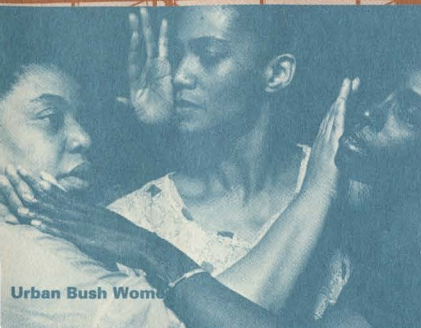




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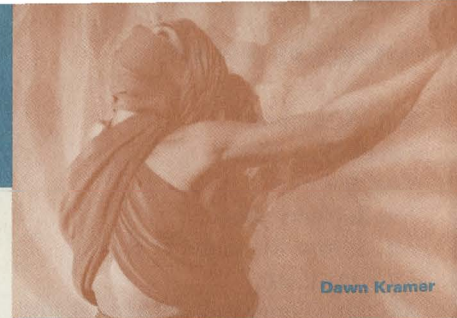
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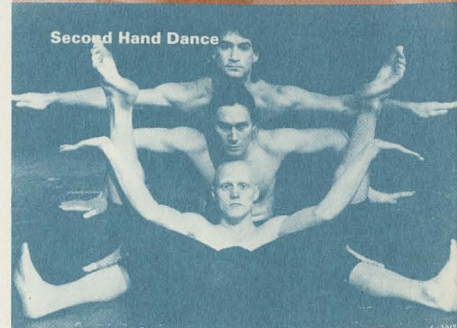
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Choreography

by

MARK MORRIS

## Dancers

Peggy Baker

Rob Besserer

Nancy Colahan

Kate Johnson

William Pizzuto

Mikhail Baryshnikov

Jamie Bishton

Christopher Johnson

Kathleen Moore

Denise Pons

## Lighting Design

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## Musical Director

Linda Dowdell

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## WHITE OAK DANCE PROJECT

### *Program*

*All Choreography by Mark Morris*

#### *Going Away Party*

Music: Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys

("Playboy Theme", "Yearning", "My Shoes Keep Walking Back To You", "Goin' Away Party", "Baby, That Sure Would Go Good", "Milk Cow Blues", "Crippled Turkey", "When You Leave Amarillo, Turn Out the Lights.")

Original Lighting Design by Phil Sandström

Costumes: Christine Van Loon

### *Intermission*

#### *Pas de Poisson*

Music: Erik Satie

("Cinéma: Entr'acte Symphonique de Rêlâche," piano reduction for four hands by Darius Milhaud)

Lighting: James F. Ingalls

Pianists: Linda Dowdell and Mizue Murakami

### *Pause*

#### *Ten Suggestions*

Music: Alexander Tcherepnin

("Bagatelles," opus 5)

Lighting: James F. Ingalls

Pianist: Linda Dowdell

### *Intermission*

#### *Motorcade*

Music: Charles Camille Saint-Saëns

("Septet," opus 65)

Lighting: James F. Ingalls

Costumes: Santo Loquasto

Musicians: Susan Radcliff, trumpet; Ron Oakland, violin; Charles Barker, violin; Karie Prescott, viola; Armen Ksajikian, cello; Judith Sugarman, bass; Linda Dowdell, piano

Program subject to change

## CAST

### *Going Away Party*

Mikhail Baryshnikov

Rob Besserer

Jamie Bishton

Nancy Colahan

Kate Johnson

William Pizzuto

Denise Pons

### *Pas de Poisson*

Mikhail Baryshnikov

Kate Johnson

Mark Morris

### *Ten Suggestions*

Mikhail Baryshnikov

### *Motorcade*

Peggy Baker

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Lighting: Jame  
Pianists: Linda

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Lighting: Jame  
Pianist: Linda

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Music: Charles  
("Septet," opu:  
Lighting: Jame  
Costumes: San  
Musicians: Sus  
viola; Armen I

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## BIOGRAPHIES

**Mark Morris** (Choreographer) was born and raised in Seattle, Washington, where he studied with Verla Flowers and Perry Brunson. He has performed with a diverse assortment of companies over the years, including the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Hannah Kahn Dance Company, Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians, Elliot Feld Ballet and the Koleda Balkan Dance Ensemble. Since 1980, in addition to creating over fifty works for his own modern dance company, he has created dances for the Boston Ballet, the Joffrey Ballet, American Ballet Theatre and the Paris Opéra Ballet, among others. Mr. Morris has also worked extensively in opera. In 1988 he was named Director of Dance at the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels, Belgium, where his company is in residence.

**Peggy Baker** was a founding member and later artistic director of Dancemakers in Toronto. She was a member of the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company for eight years and assisted Mr. Lubovitch as a rehearsal director. She now performs primarily as a solo artist in work choreographed for her by James Kudelka, Annabelle Gamson, Doug Varone, Tere O'Connor, Christopher House, and Martita Goshen.

**Mikhail Baryshnikov** was born in Riga, Latvia. Not long after he began studying ballet in this city, he was accepted by the Vaganova School in Leningrad where he studied under the renowned teacher Alexander Pushkin. In 1967 he entered the Kirov Ballet as a soloist and remained with the company from 1968 until 1974. Having left the Soviet Union he danced with classical and modern dance companies around the world from 1974 to 1979. He was a principle dancer with the New York City Ballet from 1979 to 1980, and from 1980 to 1989 was Artistic Director of American Ballet Theatre. The year 1990 marks the inauguration of the White Oak Dance Project.

**Rob Besserer** graduated from the University of South Florida in Tampa and then danced for many years with the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company. He has

danced with many choreographers over the years and appears frequently with the Mark Morris Dance Group. In the theatre he has worked with directors Robert Wilson, James Lapine and Martha Clarke. He won a New York Dance and Performance Award ("Bessie") in 1984 and an Obie for his performance in Ms. Clarke's The Hunger Artist in 1987.

**Jamie Bishton** graduated from the California Institute of the Arts and then danced with the Bella Lewitzky Dance Company, Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians and the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company. He joined the Twyla Tharp Dance Company in 1985 and is now a member of American Ballet Theatre, where his repertoire includes the work of Tharp and Agnes de Mille.

**Nancy Colahan**, a native Californian, has performed with the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble and the Joyce Trisler Danscompany and was a principal dancer in the Lar Lubovitch company for nine years. She has been a guest artist with the José Limon Dance Company, Alvin Ailey's American Dance Theater, the Manhattan Ballet and the Royal Danish Ballet.

**Christopher Johnson** was born and raised in Southern California. He has been dancing as a soloist for William Forsythe and the Frankfurt Ballet in Germany for the past four years, creating roles in Impressing the Czar, Enemy in the Figure, and Limb's Theorem, among others. In Frankfurt, Mr. Forsythe and the dancers invented improvisational systems to create new material, using them either as choreographic tools or directly onstage, as performance improvisation. Before Germany, Christopher danced for four and a half years with the Feld Ballet in New York. He acted in the original cast of a George C. Wolfe production in Los Angeles and spent a summer as guest teacher for the Lisbon Dance Company in Portugal. He started classical training at Stanley Holden's Dance Centre and was awarded a full-time scholarship to the School of American Ballet, in New York. He has since studied privately with Richard Thomas, Maggie Black and Michael Schumacher.



**Kate Johnson** began studying dance in Florida when she was sixteen. Before joining the Paul Taylor Dance Company, with whom she made her debut in 1982, she performed with the Feld Ballet, Rosalind Newman and Dancers and the Hannah Kahn Dance Company. She received a “Bessie” in 1988 for outstanding creative achievement. In 1989 she choreographed Ruah for the Taylor Company.

**Kathleen Moore** was born in Chicago and began her training at the Alabama School for Fine Arts in Birmingham. After studying at the School of American Ballet and the American Ballet Theatre School, she joined ABT II in 1980. Two years later, she joined the American Ballet Theatre and was appointed soloist in February of 1988. Miss Moore also participated in the movie Dancers and has been on PBS Dance in America.

**William Pizzuto** began studying dance in Fort Lauderdale. He performed with the Chicago Ballet and the Houston Ballet where he became a principal dancer. In 1982 he received a silver medal and a special jury’s award at the International Ballet Competition in Jackson, Mississippi. He was a member of Ballet West and the Boston Ballet and has performed as a guest artist with the Milwaukee Ballet, Ballet de Santiago, Ballet Centrum du Berlin and the Kyoto Ballet.

**Denise Pons** was born in New Orleans and attended Texas Christian University. She has been a member of the New Orleans Delta Festival Ballet, the Fort Worth Ballet, the San Francisco Ballet and the Eglevsky Ballet. In 1982 she joined the Boston Ballet where she is a soloist.

**Linda Dowdell** (Musical Director) began studying piano with her father in Orelan, PA. She has been associated with several modern dance teachers and choreographers, from Bennington College to the University of Washington, and is now the pianist for the Mark Morris Dance Group with which she has performed in Vienna, Boston and New York. She is also a composer. Concerts of her work have been produced in Seattle, New York and Banff, Canada.

**Peter Wing Healey** (Assistant to the Choreographer) attended Haverford College and the Boston Conservatory of Music. He danced with Anna Sokolow, Daniel Lewis, Hannah Kahn and the Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians. In 1985, Mr. Healey founded the Mesopotamian Opera Company. In 1989 his opera Jane Heir was produced at P. S. 122 in New York City. He first worked with Mark Morris in an early concert in Jersey City, NJ and has recently assisted him on Peter Sellars’ production of John Adams’ opera Nixon in China.

**James F. Ingalls** (Lighting Designer) most recently designed The Iceman Cometh with Brian Dennehy at Chicago’s Goodman Theatre, The Monnaie Dance Group/Mark Morris new season at Brooklyn Academy of Music’s Next Wave Festival, Rin Herz choreographed by Mark Morris for the Paris Opera Ballet, Joachim Schlomer’s Shoulder to Shoulder in London and The Magic Flute at the Glyndebourne Festival for Peter Sellars. Mr. Ingalls is the recipient of two Helen Hayes awards two Dramalogue awards and an Obie for sustained excellence in lighting.

**Santo Loquasto** (Costume Designer) is acclaimed for his work in theatre, dance and film. As a designer of dance he has worked for The Royal Ballet at Covent Garden, the Joffrey Ballet, New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, the Twyla Tharp Dance Foundation and Les Grand Ballets Canadiens. His most notable theatre work includes The Cherry Orchard, That Championship Season, Bent, King of Hearts and The Suicide. He has received a Tony, Drama Desk Award, Outer Critics Circle Award and an Obie, among others. In film he has designed costumes for Woody Allen’s Zelig, for which he received an Academy Award nomination, and for Midsummer Night’s Sex Comedy.

**Christine Van Loon** (Costume Designer) was born in Hoeilaart, Belgium and is responsible for the costumes of the Monnaie Dance Group/Mark Morris. She has also worked for three years with the Ballet of the 20th Century. Ms. Van Loon has designed the costumes for several Mark Morris productions including L’Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato.

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Dance Umbrella is thrilled about the potential for this project, which would help fulfill many of our long-range goals to nurture the field of dance by commissioning new works, benefit the Boston community through a dance-company-in-residence program, and expand our education and outreach efforts to provide even greater service to children and adults. Boston audiences would be able to see a world-premiere work by Mark Morris each year. Students, dancers, and choreographers from Boston and around the world would have the opportunity to take dance classes and choreography workshops from Mr. Morris and others in his company. Boston schoolchildren would benefit from outreach programs in the schools.

Dance Umbrella is proud of its long association with the Mark Morris Dance Group and honored that the company would like to devote ten weeks of each year to Boston. The support of Dance Umbrella audiences for contemporary dance and the vitality of cultural life in this city persuaded the Mark Morris Dance Group to proceed enthusiastically in plans for the residency. Dance Umbrella thanks its audiences for their long-standing and generous support of the Mark Morris Dance Group and of all our presentations of contemporary and culturally diverse dance.

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- 1984 Dance Umbrella first presents the Mark Morris Dance Group.
- 1986 Dance Umbrella commissions a major new work, *Mythologies*, from Mr. Morris.
- 1988 The Mark Morris Dance Group performs a benefit for Dance Umbrella before leaving the United States to become the resident dance company of the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels.
- 1990 Dance Umbrella presents the U.S. premieres of *Behemoth* and *Love Song Waltzes*.
- 1990 Dance Umbrella presents a preview benefit performance of the White Oak Dance Project, a collaboration between choreographer Mark Morris and ten top dancers from American dance companies.