



For Immediate Release



HEIDI LATSKY DANCE/CHRISTOPHER ASH



JENNY ROCHA DANCE/NICOLAS PELUFFO



ARKADI ZAIDES/GADI DAGON

DANCING FAR INTO THE SUMMER NIGHT
2011 LA MAMA MOVES! FESTIVAL PRESENTS OVER 60 SHOWS, CLOSE TO 40 PREMIERES AND MULTIPLE AMERICAN AND NEW YORK DEBUTS, MAY 24-JUNE 21

How many different kinds of dance companies--not to mention, premieres--can fit into the space of a month-long festival?

That question challenges La MaMa Moves! each year when the now, six-year-old festival flings open its doors to welcome the dance community from across the world to its stages. This year's festival, May 24 to June 21, promises 60 attractions, 37 premieres and four US debuts. Which is to say that La MaMa's three theaters, The Club, the First Floor Theatre and the Ellen Stewart Theatre will rock with dancing of all kinds--both the traditional and new Hula, contemporary, post modern, modern, and Neo-Baroque performances. The dancing promises to go on, sometimes 'til midnight. The infatigable engineers behind the festival are Mia Yoo and Nicky Paraiso.

La MaMa Moves! opens with **Dancing for Joan**, a gala on May 24 honoring Joan Finkelstein, former dancer and choreographer, presently the Director of Dance Programs for the New York City Department of Education. "We are honoring Joan for her visionary support of dance artists and her passionate dedication to future generations of dancers and choreographers," said Ms. Yoo and Mr. Paraiso. Yoshiko Chuma, Nicholas Leichter, David Dorfman, and Doug Elkins are among the companies and dancers celebrating Joan Finkelstein with performances at La MaMa.

MORE

The month's highlights include a six-day **Israel/New York Festival** featuring nine different dance troupes headed either by Israeli-based companies or New York-based Israeli expats. The week of performances features works by the Israeli choreographers Arkadi Zaides, Idan Cohen, Maya Brinner, Tomer Sharabi & Maya Stern and Yossi Berg & Oded Graf, all of whom, except for Yossi Berg & Oded Graf, are making their American debuts. Each is presenting a premiere. The New York-based, Israeli expat groups, LeeSaar The Company and Deganit Shemy, as well as the YelleB Dance Ensemble, which divides its time between Israel and New York, will also be presenting premieres. A series of short animated video dance films will be woven between the live performances. The films were created at Dimension Three, a contemporary art lab based in Tel Aviv.

International attractions, in addition to the Israeli groups, include Anagrama Coreografico from Italy and Nicole Vivien Watson from England. The companies are performing as part of **New York International**. The NYI lineup also includes foreign-born artists now working in New York: Sonoko Kawahara (Japan), Erick Montes (Mexico), John-Mario Sevilla (Philippines), and Luke Murphy (Ireland).

There will be full-evening works by **Jenny Rocha**, **Heidi Latsky**, **Austin McCormick**, **A.O. Movement Collective** and **Lance Gries**. Using live music performed by the Brooklyn-based band, One Ring Zero and video by Joseph Rivas, **Jenny Rocha's** work, "Mandorla," a world premiere, is a wildly witty satire of the "exploited artist." The movement mixes hip-hop, with jazz, stomping and various modern dance styles. **Heidi Latsky** will present the premiere of "The Gimp Project: IF," which challenges conventional notions of beauty in dance by incorporating professional performers with performers with various physical disabilities. The cast represents a cross section of generations, ethnicities and physical abilities creating a mosaic of new possibilities for dance. Variations of the original 2007 work have been seen across the United States and Europe where it drew great applause and critical acclaim for its daring imagination and humanity. **Austin McCormick's** "Dénouement–A Murderous Masquerade," offers a riveting vision of a rich society so bored with itself that it looks to murder as an escape from its *ennui*. Love, hatred, passion, revenge and lust feature prominently in this tension-filled dance drama that takes place at a party where Russian Roulette is part of the scary fun. "barrish," a work for five women, is described by Sarah Rosner of **A.O. Movement Collective** as an exploration of emotional and physical extremism in which tenderness and brutality, nakedness and fortification are some of the topics. Former Trisha Brown principal dancer **Lance Gries**, whose own choreography has won great praise from critics, will present the premiere of "Etudes for an Astronaut," a solo created by and performed by Gries. The shows mark Gries's first performances in New York for ten years.

Intricate Intimacies, a series of performances, comprised of solos, duets, and trios takes place June 9-18, and includes works choreographed and performed by artists such as Judith Sanchez Ruiz, Mariah Maloney, Daniel Gwartzman, Jon Kinzel, Stanford Makishi, Brandi Norton, Rebecca Warner, and Jeremy Pheiffer. Expect over 15 premieres.

This year's **Dancing Divas** programs, a celebration of women artists, features performances of new works by Risa Jaroslow, Mary Seidman, Patricia Hoffbauer, and Peggy Chow.

###

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFIC TIMES, DATES, VENUES AND TICKET INFORMATION.
KEEP WATCH FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES AT WWW.LAMAMA.ORG**

La MaMa Moves! 2011 is supported by The Ford Foundation, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Mertz Gilmore Foundation, Jerome Robbins Foundation, Harkness Foundation for Dance, New York State Council on the Arts, The New York Community Trust, The Harold and Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust, and Dr. Gerald J. & Dorothy R. Friedman Foundation.



La MaMa ETC • 74A East 4th Street, NYC

Box Office: 212-475-7710

TICKETS: \$15 and \$10 FOR STUDENTS and SENIORS

LA MAMA MOVES! • MAY 24–JUNE 21, 2011

Date	Event	Program
LA MAMA MOVES! SPRING GALA – ELLEN STEWART THEATRE		
MAY 24 7:30 PM	DANCING FOR JOAN Honoring Joan Finkelstein, Director of Dance Programs, NYC Department of Education	BENEFIT CO-CHAIRS: Robyn Cutler & Christopher Pennington SPEAKERS: Jean-Leon Destin�, Sharon Dunn PERFORMANCES: HT Chen & Dancers: Children’s Program “Mountain”, Yoshiko Chuma and Robert Black, Nicholas Leichter and Will Rawls, David Dorfman Dance, Archie Burnett and Javier Ninja with Doug Elkins, Heidi Latsky, Doug Varone and Dancers (DVD) and Martha Graham Dance Company “All City Panorama”

ELLEN STEWART THEATRE (66 East 4th Street, Second Floor)

MAY 26-27 7:30 PM	JENNY ROCHA DANCE	“Mandorla”*
MAY 28-29 7:30 PM	DANCING DIVAS	Peggy Choy “Pow,”*** Patricia Hoffbauer “For This Reason I Am Naming This Dance,” Yvonne Rainer (performed by Patricia Hoffbauer & Sally Silvers), Leslie Satin & David Botana “Nine Squares (private),” * Mary Seidman “The Messier Project”*
JUNE 2-3 7:30 PM	NYU COLLABORATION PROJECT	Casey Boyle “A Game”(trio)*, Brighid Greene (duet)*, Claudia Hubiak (duet)*, Igor Konyukhov (trio)*, Michael Laskaris (solo)*, Russell Lilie (group)*, Allie Pfeffer (group)*, Phoebe Sandford “Trichotillomania”(quartet)*
JUNE 4-5 7:30 PM	AUSTIN McCORMICK/ COMPANY XIV	“D�nouement-A Murderous Masquerade”
JUNE 8 7:30 PM	ISRAEL/NEW YORK	<i>Contemporary Israeli Dance Week:</i> Netta Yerushalmy “Devouring, Devouring” (NY), Arkadi Zaides “Quiet” (Israel)**
JUNE 9 7:30 PM	ISRAEL/NEW YORK	<i>Contemporary Israeli Dance Week:</i> YelleB Dance Ensemble “Pericardium” (Israel/NY)*, Arkadi Zaides “Quiet” (Israel)**
JUNE 10 7:30 PM	ISRAEL/NEW YORK	<i>Contemporary Israeli Dance Week:</i> Yossi Berg & Oded Graf “Heroes” (Israel), LeeSaar The Company “Fame”(NY), Regina Nejman, Deganit Shemy “Untitled” (NY)*
JUNE 11 7:30 PM	ISRAEL/NEW YORK	<i>Contemporary Israeli Dance Week:</i> Yossi Berg & Oded Graf “Heroes” (Israel), Maya Brinner “Red Ladies” (Israel)**, Idan Cohen “My Sweet Little Fur” (Israel)**, Tomer Sharabi & Maya Stern “Dinner” (Israel)*
JUNE 12 2:30 PM	ISRAEL/NEW YORK	<i>Contemporary Israeli Dance Week:</i> Maya Brinner “Red Ladies” (Israel)**, Idan Cohen “My Sweet Little Fur” (Israel)**, Tomer Sharabi & Maya Stern “Dinner” (Israel)*, YelleB Dance Ensemble “Pericardium**” (Israel/NY), Regina Nejman
JUNE 12 7:30 PM	ISRAEL/NEW YORK	<i>Contemporary Israeli Dance Week:</i> Maya Brinner “Red Ladies” (Israel)**, Tomer Sharabi & Maya Stern “Dinner” (Israel)*, YelleB Dance Ensemble “Pericardium” (Israel/NY)*, Idan Cohen “My Sweet Little Fur” (Israel)**

JUNE 16-17 7:30 PM	HEIDI LATSKY DANCE	"The GIMP Project: IF"*
JUNE 18 2:30 & 7:30 PM	HEIDI LATSKY DANCE	"The GIMP Project: IF"*
JUNE 19 2 PM & 4 PM	EAST VILLAGE DANCE PROJECT	Children & Teen Choreographers/Dancers
JUNE 21 7:30 PM	HULA MOVES	Vicky Holt Takamine & Guests

THE CLUB (74A East 4th Street, Second Floor)

MAY 27-28 10 PM	A.O. MOVEMENT COLLECTIVE	"barrish"*
MAY 29 5:30 PM	NY INTERNATIONAL	Ian Colless (Australia)*, Sonoko Kawahara/Crossing Jamaica Avenue (Japan/USA)*, Erick Montes (Mexico)*, Luke Murphy (Ireland)*, Nicole Vivien Watson/Surface Area Dance Theatre (England)*
JUNE 3-4 10 PM	LANCE GRIES	"Etudes for an Astronaut"*
JUNE 5 5:30 PM	NY INTERNATIONAL	Anagrama Coreografico (Italy)*, Sonoko Kawahara/Crossing Jamaica Avenue (Japan/USA)*, Erick Montes (Mexico)*, John-Mario Sevilla (Philippines)*, Luke Murphy (Ireland)*, Nicole Vivien Watson/ Surface Area Dance Theatre (England)*

FIRST FLOOR THEATRE (74A East 4th Street)

JUNE 9 7:30 PM	INTRICATE INTIMACIES: Solos, Duets, Trios &...	James Buster Grant/Opus Dance Theater*, Mariah Maloney*, Judith Sanchez Ruiz*
JUNE 10 7:30 PM	INTRICATE INTIMACIES: Solos, Duets, Trios &...	Caridad Martinez*, Brandin Steffensen*, Arturo Vidich*
JUNE 11 7:30 PM	INTRICATE INTIMACIES: Solos, Duets, Trios &...	James Buster Grant/Opus Dance Theater*, Mariah Maloney*, Judith Sanchez Ruiz*
JUNE 12 7:30 PM	INTRICATE INTIMACIES: Solos, Duets, Trios &...	Caridad Martinez*, Brandin Steffensen*, Arturo Vidich*
JUNE 16 7:30 PM	INTRICATE INTIMACIES: Solos, Duets, Trios &...	Daniel Gwartzman*, Jon Kinzel with Matthew Rogers & Stewart Sugg*, Stanford Makishi & Brandi Norton*, Rebecca Warner*
JUNE 17 7:30 PM	INTRICATE INTIMACIES: Solos, Duets, Trios &...	Leslie Guyton/Movement Workshop Group*, Abdur-Rahim Jackson*, Jeremy Pheiffer*, Will Rawls*
JUNE 18 7:30 PM	INTRICATE INTIMACIES: Solos, Duets, Trios &...	Daniel Gwartzman*, Jon Kinzel with Matthew Rogers & Stewart Sugg*, Stanford Makishi & Brandi Norton*, Rebecca Warner*
JUNE 19 7:30 PM	INTRICATE INTIMACIES: Solos, Duets, Trios &...	Leslie Guyton/Movement Workshop Group*, Abdur-Rahim Jackson*, Stanford Makishi & Brandi Norton*, Jeremy Pheiffer*

*PREMIERE

**U.S. DEBUT

***WORK IN PROGRESS

051711