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**THE MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP PRESENTS “MARK MORRIS ON THE PLAZA”
JUNE 11-13, 2021**

A weekend of outdoor programming featuring performances by the Mark Morris Dance Group and student companies, and dance classes presented by the Mark Morris Dance Center.

BROOKLYN, NY – The Mark Morris Dance Group (MMDG) will present a variety of dance performances, classes, and talks during *Mark Morris On The Plaza* – a weekend of outdoor programming at The Plaza at 300 Ashland in Brooklyn, from June 11 to 13, 2021. Throughout the weekend, MMDG will perform a program comprised of seven Mark Morris dances, and the Mark Morris Dance Center will present dance classes for all ages and abilities, and Student Company performances of excerpts from Morris works, plus choreography by MMDG company members and Dance Center faculty.

Schedule of programming:

Friday, June 11, 2021

- **6:00 PM – Mark Morris Dance Group performance**
Program will include Mark Morris’s *Fugue, Three Preludes, Jealousy, Greek to Me, Retreat from Madrid, Offertorium, and Words*. This performance will be followed by a Q&A session with company members Mica Bernas and Brandon Randolph facilitated by MMDG Company Director Sam Black.

Saturday, June 12, 2021

- **12:00 PM – Family Fun Broadway Jazz Class with Avi Asuleen**
A dynamic jazz class drawing from a variety of jazz and theatrical dance styles found in both classic and current Broadway musicals. Designed for family fun and fitness, this class requires no dance experience and is suitable for people of all ages with and without disabilities. No dance experience is required; street clothes/shoes are appropriate.
- **1:00 PM – Student Company I and II Performances**
The School at the Mark Morris Dance Center’s Student Company I and Student Company II will perform excerpts from Morris’s *Prelude and Prelude*, and *Grand Duo* set by Dance Group members Dallas McMurray and Noah Vinson, plus new choreography by Dance Group member Billy Smith and Dance Center faculty Janelle Barry, Alex Cook, and Mireille Radwan Dana.

- **2:30 PM – Dance with MMDG Class with Dance Group members**
Learn selections from Mark Morris' choreography from members of the Dance Group accompanied by live music. Designed for dancers of all ages with and without disabilities, this class provides an opportunity to explore movements from *Words*. No dance experience is required; street clothes/shoes are appropriate.
- **4:00 PM – Mark Morris Dance Group performance**
Same program as Friday. This show will not be followed by a Q&A session.
- **6:00 PM – Mark Morris Dance Group performance**
Same program as Friday, except *Three Preludes* will not be performed. This performance will be followed by a Q&A session with company members Sarah Haarmann and Malik Q. Williams facilitated by MMDG Company Director Sam Black.

Sunday, June 13, 2021

- **1:00 PM – Intro to Modern Class with Alex Berger**
An introductory class to modern technique with live percussion accompaniment by Andreas Brade. This class is suitable for people of all ages with and without disabilities. No dance experience is required; street clothes/shoes are appropriate.
- **2:00 PM – Student Company Performance**
Same program as Saturday.

All activities are FREE. Advance registration at mmdg.org/ontheplaza is recommended.

WHAT: Mark Morris On The Plaza, a weekend of dance performances by the Mark Morris Dance Group and student companies, classes, and events for all ages and abilities.

WHEN: June 11 – 13, 2021

WHERE: The Plaza at 300 Ashland, Brooklyn, NY

TICKETS: Free. Registration at mmdg.org/ontheplaza recommended.

About the Mark Morris Dance Group and the MMDG Music Ensemble

Founded in New York City in 1980 by artistic director and choreographer Mark Morris, praised by *The New York Times* as “the most successful and influential choreographer alive, and indisputably the most musical,” the Mark Morris Dance Group has been called “the preeminent modern dance organization

of our time” (Yo-Yo Ma). Its members have received the “highest praise for their technical aplomb, their musicality, and their sheer human authenticity.” (*Bloomberg News*). Live music and community engagement are vital components of the Mark Morris Dance Group, which has toured with its own musicians, the MMDG Music Ensemble, since 1996. The Mark Morris Dance Center, opened in Brooklyn in 2001, is the home of the Dance Group and provides educational opportunities in dance and music to people of all ages and abilities.

About the Mark Morris Dance Center

The Mark Morris Dance Center opened in Brooklyn in 2001. It cultivates creativity and celebrates its diverse community by providing subsidized studio rental opportunities to hundreds of local artists each year, rehearsal space for the dance community, programs for children and seniors, and affordable dance classes for students of all ages, with and without disabilities. Through these programs, the organization strives to advance access, exposure, and opportunity to dance and music.

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