

Masterpiece in Motion

Singapore Dance Theatre

10 & 11 June 2011, Esplanade Theatre

Production information

Singapore Dance Theatre marked its 23rd anniversary in 2011 and Masterpiece in Motion is an annual production showcasing the best of local and international contemporary choreography. Artistic Director, Janek Schergen, brought three works of equal length together in one evening, separating them with an interval. The centrepiece was a world premiere especially created for the company by Taiwan-born, California-raised, dancer-choreographer, Edwaard Liang. The evening began with a revival of a “landmark work for the company”, first performed here in a collaboration between Australian Ballet and SDT, by dancer-choreographer Stanton Welch - son of Australian dance legends Marilyn Jones and Garth Welch. The third act was another premiere for Singapore, by Netherlands-born Nils Christie, reproduced by his wife, Annegien Sneep, completing a global embrace with this acclaimed collection performed by members of Singapore Dance Theatre.

(Synopsis and Theme)

Maninyas Originally created for San Francisco Ballet in 1996, *Maninyas* was Stanton Welch’s first commission outside his home company, The Australian Ballet – his first American exposure, which led to commissions with other companies. The piece consists of a series of pas de deux and pas de trios which depicts the process of ‘unveiling’ that takes place when individuals get to know each other better. As people become familiar with one another, they ‘take off their veils’. *Maninyas* is set to Australian composer Ross Edwards’ *Maninyas* – Concerto for Violin and Orchestra. Duration: 26 minutes

The Winds of Zephyrus World Premiere created specially for Singapore Dance Theatre by Edwaard Liang – brings contemporary dance to stratospheric heights, with dancers portraying the wind in all its forms. Winner of the Prince Prize Grant for Choreography and the Choo San Goh Award for Choreography, Edwaard Liang’s pieces have been performed all around the world by companies such as New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Shanghai Ballet and most recently the Joffrey Ballet. Duration: 27 minutes

Fearful Symmetries was created by Nils Christie on Ballet Mainz (Germany). Since then, Nil Christie has remounted his work with Queensland Ballet for their 50th Anniversary International Gala in August 2010. Inspired by and set to music of the same title composed by John Adams, Nils Christie’s favourite composer, *Fearful Symmetries*, in Christie’s own words, “has incredible drive and is high voltage, and has an element of ‘traveling’, or going somewhere.” *Fearful Symmetries* plays on colour, echoing Piet Mondriaan’s artwork in its use of black, white and primary colours. It features a mix of pointe work, classical virtuosity, and contemporary elements. This utterly contemporary work, however, holds unusual elements for audiences to discover for themselves. Sponsored by the Ambassador’s Circle 2011. Duration: 27 minutes.

MANINYAS

CAST

First Movement

Dancer	.....	Rosa Park
Dancer	.....	Heidi Zolker
Dancer	.....	Nonoko Tanaka
Dancer	.....	Ichigo Oguro

Dancer	.....	Iori Araya
Dancer	.....	William Wu Mi
Dancer	.....	Timothy Coleman
Dancer	.....	Etienne Ferrère
Dancer	.....	Zhao Jun
Dancer	.....	Kenya Nakamura

Second Movement

Dancer	.....	Heidi Zolker
Dancer	.....	Timothy Coleman
Dancer	.....	Rosa Park

Third Movement

Full Cast

PRODUCTION

Choreographer	.....	Stanton Welch
Music	.....	Ross Edwards
Lighting Designer	.....	Lisa J. Pinkham
Scenic & Costume Designer	.....	Stanton Welch
Staging Assistant	.....	Damien Welch

THE WINDS OF ZEPHYRUS

CAST

Dancer	.....	Alison Carroll
Dancer	.....	Amy Bale
Dancer	.....	Heidi Zolker
Dancer	.....	Ichigo Oguro
Dancer	.....	Iori Araya
Dancer	.....	Nanase Tanaka
Dancer	.....	Nonoko Tanaka
Dancer	.....	Rosa Park
Dancer	.....	Tomoko Takahashi
Dancer	.....	Xu Lei Ting
Dancer	.....	Chen Peng
Dancer	.....	Naoki Kataoka
Dancer	.....	Etienne Ferrère
Dancer	.....	Francis Jaena Jr.
Dancer	.....	Kensuke Yorozu
Dancer	.....	Ma Dian Lin
Dancer	.....	Tatsuro Kannan
Dancer	.....	Timothy Coleman
Dancer	.....	William Wu Mi
Dancer	.....	Zhao Jun

PRODUCTION

Choreographer	.....	Edwaard Liang
Music	.....	Joby Talbot, David Lang, John Zorn, Philip Glass
Costume Designer	.....	Edwaard Liang

FEARFUL SYMMETRIES

CAST

Dancer	.....	Alison Carroll
Dancer	.....	Heidi Zolker
Dancer	.....	Jiyoung Park
Dancer	.....	Nonoko Tanaka
Dancer	.....	Rosa Park
Dancer	.....	Tomoko Takahashi
Dancer	.....	Madeleine Halbauer (10 th)
Dancer	.....	Amy Bale (11 th)
Dancer	.....	Chen Peng
Dancer	.....	Etienne Ferrère
Dancer	.....	Francis Jaena Jr.
Dancer	.....	Kensuke Yorozu
Dancer	.....	Naoki Kataoka
Dancer	.....	Tatsuro Kannan
Dancer	.....	Timothy Coleman
Dancer	.....	William Wu Mi

PRODUCTION

Choreographer	.....	Nils Christe
Music	.....	John Adams
Set Designer	.....	Thomas Rupert
Costume Designer.	.....	Annegien Sneep
Staging Assistant	.....	Annegien Sneep

SINGAPORE DANCE THEATRE

Artistic Director	.....	Janek Schergen
Ballet Master	.....	Mohamed Noor Sarman

Dancers	.....	Alison Carroll, Amy Bale , Chen Peng, Chen Wei, Chihiro Uchida, Elaine Heng, Elynn Chew, Etienne Ferrère, Francis Jaena Jr., Heidi Zolker, Ichigo Oguro, Iori Araya, Jiyoung Park, Kensuke Yorozu, Kenya Nakamura, Ma Dian Lin, Madeleine Halbauer, Nanase Tanaka, Naoki Kataoka, Nonoko Tanaka, Rosa Park, Tatsuro Kannan, Timothy Coleman, Tomoko Takahashi, William Wu Mi, Xu Lei Ting, Zhao Jun
Apprentices	.....	Akira Nakahama, Hong Lei, Li Jie, Marina Yatsushiro

Lighting Designer	.....	Suven Chan
Lighting Co-Designer	.....	Josiah Yoong
Production Manager	.....	Suraya Rasid
Technical Manager	.....	Tay Huey Meng
Stage Manager	.....	Chim Sin Yee
Assistant Stage Manager	.....	Klaire Tan
Sound Engineer	.....	Lau Sook Fong

Sound Operator	.....	Sage Tan
Wardrobe Supervisor	.....	Florence Sim
Wardrobe Assistant	.....	Peen Geok Hoon
Dance Shoes Supplier	.....	Sonata Rainbow Dancewear Pte Ltd
Production Interns	.....	Anis Qurratu'aini, Candice Quek, Nur Fabsreena

Photos of Cast and Production (appearing in the documentary photographs)



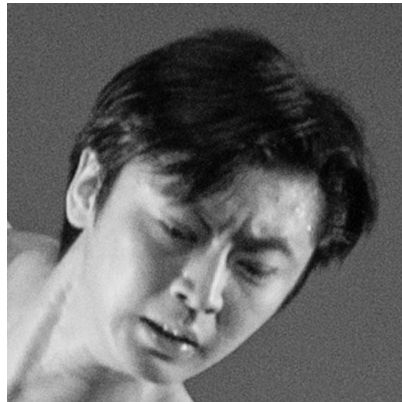
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Amy Bale



Alison Carroll



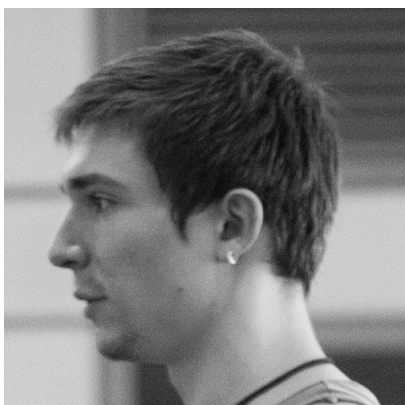
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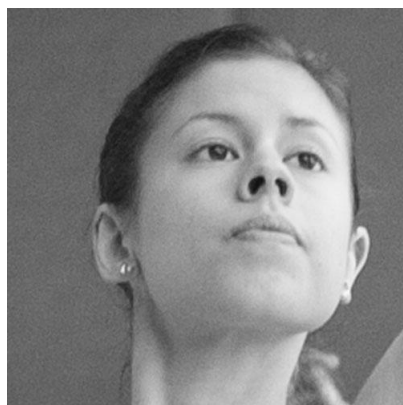
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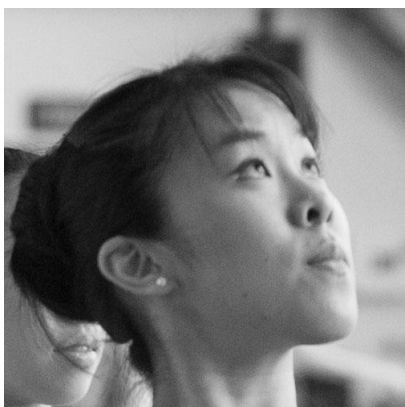
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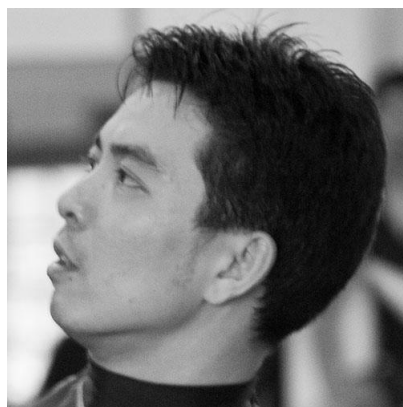
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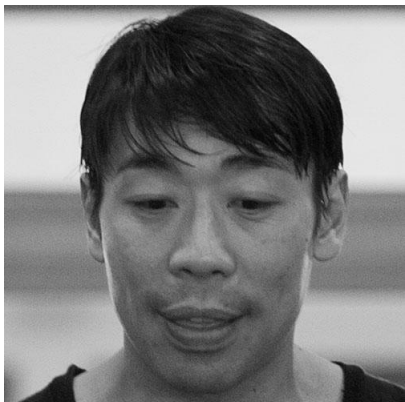
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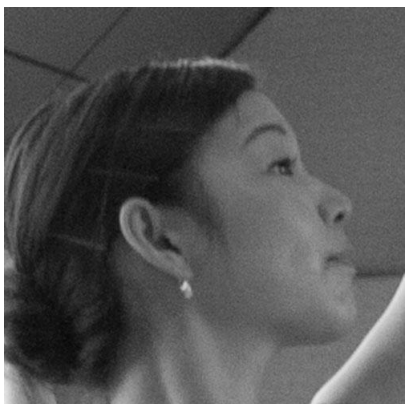
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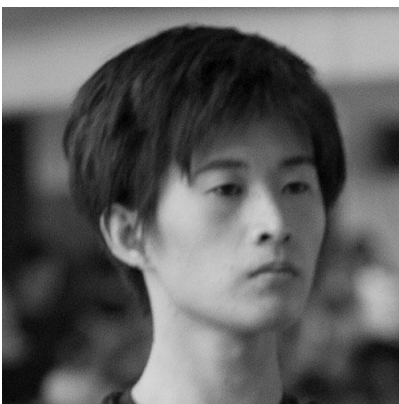
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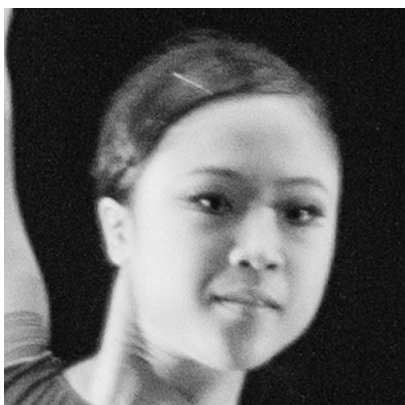
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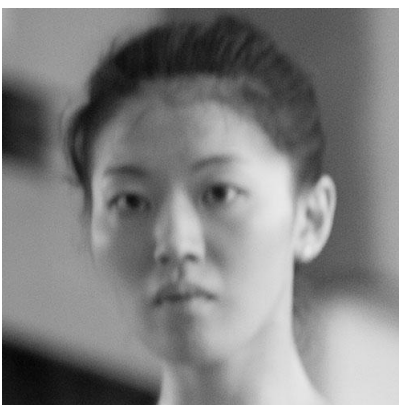
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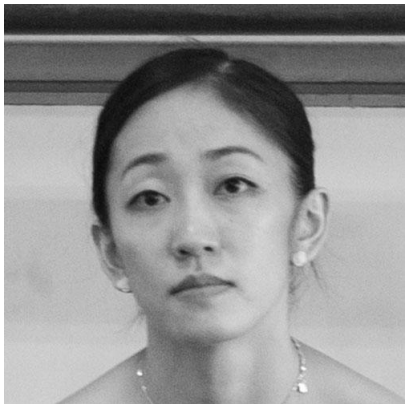
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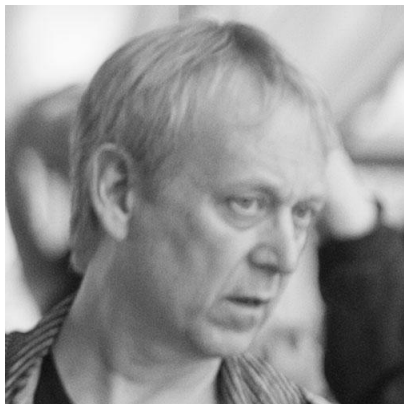
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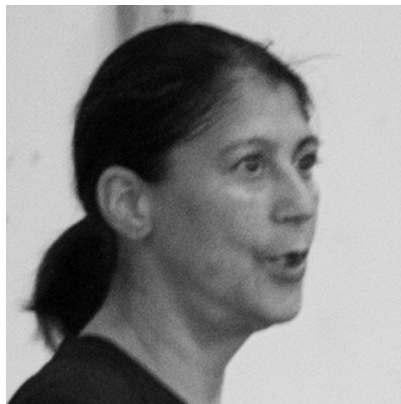
Rosa Park



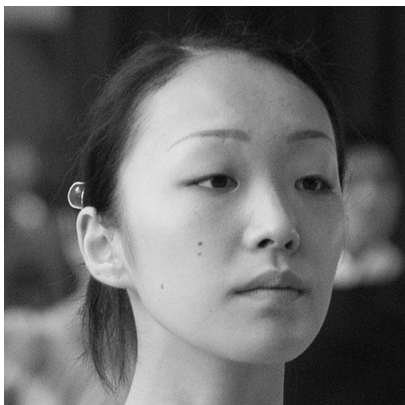
Mohamed Noor Sarman



Janek Schergen



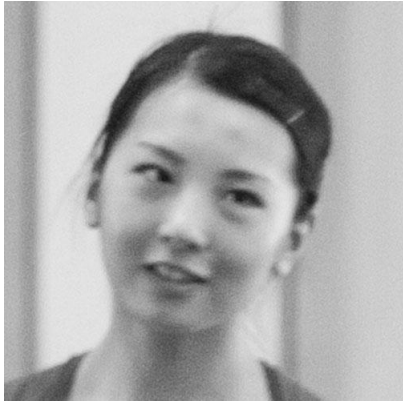
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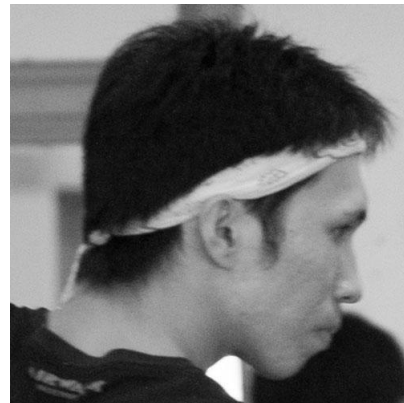
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Stanton Welch



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Kensuke Yaroze



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