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ONCE AGAIN, LA MAMA MOVES!
11 PROGRAMS, 17 PREMIERES, 174 ARTISTS JOIN
FORCES TO FILL LA MAMA'S DANCE CARD
MAY 2 – JUNE 1
OF SPECIAL NOTE: FULL EVENING WORLD PREMIERES BY IVY
BALDWIN AND JENNY ROCHA

The logistics of putting together a dance festival as complex and far-reaching as La MaMa Moves! would defy even Einstein. However, that has not put a damper on the spirits of Nicky Paraiso and Mia Yoo, who have together managed -- for the third year in a row -- to create one of the most expansive celebrations of downtown dance under one roof.

Ladies and gentlemen, once again, La MaMa moves. And boy! this year will it ever—from May 2 to June 1 nonstop.

The festival opens May 2 with the world premiere of Ivy Baldwin's "Could be nice...", a fifty-minute trio commissioned by and originally shown as a work in progress at Dixon Place in 2007. Set to an original score by Justin Jones with additional music by Ravel, the deeply sensual work evokes images ranging from Adonis to Sophia Loren. For Baldwin's characters, clemintines and pheromone martinis are the food and drink of choice. Baldwin will also present the premiere of "Kate the Great" as part of the festival's newly created NYU Collaboration evenings established with the Dance Department at Tisch School of the Arts.

Jenny Rocha's "Pistol Pretty," also a world premiere, is a rollicking and witty celebration of the power of women as bawdy, fun-loving creatures. A full-evening multi-media production with video design by Joseph Rivas, the show incorporates vaudeville, burlesque and stomping. The live music—blue grass, Delta blues, and the sounds of a New Orleans marching band—is performed by The Woes.

The 2008 festival introduces several additions to its famous themed evenings including the NYU Collaboration Project, May 15-18, which features premieres by Chris

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Yon, Curt Haworth, plus Ivy Baldwin, as well as works by a select number of graduate students. Other newly created themes are Male Bonding, May 23-25, featuring the world premiere of “Nothing, No Thing” choreographed and performed by Miguel Gutierrez, plus works by John Jasperse and Ben Munisteri; Hot Swing night stars Evita Arce with the Four Jivadeers who perform the Lindy Hop to music by the Cangelosi Cards. The audience will also be offered lessons and a chance to join the dance. The next night features Dancing Divas with Sara Rudner, Pam Tanowitz, Sally Silvers, Jodi Melnick, along with new dances by Vicky Shick and Barbara Mahler.

Ping Chong presents a New York premiere and Muna Tseng and Christopher Caines present works from repertory as part of An Evening of Dance Works, May 29-31 and June 1; world premieres by Daniel Linehan, Aaron Draper, Levi Gonzalez highlight Mavericks in Motion along with Michou Szabo, Ray Roy and Heather Olson who contribute existing dances, May 15-18. NY International, May 23-25, features works by Luciana Achugar (Uruguay), Manhong Kang (Korea), LeeSaar The Company (Israel), Parijat Desai (India), Paul Singh (India), Gerald Casel (Philippines), plus Dalia Carella, an American artist influenced by the Middle East.

For children there will be a 2:30 pm matinee on May 25 featuring works by 40 young choreographers, ages 8 to 17. (The show won't go until dawn, however. Most are collaborative enterprises!)

On May 22 La Grand Dame of downtown dance philanthropy, Micki Wesson, will be honored at La MaMa's very first dance benefit, aptly titled Dancing for Micki: An Evening Celebrating Micki Wesson. The list of performers reads like a Who's Who of the below 14th Street crowd including Meredith Monk, Basil Twist, Christopher Williams, Yoshiko Chuma, Nicky Paraiso, Lawrence Goldhuber & Keely Garfield, among others. Absentee artists Jonah Bokaer and John Kelly will be represented via DVD's in the lobby.

La MaMa e.t.c. is located at 74A East 4th Street. Tickets are \$15, and \$10 for students and seniors, and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 212-475-7710.

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DATE EVENT PROGRAM

THE CLUB – FRIDAY & SATURDAY SHOWS AT 10PM, SUNDAY SHOWS 5:30PM

MAY 2–4, 9–11	IVY BALDWIN DANCE	*Could be nice...
MAY 16–18	JENNY ROCHA DANCE	*Pistol Pretty
MAY 23–25	MALE BONDING	JOHN JASPERSE, **MIGUEL GUTIERREZ, **BEN MUNISTERI

THE ANNEX – ALL SHOWS AT 7:30PM

MAY 15–18	NYU COLLABORATION PROJECT	NYU ALUMNI CHOREOGRAPHERS: *CHRIS YON, *CURT HAWORTH, *IVY BALDWIN GRADUATE STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHERS: *SYDNEY SKYBETTER, *CHRISTINA NOEL REAVES, *PATRICIA NOWOROL *ALANA ISIGUEN
MAY 23	HOT SWING	EVITA ARCE OF JELLY ROLL PRODUCTIONS PERFORMS WITH THE FOUR JIVADEERS TO MUSIC BY THE CANGELOSI CARDS
May 24	DANCING DIVAS	SARA RUDNER, PAM TANOWITZ, *BARBARA MAHLER, SALLY SILVERS, *VICKY SHICK, JODI MELNICK
MAY 25 (2:30 matinee only)	LOCO-MOTION DANCE THEATRE FOR CHILDREN	ARTISTIC DIRECTOR LISA PILATO BRINGS YOUNG CHOREOGRAPHERS, AGES 8 TO 17, TO LA MAMA TO PERFORM THEIR WORK
MAY 29-JUNE 1 (June 1 is a 2:30pm matinee only)	AN EVENING OF DANCE WORKS	**PING CHONG, MUNA TSENG, CHRISTOPHER CAINES

THE FIRST FLOOR (BLACK BOX) – ALL SHOWS AT 8:00PM

MAY 15–18	MAVERICKS IN MOTION	*DANIEL LINEHAN, *AARON DRAPER, *LEVI GONZALEZ, MICHOU SZABO, RAY ROY, HEATHER OLSON
MAY 23–25	NY INTERNATIONAL	LUCIANA ACHUGAR (URUGUAY), MANHONG KANG (KOREA), LEESAAR THE COMPANY (ISRAEL), PARIJAT DESAI (INDIA), PAUL SINGH (INDIA), DALIA CARELLA (USA), GERALD CASEL (PHILIPPINES)

LA MAMA MOVES! BENEFIT – THE ANNEX – 7:30PM – PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS \$100/\$250

MAY 22	<i>DANCING FOR MICKI</i> AN EVENING CELEBRATING MICKI WESSON TO BENEFIT LA MAMA MOVES!	SPEAKERS: PING CHONG, DEBORAH JOWITT PERFORMANCES: MARK BENNETT, TOM BOGDAN, HT CHEN, YOSHIKO CHUMA, LAWRENCE GOLDBERGER & KEELY GARFIELD, JOHN JASPERSE, JODI MELNICK, MEREDITH MONK & VOCAL ENSEMBLE, NICKY PARAISO, JOHN SCOTT, VICKY SHICK, BASIL TWIST, CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS, CHRIS YON & TARYN GRIGGS DVDS/AUDIO PERFORMANCES IN LOBBY: JONAH BOKAER, JOHN KELLY
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