

MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | 7:30 PM Lensic Performing Arts Center

Dancers

Jane Abbott | Mica Bernas | Karlie Budge | Brandon Cournay | Domingo Estrada, Jr. Deepa Liegel | Courtney Lopes | Matthew McLaughlin | Dallas McMurray Brandon Randolph | Nicole Sabella | Christina Sahaida | Billy Smith Noah Vinson | Malik Q. Williams

Musicians

Clinton Curtis | Colin Fowler | Jacob Garchik | Ethan Iverson Sam Newsome | Rob Schwimmer | Vinnie Sperrazza

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NOTES ON THE SCORE by Ethan Iverson

It was Fifty Years Ago Today

- 1. Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. The original album ended with an unprecedented effect, a very long chord. Fifty years later, perhaps a similar chord is a good place to begin...
- 2. Magna Carta. A formal invocation of personalities from the LP cover.
- 3. With a Little Help From my Friends. When Ringo sang it, he was on top of the world. Our version is more vulnerable.
- **4.** Adagio. In the age of Tinder, a Lonely Heart advertisement might seem hopelessly quaint. But everyone has always needed to find a match.
- **5.** When I'm Sixty-Four. In between 6 and 4 is 5. All three (counts to the bar) are heard beneath the music-hall scuffle.
- **6. Allegro.** A single offhand line of trombone from "Sgt. Pepper" germinates into a full-fledged sonata form.
- **7.** Within You Without You. George Harrison's sincere study of Indian music aligns easily with another Harrison interested in bringing the East to the West: the great composer Lou Harrison, one of Mark Morris's most significant collaborators. The hippie-era sentiment of the lyric remains startlingly fresh and relevant today.
- 8. Scherzo. Glenn Gould said he preferred Petula Clark to the Beatles. Apparently Gould, Clark, and a chord progression from "Sgt. Pepper" all seem to have inspired this mod number.
- **9.** Wilbur Scoville. The first thing we hear on the LP is a guitar blues lick, here transformed into a real blues for the horns to blow on. Wilbur Scoville invented the scale to measure heat in hot sauce: The original Sergeant Pepper?
- **10.** Cadenza. After seeing Bach's *Brandenburg 2* on the telly, Paul McCartney came into the studio and told George Martin to add piccolo trumpet to "Penny Lane." Indeed, detailed references to European classical music are one reason so many Beatles songs still stump the average cover band.
- **11. Penny Lane.** Not on *Sgt. Pepper,* but nonetheless originally planned to be, and of course especially relevant to the city of Liverpool.
- 12. A Day In the Life. Theremin nocturne, vocal descant, apotheosis.
- **13. Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.** Another unprecedented effect on the original LP was a reprise of the first theme, which is part of why it is called the first "concept album." Our later vantage point enables us to project into the next decade, the 70s, and conjure a disco ball. Thank you, Beatles! Thank you, *Sgt. Pepper*!

It takes a long time to bring a work like Mark Morris's *Pepperland* to the stage. The steps are many: composing and arranging the music, choreographing the movement, rehearsing the dancers and musicians, designing the decor, lighting, and sound. Seldom mentioned is the funding required to set it all in motion.

Dance companies often rely on support from foundations and individual donors to fund new works, and only after the premiere convince presenters to schedule performances. Mark Morris Dance Group, however, has developed a model that is unusual in the dance world, whereby multiple arts institutions join together to commission a piece—often years before it will reach their stages.

This approach began with *Mozart Dances* (2006), a three-way commission, and grew over time with *Romeo and Juliet* (2008), *Acis and Galatea* (2014), and *Layla and Majnun* (2016). It reaches unprecedented scale with *Pepperland*, which received advance funding from no fewer than seventeen institutions. They span the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom; are based in towns, cities, and on university campuses; and include both non-profit and for-profit entities.

"The support provided by these institutions sustains us, and shows their unique understanding of the hidden costs involved with creating dance works of this size," says Nancy Umanoff, executive director of Mark Morris Dance Group.

This funding model serves the commissioning partners well, too, and is based largely on Morris's importance and the trust they have in his work. "Like all arts organizations, we need to be careful about how we marshal our resources. But the excellence that Mark represents is at the heart of what we do, so we support it wholeheartedly," says Matías Tarnopolsky, former executive and artistic director of Cal Performances at the University of California, Berkeley, which has worked with Morris and his dancers for three decades. INVESTING IN DANCE: The Support That Makes *Pepperland* Possible

by Ryan Wenzel

Mike Ross, director of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, echoes Tarnopolsky and adds that the Dance Group's offstage outreach has also been crucial in furthering their close-knit relationship. "In addition to annual performances, they have brought workshops and other activities to our campus, and to the local population at large," says Ross. "Because they have become part of our community, it is easy for us to support them and their work on this level."

A separate community—one with a reputation for supporting superior new work-has coalesced around the commissioning organizations themselves, enticing others to join. Pepperland marks the Banff Centre's first commission of a Morris work, yet there are no plans for the piece to be performed on its stages in Alberta, Canada; it will instead, by arrangement with the Banff Centre, play at the Sony Centre in Toronto, more than 2,000 miles away. "We wanted to support Mark and his company. of course, but also for audiences to know that we support work of this caliber alongside other great organizations," says Janice Price, the Banff Centre's president. "It is incredibly rewarding to be seen as part of the ecosystem that makes this happen."

And if history is any indication, that ecosystem will only continue to strengthen and grow.

Ryan Wenzel is a New York-based writer and editor.



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SAM BLACK (company director) is originally from Berkeley, California, and received his B.F.A. in dance from SUNY Purchase. He first appeared with MMDG in 2005 and danced with the company until 2019, when he became the Rehearsal Director. He was promoted to Company Director in 2021.



JANE ABBOTT is a New York native who spent her early years training at the Alvin Ailey Scholarship Program and The School at Jacob's Pillow. She graduated in 2018 with a B.A. in dance from Columbia University. where she had the opportunity to perform works by Mark Morris, Chase Brock, Trisha Brown, John Heginbotham, Caitlin Trainor, and Twyla Tharp. She is a proud member of the Chase Brock Experience, with whom she has performed in multiple Off-Broadway productions, including the revival of The Four Seasons as well as in the original casts of The Girl with the Alkaline Eyes and Big Shot-the latter of which she also worked on as the Associate Choreographer and Dance Captain. Additional favorite credits include: The Hard Nut and L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato with MMDG, Diavolo: Architecture in Motion, General Mischief Dance Theater, Olivia Palacios Dance. North Shore Music Theater. The Joyce Theater, and the Fire Island Dance Festival. She wishes to thank her incredible parents for the endless support, inspiration, and love.



MICA BERNAS, originally from Manila, Philippines, received her training at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Dance School. She later joined Ballet Philippines as a member of the corps de ballet and rose up the ranks to Soloist. While at Ballet Philippines, she also studied at De La Salle University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in organizational communication in 2006. Upon graduating, she moved to New York and joined Carolyn Dorfman Dance. She was a guest artist with the Limón Dance Company and worked with Karole Armitage, Gallim Dance, Marta Renzi, and Connecticut Ballet. As an educator, she has taught all levels of dance, including after school programs, pre-professional, and master classes. She has taught at the Limón Institute and formerly ran the dance program at BIMA at Brandeis University. She joined MMDG as a company member in 2017.



KARLIE BUDGE grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, training and performing with the Tennessee Children's Dance Ensemble. She attended Case Western Reserve University on a full scholarship from the department of dance, graduating magna cum laude with a B.A. in dance and a B.S. in statistics in 2016. Budge has performed with Graham 2, Merce Cunningham Trust, and in her own solo and duet choreography. Budge joined MMDG as an apprentice in September 2018 and became a company member in November 2019.



BRANDON COURNAY is originally from Walled Lake, Michigan, and received his B.F.A. from The Juilliard School. As a freelance artist, he has performed with the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, the Mark Morris Dance Group, Morphoses, the Metropolitan Opera, New York Theatre Ballet, The Chase Brock Experience, Schoen Movement Company, Dance Heginbotham, and KEIGWIN + COMPANY. TV/film/industrial credits include PBS's Great Performances, Musical Chairs (HBO), Puma, Sesame Street, and Target. As an educator and répétiteur, he has worked with The Pennsylvania Ballet, Whim W'Him. The Juilliard School/Nord Anglia Education, and universities nationwide. Offstage, he has worked with companies in

multiple capacities from artistic direction to administrative management. For many years, he was the Rehearsal Director and Associate Artistic Director of KEIGWIN + COMPANY. In addition, he has assisted numerous choreographers on creative projects in theatre, film, and dance. He joined MMDG as a company member in 2018.



CLINTON CURTIS (vocals) is a multi-genre singer, musician, and songwriter originally from Key West, Florida. As a choral singer he has worked with many of the world's luminary conductors and orchestras, most recently including engagements with the New York Philharmonic, Berlin Philharmonic, and San Francisco Symphony. March 2016 marked his operatic debut in *Curlew River* for the Mark Morris Dance Group. As a popular songwriter and frontman for The Clinton Curtis Band he has toured internationally as a cultural ambassador with the U.S Department of State. He has released five original studio albums available at music.clintoncurtis.com.



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 eleven

years. Estrada earned his B.F.A. 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.



JACOB GARCHIK (trombone) is a multiinstrumentalist and composer. Since moving to New York in 1994 he has been a vital part of the Downtown and Brooklyn scene, playing trombone with the Lee Konitz Nonet, Ohad Talmor/Steve Swallow Sextet, Mary Halvorson Octet, and the John Hollenbeck Large Ensemble. He has released four albums as a leader, including The Heavens: The Atheist Gospel Trombone Album. He co-leads Brooklyn's premiere Mexican brass band, Banda de los Muertos. Since 2006 Garchik has contributed dozens of arrangements and transcriptions for Kronos Quartet of music from all over the world. His arrangements were featured on Floodplain, Rainbow, and A Thousand Thoughts. He composed the score for Kronos for the documentaries The Campaign and Green Fog directed by Guy Maddin. He has created arrangements for vocalists Anne Sofie von Otter, Angelique Kidjo, Laurie Anderson, Rhiannon Giddens, kd lang, Natalie Merchant, Tanya Tagaq, and Alim Qasimov. As a trombonist Garchik has worked with many luminaries of the avant-garde, including Henry Threadgill, Laurie Anderson, Anthony Braxton, Anthony Coleman, Joe Maneri, Frank London, James Tenney, Terry Reilly, and George Lewis. He has also played

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in ensembles led by emerging artists Mary Halvorson, Darcy James Argue, Dan Weiss, Miguel Zenon, and Steve Lehman, and has been named a "Rising Star" in the *Downbeat* Jazz Critics Poll.



BRIAN LAWSON is a dance performer and educator who began dancing in Toronto. Canada. He earned his B.F.A. in dance at SUNY Purchase and while studying performed with Douglas Dunn and Dancers and the Mark Morris Dance Group. He graduated summa cum laude in 2010 and went on to work with Pam Tanowitz Dance and Dance Heginbotham before joining the Mark Morris Dance Group from 2011-18. He left MMDG to earn his M.F.A. from the University of Washington, where he graduated in 2020. Currently, he is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Skidmore College and a member of Pam Tanowitz Dance. He has served on the faculty at Cornish College of the Arts and has given masterclasses at Purchase College, New York University Tisch School of the Arts, and the American Dance Festival, among others.



DEEPA LIEGEL was born in Calcutta. India. and raised in Seattle, Washington. She grew up dancing with Cornish Preparatory Dance, Leela Kathak Dance, and Seattle Theatre Group. She received her B.F.A. in dance performance with honors and a minor in arts management from Southern Methodist University. Professionally, she has danced with the Mark Morris Dance Group, Limón Dance Company, the Metropolitan Opera, BCEFA's Broadway Bares, Dance Lab NY, and Delta Rae. During the pandemic, she taught at Western Washington University, Cornish College of the Arts, and The Ballet Spot. Liegel is currently a member of the Limón Dance Company and a certified Pilates instructor through Power Pilates, NYC. Instagram: @deepaleaps. Rep: Jim Keith - Movement Talent Agency, NYC Division.



COURTNEY LOPES is originally from Bermuda and attended the University of North Carolina School of the Arts for her high school education. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.F.A. in dance from SUNY Purchase in 2012 and studied in Taiwan at the Taipei National University of the Arts. As a student, she performed works by Paul Taylor, Jessica Lang, Lar Lubovitch, and Huang Yi of Cloud Gate Dance Theater. In addition to performing with Dance Heginbotham for over nine years, she has worked as a freelance artist with Megan Williams, Sameena Mitta, Kathryn Alter, Sue Bernhard, and Robert Mark Burke. As an educator and répétiteur, she has worked with the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, Ballet Tech, 92Y Harkness Dance Center, Dance for PD®, and the José Limón Institute. She first performed with MMDG in 2018 and officially joined as an apprentice in 2022.



TAÍNA LYONS is a San Pedro, California. native who began her dance training at the San Pedro Ballet School at the age of four. Her professional dance training started at the Debbie Allen Dance Academy, eventually being mentored by Debbie Allen herself. She graduated from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts with a B.F.A. in dance and a minor in Spanish in 2020. There she performed in guest works by Ronald K. Brown, Wayne McGregor, and Lar Lubovitch. In the spring of 2019, she also had the pleasure of studying abroad at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague, Czech Republic. Since graduating, she has had the honor of being a founding member of the Limón Dance Company's Limón2 (L2) company, an apprentice with Ronald K. Brown's Evidence, as well as performing and touring with Kyle Marshall Choreography. She joined MMDG as a company member in 2022.



MATTHEW McLAUGHLIN discovered movement at age one and danced hula in Hawaii until age four. As a child with parents in the military, he moved and traveled frequently and explored many different sports and art forms. He graduated from SUNY Purchase with a B.F.A. in dance. During this time, he performed works by Aszure Barton, Kevin Wynn, Kyle Abraham, George Balanchine, and Doug Varone. In 2018, he had the opportunity to perform in the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company's 50th anniversary celebration. He joined MMDG as an apprentice in 2019 and became a company member in 2021. McLaughlin would like to thank his family for their love and inspiration.



DALLAS McMURRAY, from El Cerrito, California, began dancing at age four, studying jazz, tap, and acrobatics with Katie Maltsberger and ballet with Yukiko Sakakura. He received a B.F.A. 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.

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ALEX MEETH grew up in Dousman, Wisconsin, and began his dance training with Eddy Bray at the age of thirteen. After graduating from the Kettle Moraine School for Arts and Performance, he was accepted on scholarship to the Boston Conservatory at Berklee, where he graduated with a B.F.A. in contemporary dance performance (emphasis in choreography) in 2022. While at the Boston Conservatory, he performed works by Mark Morris, Catherine Coury, José Limón, Daniel Pelzig, and Bradley Shelver. Since 2019, he has additionally danced with the Boston Early Music Festival under the direction of Kathleen Fay and Melinda Sullivan.



SAM NEWSOME (saxophone) works primarily in the medium of solo saxophone, an approach through which he gained worldwide critical acclaim with the release of his 2009 recording *Blue Soliloquy: Solo Works for* Soprano Saxophone, which received a five-star review in *Downbeat* magazine. Newsome sees himself more along the lines of a visual artist who paints with notes and sounds rather than shapes and colors. "My music," says Newsome, "is a type of improvisatory art music in which jazz functions more as a resource than a musical genre to be interpreted with stylistic specificity." Even though Newsome's approach is unorthodox, it has proven to be very fruitful—musically and critically. Newsome's creative efforts have earned him such recognition as receiving the 2016 NYFA Artist's Fellowship for the Music/ Sound category; being selected as a nominee for Soprano Saxophonist of the Year by the 2016 Jazz Journalist Association (JJA); and placing fourth in the Soprano Saxophone category in the 64th Annual Downbeat Jazz Critics Poll.



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 B.F.A. 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, Pennsylvania, earning her B.F.A. 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.



CHRISTINA SAHAIDA grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and began her early dance training at the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School. In 2012, she graduated with honors from Butler University, receiving a B.F.A. in dance performance. She has worked with Ballet Quad Cities, Texture Contemporary Ballet, and most recently the Big Muddy Dance Company in St. Louis, Missouri. Sahaida joined MMDG as an apprentice in 2017 and became a company member in 2019.



ROB SCHWIMMER (theremin) is a composer-pianist/keyboardist, thereminist, and Haken Continuumist. He has worked with Simon & Garfunkel. Wavne Shorter. Antônio Carlos Jobim, Bobby McFerrin, Willie Nelson, Paul Simon, Gotye, The Boston Pops, Chaka Khan, Laurie Anderson, Arif Mardin, Stevie Wonder, Adam Guettel, Paul Bley, T-Bone Walker, Sam Rivers, Christian Marclay, Matthew Barney, Ang Lee, Maria Schneider, The Klezmatics, Bernie Worrell, Annette Peacock, Gwyneth Paltrow, Mabou Mines, Geoffrey Holder, John Cale, Steve Buscemi, Iva Bittova, Theo Bleckmann, John Stubblefield, The Roches, Jack Quartet, Teo Macero, Hal Willner, Vernon Reid, The Everly Brothers, Kurt Vonnegut, Odetta, Joseph Jarman, Alwin Nikolai/Murray Louis Dance Company, Marc Ribot, Frank London, and Sammy Davis Jr. As a world class thereminist, Schwimmer has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning, The New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal. A founding member and former co-director of the NY Theremin Society, his credits as theremin soloist include The Boston Pops, The Orchestra of St. Luke's (which included his theremin arrangement of Bernard Herrmann's "Scene d'Amour" from Vertigo), Bobby McFerrin at Carnegie Hall, Gotye's Ondioline Orchestra, and Simon & Garfunkel's world tours. In addition to his CD Theremin Noir (with Uri Caine and Mark Feldman), Rob played on Trey Anastasio's CD Traveler, Matthew Barney's epic movie Cremaster 3, and A&E's Breakfast with the Arts.

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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 Curly in Oklahoma! Smith danced with Parsons Dance from 2007-2010. He joined MMDG as a company member in 2010.



VINNIE SPERRAZZA (drums) is a Brooklynbased jazz drummer. He has made a mark on the New York jazz community with his swinging, enthusiastic playing and his commitment to original projects. He has released three full-length albums of his original compositions for Loyal Label and Positone Records. In 2023, he will release a trio album with pianist Ethan Iverson and bassist Michael Formanek, and a new suite of music composed for a group with guitarist Brandon Seabrook and saxophonist Loren Stillman. Additionally, he has played on over 80 albums as a sideman. Notable recent touring has been with saxophonist and composer Ohad Talmor's Subway Lines; Stew and Heidi Rodewald in Stew and The Negro Problem; the Mark Morris Dance Group's *Pepperland*, composed and led by Ethan Iverson: the Michael Formanek Drome Trio, featuring new extended compositions by Michael Formanek; and the jazz collective Ember, featuring saxophonist Caleb Curtis and bassist Noah Garabedian. He is a member of the Hank Roberts Sextet and Hank Roberts Trio. and tours and records with the groups Landline, the Choir Invisible, Ember featuring Orrin Evans, Matt Bauder's Hearing Things, Vinnie Sperrazza-Jacob Sacks-Masa Kamaguchi PLAY, and trioTrio meets Shelia Jordan.



NOAH VINSON is originally from Springfield, Illinois, and received his B.A. 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 *The Letter V* for Houston Ballet. He began dancing with MMDG in 2002 and became a company member in 2004.



MALIK Q. WILLIAMS is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was awarded the Lynn Swann Scholarship to attend the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre during the 2006-2007 season. He graduated from the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach, Florida, as a dance major in 2013, where he worked with Troy Powell, Christopher L. Huggins, Billy Bell, and Margo Sappington. He then went on to The Juilliard School, where he graduated with a B.F.A. in 2017 under the direction of Lawrence Rhodes. At Juilliard, he worked with the choreographers Takehiro Ueyama, Loni Landon, Zvi Gotheiner, Matthew Neenan, and Gentian Doda. He has performed works by Martha Graham, Paul Taylor, and Nacho Duato. Since graduating, Williams has danced with the Limón Dance Company, National Dance Company of Wales, and Lydia Johnson Dance. During this time, he has performed works by José Limón, Caroline Finn, Yin Yue, Caitlin Javech, and Lydia Johnson, among many others. He joined MMDG as an apprentice in 2020 and became a company member in 2021.

JOHAN HENCKENS (set design) became the Director of Technical Production of the Mark Morris Dance Group in 1989, during the company's three-year residency at the Koninklijke Muntschouwburg in Brussels, Belgium.



NICK KOLIN (lighting design) has designed Whelm, Words, A Forest, Numerator, Pure Dance Items, Little Britten, The Trout, and Sport for the Mark Morris Dance Group and tours with the Dance Group as lighting supervisor. Recent dance projects include new works for Philadanco!, Art of Fugue with Syren Modern Dance, many collaborations with the Joffrey Ballet School, and lighting supervisor for Daniil Simkin's Intensio, Wendy Whelan's Restless Creature, the Apollo Theatre's Get on the Good Foot, Dance Heginbotham, Lincoln Center Festival, and New York City Center's Fall for Dance Festival. Other projects include productions with the

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Cincinnati Ballet, Gotham Chamber Opera, Asolo Repertory Theater, Castillo Theater, and Signature Theatre. Kolin is an adjunct faculty member at Hunter College, where he is the resident lighting designer for the M.F.A. playwriting program. He holds an M.F.A. from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.



ELIZABETH KURTZMAN (costume design) began her career in the fashion industry after attending the Parsons School of Design. She has designed textiles and accessories for numerous New York design houses. She has added costume design and book illustration to her list of vocations, designing numerous pieces for the Mark Morris Dance Group including Dancing Honeymoon, Sang-Froid, The Argument, Greek to Me, Four Saints in Three Acts, Empire Garden, Visitation, The Muir, Crosswalk, Petrichor, Pure Dance Items, and Sport. She also designed L'Isola Disabitata for the Gotham Opera Company, under Mark Morris's direction. Kurtzman is currently active in providing art and music programs for children with autism in New York City, where she lives and works.

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