Barry Alterman

Sound Archivist and Computer Technocrat for the Mark Morris Dance Group: David Landis

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Preliminary work for several of the dances on this program was accomplished at the Sundance Institute, Utah

The Mark Morris Dance Group is a member of the Foundation for Independent Artists, Inc. a non-profit, tax-exempt organization administered by Pentacle. Contributions to Mr. Morris' work are tax-deductible, and may be made payable to the Foundation (c/o Pentacle, 104 Franklin Street, New York, NY 10013).

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