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MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP AND MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Friday, January 27, 2017, at 7:30pm

Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 7:30pm

Tryon Festival Theatre

PROGRAM

MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP AND MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Mark Morris, Artistic Director

Nancy Umanoff, Executive Director

MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP

Mica Bernas*

Sam Black

Durell R. Comedy

Rita Donahue

Domingo Estrada, Jr.

Lesley Garrison

Lauren Grant

Sarah Haarmann*

Brian Lawson

Aaron Loux

Laurel Lynch

Dallas McMurray

Brandon Randolph

Nicole Sabella

Billy Smith

Noah Vinson

*apprentice

MMDG MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Robert Belinić

Colin Fowler

Michael Haas

Anna Luce

Stefan Schatz

Jessica Troy

Georgy Valtchev

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A FOREST

Music Franz Joseph Haydn
Piano Trio no. 44 in E major

Costume Design Maile Okamura

Lighting Design Nick Kolin

Georgy Valtchev, violin; Michael Haas, cello; Colin Fowler, piano

Durell R. Comedy, Rita Donahue, Domingo Estrada, Jr., Lesley Garrison, Lauren Grant, Brian Lawson, Brandon Randolph, Nicole Sabella, Noah Vinson

Premiere: May 17, 2016—James and Martha Duffy Performance Space, Mark Morris Dance Center, Brooklyn, New York

PURE DANCE ITEMS

Music Terry Riley
Selections from *Salome Dances for Peace*:
The Summons
Fanfare in the Minimal Kingdom
More Ceremonial Races
Combat Dance
Victory: Salome Re-enacts for Half Wolf Her Deeds of Valor
At the Summit

Costume Design Elizabeth Kurtzman

Lighting Design Nick Kolin

Georgy Valtchev, violin; Anna Luce, violin; Jessica Troy, viola; Michael Haas, cello

Sam Black, Durell R. Comedy, Rita Donahue, Domingo Estrada, Jr., Lauren Grant, Brian Lawson, Aaron Loux, Laurel Lynch, Brandon Randolph, Nicole Sabella, Billy Smith, Noah Vinson

Premiere: October 29, 2016—Gerald W. Lynch Theater, Lincoln Center's White Light Festival, New York, New York

Music by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. publisher and copyright owner

20-minute intermission

SERENADE

Music Lou Harrison
Serenade for Guitar
Round
Air
Infinite Canon
Usul
Sonata

Costume Design Isaac Mizrahi
Lighting Design Michael Chybowski

Robert Belinić, guitar; Stefan Schatz, percussion

Lesley Garrison

Premiere: March 8, 2003— George Mason University's Center for the Arts, Fairfax, Virginia

DANCING HONEYMOON

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| Music | "Limehouse Blues" | "Dancing Honeymoon" |
| | "You Were Meant for Me" | "And Her Mother Came Too" |
| | "Do Do Do" | "Fancy Our Meeting" |
| | "Someone to Watch Over Me" | "Who" |
| | "A Cup of Coffee, A Sandwich, and You" | "Two Little Bluebirds" |
| | "Wild Thyme" | "Goodnight, Vienna" |
| | "Experiment" | "It's Not You" |
| | | "There's Always Tomorrow" |

Transcribed and arranged by Ethan Iverson, from historical recordings of Gertrude Lawrence and Jack Buchanan

Costume Design Elizabeth Kurtzman
Lighting Design Michael Chybowski

Georgy Valtchev, violin; Colin Fowler, piano; Stefan Schatz, percussion; Mark Morris, vocals

Sam Black, Rita Donahue, Lauren Grant, Aaron Loux, Laurel Lynch, Dallas McMurray, Noah Vinson

Premiere: September 22, 1998—Meany Hall, University of Washington World Series, Seattle, Washington

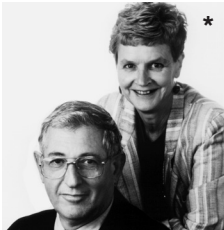
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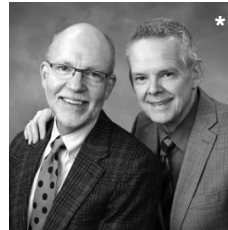
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PROFILES



MARK MORRIS was born on August 29, 1956, in Seattle, Washington, where he studied with Verla Flowers and Perry Brunson. In the early years of his career, he performed with the companies of Lar Lubovitch, Hannah

Kahn, Laura Dean, Eliot Feld, and the Koleda Balkan Dance Ensemble. He formed the Mark Morris Dance Group (MMDG) in 1980, and has since created over 150 works for the company. From 1988 to 1991, he was Director of Dance at Brussels' Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie, the national opera house of Belgium. In 1990, he founded the White Oak Dance Project with Mikhail Baryshnikov. Much in demand as a ballet choreographer, Morris has created twenty ballets since 1986 and his work has been performed by companies worldwide, including San Francisco Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Ballet du Grand Théâtre de Genève, and the Royal New Zealand Ballet. Noted for his musicality, Morris has been described as "undeviating in his devotion to music" (*The New Yorker*). He began conducting performances for MMDG in 2006 and has since conducted at Tanglewood Music Center, Lincoln Center, and BAM (Brooklyn Academy of Music). He served as Music Director for the 2013 Ojai Music Festival. He also works extensively in opera, directing and choreographing productions for the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, English National Opera, and The Royal Opera, Covent Garden, among others. He was named a Fellow of the MacArthur Foundation in 1991 and has received eleven honorary doctorates to date. He has taught at the

University of Washington, Princeton University, and Tanglewood Music Center. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society, and has served as an Advisory Board Member for the Rolex Mentor and Protégé Arts Initiative. Morris has received the Samuel H. Scripps/American Dance Festival Award for Lifetime Achievement, the Leonard Bernstein Lifetime Achievement Award for the Elevation of Music in Society, the Benjamin Franklin Laureate Prize for Creativity, the International Society for the Performing Arts' Distinguished Artist Award, Cal Performances Award of Distinction in the Performing Arts, the Orchestra of St. Luke's Gift of Music Award, and the 2016 Doris Duke Artist Award. In 2015, Mark Morris was inducted into the Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney Hall of Fame at the National Museum of Dance in Saratoga Springs, New York. Morris opened the Mark Morris Dance Center in Brooklyn, New York, in 2001 to provide a home for his company, rehearsal space for the dance community, outreach programs for children and seniors, and a school offering dance classes to students of all ages and abilities.

The **MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP** was formed in 1980 and gave its first performance that year in New York City. The company's touring schedule steadily expanded to include cities in the United States and around the world, and in 1986 it made its first national television program for the PBS series *Dance in America*. In 1988, MMDG was invited to become the national dance company of Belgium, and spent three years in residence at the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels. The Dance Group returned to the United States in 1991 as one of the world's leading dance companies. Based in Brooklyn, New York, MMDG

maintains strong ties to presenters in several cities around the world, most notably to its West Coast home, Cal Performances in Berkeley, California, and its Midwest home, the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. MMDG also appears regularly in New York, Boston, Seattle, and Fairfax. In New York, the company has performed at New York City Center's Fall for Dance Festival, regularly performs at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts' Mostly Mozart and White Light Festivals, and collaborates yearly with BAM on performances and master classes. From the company's many London seasons, it has received two Laurence Olivier Awards and a Critics' Circle Dance Award for Best Foreign Dance Company. Reflecting Morris' commitment to live music, the Dance Group has featured live musicians in every performance since the formation of the MMDG Music Ensemble in 1996. MMDG regularly collaborates with renowned musicians, including cellist Yo-Yo Ma, pianist Emanuel Ax, mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe, and jazz trio The Bad Plus, as well as leading orchestras and opera companies, including the Metropolitan Opera, English National Opera, and the London Symphony Orchestra. MMDG frequently works with distinguished artists and designers, including painters Howard Hodgkin and Robert Bordo, set designers Adrienne Lobel and Allen Moyer, costume designers Martin Pakledinaz and Isaac Mizrahi, and many others. MMDG's film and television projects include *Dido and Aeneas*, *The Hard Nut*, *Falling Down Stairs*, two documentaries for the U.K.'s *South Bank Show*, and PBS' *Live from Lincoln Center*. In 2015 Morris' signature work *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato* had its national television premiere on PBS' *Great Performances*. While on tour the Dance Group partners with local cultural institutions and community organizations to present Access/MMDG, a program of arts and humanities-based activities for people of all ages and abilities.

The **MMDG MUSIC ENSEMBLE**, formed in 1996, is integral to the Dance Group. "With the dancers come the musicians...and what a difference it makes" (*Classical Voice of North Carolina*). The Ensemble's repertory ranges from 17th and 18th century works by John Wilson and Henry Purcell to more recent scores by Lou Harrison and Henry Cowell. The musicians also participate in Access/MMDG – the Dance Group's educational and community programming at home and on tour. The Music Ensemble is led by Colin Fowler who began to collaborate with MMDG in 2005 during the creation of *Mozart Dances*.



COLIN FOWLER (music director, piano) began his musical study at the age of 5 in Kansas City and went on to study at the prestigious Interlochen Arts Academy. He continued his education at The Juilliard School, where he received his

Bachelor of Music in 2003 and his Master of Music in 2005. While at Juilliard, he studied piano with Abbey Simon, organ with Gerre Hancock and Paul Jacobs, harpsichord with Lionel Party, and conducting with James dePriest and Judith Clurman. A versatile musician and conductor, Fowler works in many areas of the music scene in New York City. He is a veteran of numerous Broadway shows, most recently performing in the Tony Award-winning musical *Jersey Boys*. A seasoned church musician, Fowler is currently the organist at Marble Collegiate Church on Fifth Avenue and also leads services and concerts at Park Avenue Synagogue, where he has served as Music Director since 2012. As a classical soloist and collaborative artist, he has performed and recorded with many world-renowned musicians and ensembles, including Deborah Voigt and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He began to

collaborate with the Mark Morris Dance Group in 2005 and has since then performed over 40 pieces with the company on almost every keyboard instrument possible, including the harmonium and toy piano, and has conducted performances of *Mozart Dances*, *Acis and Galatea*, and *The Hard Nut*. Hailed by the *New York Times* as 'invaluable' and 'central to Morris' music', he was appointed music director in 2013.



ROBERT BELINIĆ (guitar) is the only guitarist ever to have been chosen for the YCA (Young Concert Artists) roster. *Sandiego.com* writes, "*Belinić is clearly the real deal: a genius, a poet, a supersensitive artist. But also dazzling.*

The man is a virtuoso." Belinić has performed extensively in Europe and in the United States. His American performances include engagements at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall, the 92nd Street Y, Merkin Concert Hall, Morgan Library, Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, Spivey Hall, the John F. Kennedy Center, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Belinić holds graduate degrees from the Leopold Mozart Hochschule für Musik in Augsburg, Germany, where he studied with Franz Halász, and from the Manhattan School of Music, where he worked with David Starobin. Mr. Belinić was the winner of MSM's Concerto Competition, and was recipient of the school's coveted Andrés Segovia/Rose Augustine Award.



MICA BERNAS, originally from Manila, Philippines, received her training at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Dance School. She later joined Ballet Philippines as member of the corps de ballet, performing as a soloist

from 2001-2006. Since moving to New York in 2006, Bernas has worked with Marta Renzi Dance, Armitage Gone Dance, Gallim Dance, Barkin/Selissen Project, and Carolyn Dorfman Dance (2007-2013). She was a guest artist with the Limón Dance Company, performing at the 2013 Bienal Internacional de Danza de Cali in Bogotá, Colombia; Lincoln Center's David H. Koch Theater; and at The Joyce Theater for the company's 70th Anniversary in 2015. Bernas also teaches at the Limón Institute and has been on the faculty for BIMA at Brandeis University since 2011. She joined MMDG as an apprentice January 2017.



SAM BLACK is originally from Berkeley, California, where he began studying tap at the age of nine with Katie Maltsberger. He received his BFA in dance from SUNY Purchase, and currently teaches MMDG master classes and Dance

for PD®. He first appeared with MMDG in 2005 and became a company member in 2007.



DURELL R. COMEDY, a native of Prince Georges County, Maryland, began dancing at the age of 6 with Spirit Wings Dance Company. He graduated from the Visual & Performing Arts program of Suitland High School

in 2004 and magna cum laude from George Mason University, receiving his BFA in dance performance in 2008. Since then, he's worked and performed with The Metropolitan Opera, Troy Powell, and Kyle Abraham, among others. Comedy was a member of the Limón Dance Company from 2009-2015, performing principal and soloist roles. He's also appeared as a soloist dancer in Baltimore Opera Company's *Aida* and worked with Washington National Opera from 2013-2014 as a principal dancer and dance captain. He was a former fellowship student at the Ailey School and a 2014 adjunct faculty member at George Mason University's School of Dance. Comedy joined MMDG as an apprentice in 2015 and became a company member in 2016.



RITA DONAHUE was born and raised in Fairfax, Virginia, and attended George Mason University. She graduated magna cum laude in 2002, receiving a BA in English and a BFA in dance. Donahue danced with bopi's black sheep/

dances by kraigpatterson and joined MMDG in 2003.



DOMINGO ESTRADA, JR., a native of Victoria, Texas, studied martial arts and earned his black belt in 1994. He danced ballet folklorico through his church for 11 years. Estrada earned his BFA in ballet and modern dance

from Texas Christian University and had the honor of working with the late Fernando Bujones. During his undergraduate studies he attended the American Dance Festival, where he had the privilege of performing *Skylight*, a classic work by choreographer Laura Dean. He debuted with MMDG in 2007 and became a company member in 2009. Estrada would like to thank God, his family, and all who support his passion.



LESLEY GARRISON grew up in Swansea, Illinois, and received her early dance training at the Center of Creative Arts in St. Louis, Missouri, and Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, Michigan. She studied at the Rotterdamse

Dansacademie in The Netherlands and holds a BFA from Purchase College. She first performed with MMDG in 2007 and became a company member in 2011. Garrison teaches at The School at the Mark Morris Dance Center and for MMDG's Dance for PD® program.



LAUREN GRANT has danced with the Mark Morris Dance Group since 1996, appearing in 60 of Morris' works. She teaches technique around the globe, including classes for the company and The School at The Mark Morris

Dance Center, sets Morris' work at universities, and is currently Morris' rehearsal assistant on his newest creation. Grant received a 2015 New York Dance and Performance Award ("Bessie") for her sustained achievement in performance with Mark Morris and in recognition of her "invigorating spontaneity, expansive phrasing, and robust musicality." Grant has been featured in Time Out New York, Dance Magazine, the book Meet the Dancers, appeared in PBS's Great Performances, Live From Lincoln Center, and ITV's The South Bank Show, and was a subject for the photographer Annie Leibovitz. Before joining MMDG, Grant moved to New York City from her hometown of Highland Park, Illinois, and earned a BFA from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. She is currently pursuing her MFA at Montclair State University where she is also an adjunct professor. She and her husband David Leventhal (former MMDG dancer and current Dance for PD® Program Director) are parents of a son born in 2012.



SARAH HAARMANN grew up in Macungie, Pennsylvania and received training at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts under the direction of Kimberly Maniscalco. She graduated magna cum laude with

a BFA in dance from Marymount Manhattan College in 2012. Haarmann has had the pleasure of performing with Pam Tanowitz Dance, Jessica Lang Dance, Dylan Crossman Dans(ce), Pat Catterson, Denisa Musilova, and Bill Young. She joined MMDG as an apprentice in January 2017.



MICHAEL HAAS (cello) is hailed as a "sterling musician" by the Washington Post and is a member of the acclaimed Momenta Quartet. Known for its adventurous programming, Momenta has performed at the Library of

Congress and the National Gallery, received two Koussevitzky Fund Commissions, and released its debut album on Albany Records in 2015. Haas also performs regularly with the Orchestra of St. Luke's and Princeton Symphony and hold degrees from the Curtis Institute of Music and Juilliard School.



BRIAN LAWSON began his dance training in Toronto at Canadian Children's Dance Theatre. There he worked with choreographers such as David Earle, Carol Anderson, and Michael Trent. Lawson spent a year studying at the Rotterdamse Dansacademie

in The Netherlands and graduated summa cum laude in 2010 from Purchase College, where he was also granted the President's Award for his contributions to the dance program. Lawson has had the pleasure of performing with Pam Tanowitz Dance, Dance Heginbotham, and Nelly van Bommel's NØA Dance, among others. He joined MMDG as an apprentice in 2011 and became a company member in 2013.



AARON LOUX grew up in Seattle, Washington, and began dancing at the Creative Dance Center as a member of Kaleidoscope, a youth modern dance company. He began his classical training at the Cornish College Preparatory

Dance Program and received his BFA from The Juilliard School in 2009. He danced at The Metropolitan Opera and with Arc Dance Company before joining MMDG in 2010.



ANNA LUCE (violin) is a modern and Baroque violinist residing in Manhattan. Since completing her master's in music at the University of Texas at Austin, Luce has enjoyed performing and recording with the

Smithsonian Chamber Orchestra, performing on the Smithsonian's rare instrument collection with the Smithsonian Chamber Players, and serving as concertmaster of the conductorless chamber orchestra Ars Nova in Washington, DC. She regularly performs with the American Baroque Orchestra, the Bach Players at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York, Mark Morris Dance Group, and in the pit for *Hamilton* on Broadway.



LAUREL LYNCH began her dance training at Petaluma School of Ballet in California. She moved to New York to attend The Juilliard School where she performed works by Robert Battle, Margie Gillis, José Limón, and Ohad Naharin. After graduation,

Lynch danced for Dušan Týnek Dance Theatre, Sue Bernhard Danceworks, and Pat Catterson. Lynch joined MMDG as an apprentice in 2006 and became a company member in 2007. Many thanks to Gene and Becky.



DALLAS MCMURRAY, from El Cerrito, California, began dancing at age four, studying jazz, tap, and acrobatics with Katie Maltzberger and ballet with Yukiko Sakakura. He received a BFA in dance from the California Institute

of the Arts. McMurray performed with the Limón Dance Company in addition to works by Jiří Kylián, Alonzo King, Robert Moses, and Colin Connor. McMurray performed with MMDG as an apprentice in 2006 and became a company member in 2007.



BRANDON RANDOLPH began his training with the School of Carolina Ballet Theater in Greenville, South Carolina, under the direction of Hernan Justo. At age 14, he was accepted into the South Carolina Governor's School for the

Arts and Humanities, where he studied with Stanislav Issaev and Bobby Barnett. Randolph received his BFA in dance from Purchase College in 2012. There he had the opportunity to perform with Dance Heginbotham as well as repertory by Stephen Petronio, Lar Lubovitch, Paul Taylor, and George Balanchine. Randolph began working with MMDG in 2013 and became a company member in 2014.



NICOLE SABELLA is originally from Clearwater, Florida, where she studied at the Academy of Ballet Arts and the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School under Suzanne B. Pomerantzeff. In 2009, she graduated from the

University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA, earning her BFA in modern dance performance and the “Outstanding Performance in Modern Dance” Award. She was a performer with Zane Booker’s *Smoke*, *Lilies*, and *Jade Arts Initiative*. Sabella first performed with MMDG in 2013 and became a company member in 2015.



STEFAN SCHATZ (percussion) was born in New York City. After training early on as a classical percussionist, Schatz went on to study jazz at the New School in New York. Schatz has worked with jazz greats Dakota Staton,

Jon Hendricks, Arnie Lawrence, Herman Foster, Teddy Charles, and Freddie Redd, and has toured internationally with the Chris Byars/Ari Roland Quartet, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Manhattan Tap,

and the Mark Morris Dance Group. He has played on television and film soundtracks, commercials, numerous albums, and several Broadway shows. Schatz participated in the 2010 Grammy Award for Best Traditional Folk Album for his work on “High Wide & Handsome: The Charlie Poole Project,” by Loudon Wainwright III.



BILLY SMITH grew up in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and attended George Mason University under a full academic and dance talent scholarship. He graduated magna cum laude in 2007 and received achievement awards in

performance, choreography, and academic endeavors. While at George Mason he performed the works of Mark Morris, Paul Taylor, Lar Lubovitch, Doug Varone, Daniel Ezralow, Larry Keigwin, Susan Marshall, and Susan Shields. Smith’s own piece, *3-Way Stop*, was selected to open the 2006 American College Dance Festival Gala at Ohio State University and his original choreography for a production of *Bye Bye Birdie* garnered much critical praise. An actor as well, Smith’s regional theater credits include *Tulsa* in *Gypsy*, *Mistoffelees* in *CATS*, and *Dream Curl* in *Oklahoma!*. Smith danced with Parsons Dance from 2007-2010. He joined MMDG as a company member in 2010.



JESSICA TROY (*viola*) wears a variety of freelance hats. She first performed with the MMDG Music Ensemble in 1998, and has toured with them extensively, including performances with Yo-Yo Ma across the US and Japan. On baroque viola she performs

with the Sebastian Chamber Players, Trinity Baroque Orchestra, Clarion, Opera Lafayette, and appeared with Renée Fleming on the David Letterman Show. A member of the Orchestra of St. Luke's, Westchester Philharmonic, and NYC Opera Orchestra, she performs frequently with many other ensembles, including the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra and NOVUS NY. She has recorded for Lou Reed and Ani DiFranco, performed on TV with Whitney Houston, and on film with David Byrne. A participant at many illustrious music festivals, including Tanglewood, Spoleto, and Marlboro, she can be heard on Marlboro's 50th anniversary CD in György Kurtág's *Microludes* for string quartet, which she prepared with the composer.



GEORGY VALTCHEV (*violin*) has appeared as soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. Originally from Plovdiv, Bulgaria, he came to the United States in 1992 as a scholarship student

of Dorothy Delay and Masao Kawasaki at The Juilliard School, where he ultimately earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. He has been heard as soloist with orchestras in Bangor, Baton Rouge, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Miami, New York, New Jersey, in his native Bulgaria, and throughout Japan. Since 2011, Valtchev has been a Guest Concertmaster of the London Philharmonic Orchestra. As a chamber musician, he has appeared in New York's Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, 92nd Street Y, Kennedy Center in Washington DC, Chicago's Cultural Center, the Royal Carre Theatre in Amsterdam, the Barbican Centre in London, and the Guangzhou Opera House in China. He has been featured in international music festivals such as Mostly Mozart at Lincoln Center, Beethoven Festival at Bard College, Sofia Music Weeks, Varna Summer and Appolonia in Bulgaria, and Bastad Chamber Music Festival in Sweden. Valtchev is a founding member of Bulgarian Concert Evenings in New York.



NOAH VINSON is originally from Springfield, Illinois, and received his BA in dance from Columbia College Chicago. He was named a *Dance Magazine* "Dancer on the Rise" in 2009 and assisted Mark Morris in the creation of his most recent work for Houston Ballet, *The Letter V*, which premiered in May 2015. He began dancing with MMDG in 2002 and became a company member in 2004.

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These performances mark the 18th appearance of the Mark Morris Dance Group at Krannert Center. MMDG and Krannert Center once again join forces to present Access/MMDG, a program of arts-based and humanities-based activities for people of all ages and abilities in the Champaign-Urbana area. This weeklong series of classes, readings, workshops, and discussions aims to enhance the overall experience of the audience. Close relationships have been developed with University of Illinois students, many of whom have gone on to perform with the company, serve as members of the production team, or work as interns in MMDG's administrative office. The Dance Group gratefully acknowledges the steadfast support of the University of Illinois and staff members at Krannert Center for making this successful partnership possible year after year.