



batsheva

DANCE COMPANY

JOHANNESBURG CIVIC THEATRE

FEBRUARY 15 to MARCH 1, 1986

JOHANNESBURG CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



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SUITE EN BLEU

Choreography: Gene Hill Sagan Music: J. S. Bach Costumes: Oded Gera Lighting: Kevin McAlister

Dancers:

Liora Axelrod, Bruno De-Saint Chaffray, Alice Dor-Cohen, David Dvir, Tamar Gabay, Shai Guttesman, Orna Livnat, Haim Ohn, Richard Orbach, Shelly Sheer, Daniela Slavik, Liat Steiner, Nira Triffon/Shula

Botney, Tami Vinig

GENE HILL SAGAN

was born in Virginia, USA. He danced with Madam Marcia Nevelska in New York and at the American Ballet Theatre School. He became a leading dancer with the first black classical company in America and has danced with various other companies there. Gene Hill Sagan lived in Israel from 1969 to 1979. During this time he choreographed for all the major Israeli dance companies. He created four works for the Batsheva Dance Company: "The Burning Ground", "Fiery Chariot", "The Garden of Kali" and "Sigh". Mr. Sagan has also choreographed for the Pennsylvania Ballet Company, the Geneva Opera Ballet and the Winnipeg Ballet. In addition to classical and modern techniques, Sagan has been deeply involved in primitive dance forms.



TURMOIL

Choreography: Siki Kol

Music: "Force Major" - Tangerin

Dream

Costume &

Stage Design: David Dvir Moshe Frid

Dancers

Lighting:

Agitation - Balance destroyed. Shelly Sheer, David Dvir, Nira

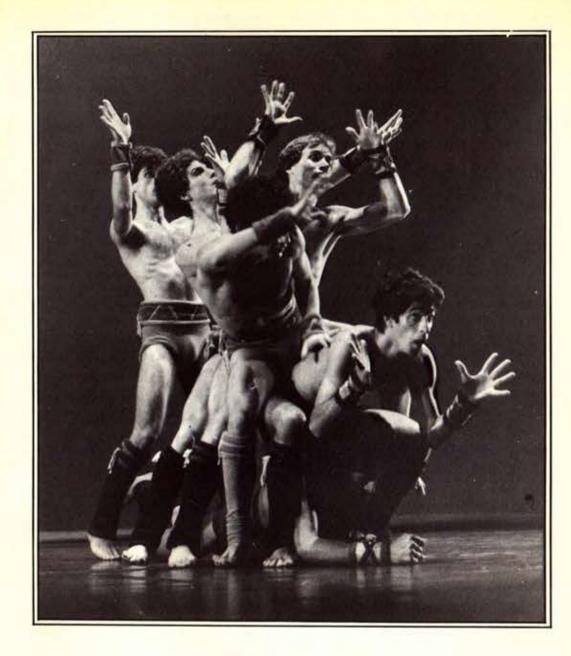
Triffon/Shula Botney, Tamar Gabay, Daniela Slavik, Liat

Steiner.

SIKI KOL

Siki Kol was born in Tel Aviv in 1954 and began her dance career as a student at the Bat-Dor School and subsequently joined that company as a dancer, stage manager and assistant to the rehearsal director. In 1979 she was performance director for Moshe Efrati's Kol Demama Company. She also worked briefly with the Kibbutz Dance Company.

For Batsheva II, Siki choreographed "First Steps" - a performance aimed at young audiences, which was the first of its kind in Israel. It has already been performed over 200 times around the country. In January 1980, Siki created "Ties" for the Batsheva Company, which has been highly acclaimed. At the end of that year she joined Batsheva and since then has served as the rehearsal director. In 1981/2 she choreographed two additional works — "Hamsa" and "Turmoil". The latter was presented at an international contest of choreographers which took place in Germany in July 1983 and it received 2nd prize out of the 55 works submitted to this contest. Siki is also the recipient of the Yair Shapira Fund Award for her achievements in dance.



TROY GAMES

Choreography: Robert North

Moshe Romano, Paul Douglas Staged by:

Smith

Traditional Brazilian Batucada Music:

Lighting: Charter Lighting transla-

Coralia Segall

"How to turn your frenzy into light relief".

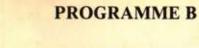
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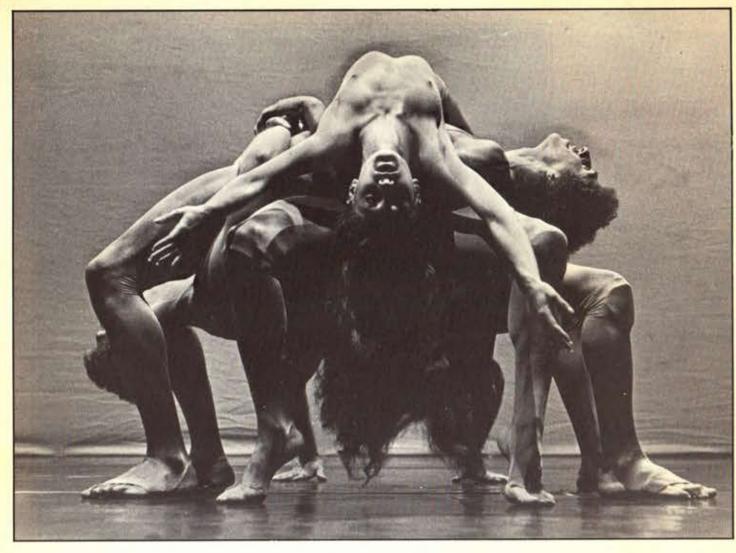
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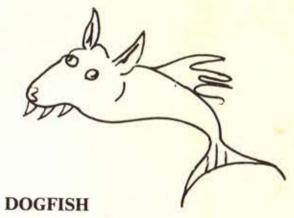
ROBERT NORTH

was born in South Carolina and educated in England. He was an art student before studying at the Royal Ballet School, and in 1967 he began classes at the London School of Contemporary Dance, soon joining the company. He then danced with the Martha Graham Company in America for four seasons before returning to London Contemporary Dance Theatre for its first London season in 1969. As resident choreographer for LCDT he created several works which are now incorporated in the repertoire of renowned companies such as The Royal Ballet. The Batsheva Dance Company staged Robert North's "Troy Games" in 1983. During the spring of 1980 Robert directed LCDT's Tour of Southern England and from January to March he was acting Artistic Director of the company before taking up his position as Artistic Director of Ballet Rambert in April 1981. As well as being Artistic Director, Robert also dances with the









Choreography: Daniel Ezralow

Music: Andreas Vollenweider & "Steps Ahead"

Music Mix: Daniel Ezralow Costumes: Daniel Ezralow

Lighting: Kevin McAlister

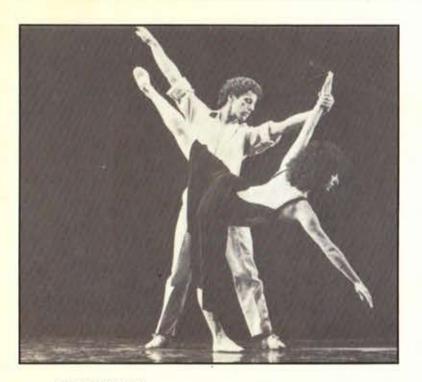
Dancers: Alice Dor-Cohen, Tamar Gabay, Shai Guttesman, Erez Levy, Haim Ohn,

Richard Orbach/Natan Gardah, Liat Steiner, Nira Triffon/Shelly Sheer.

DANIEL EZRALOW

Was born and raised in California, USA. He began his dance training at the age of 18 at the University of California, Berkley. Has performed and toured throughout the world with the companies: "Five By Two Plus", "Lar Lubovitch", "Paul Taylor", "Pilobolus" and "Momix". In 1981 he choreographed for "La Féte de L'humanité" Paris and for the "Deutcher Opera", Berlin in 1982. In addition, he has created works for "Pilobolus" and "Momix". Daniel Ezralow has presented concerts of his own dances in New York; appeared in numerous performances of solos and duets in Europe along with his current work as the leading dancer, choreographer and co-director of "Momix".





ESCAPADES

Choreography: Alvin Ailey Staged by: Ulysses Dove

Music: Costume & set

design: Carol Garner

Max Roach

Backdrop

Dancers:

execution: Yasha Chirinsky Lighting design: Chenault Spence

> Shelly Sheer, Haim Ohn/ Richard Orbach, Jay Augen, Shula Botney, Tamar Gabay, Natan Gardah, Erez Levy, Daniela Slavik, Ido Tadmor,

Tami Vinig/Liat Steiner.

ALVIN AILEY

Alvin Ailey was born in Rogers, Texas. As a child, Ailey attended Sunday school and the Baptist Young People's Union and it is out of these experiences and memories that two of his most popular and critically acclaimed works were inspired. "Blues Suite" and "Revelation." Ailey's career in dance began with Lester Horton and after Horton's death in 1953 he became the company's artistic director and began to choreograph. With two of Ailey's works premiering as early as 1954at Jacob's Pillow, the choreographer spent the succeeding years dancing in several prestigious music productions.

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre made its debut in 1958 at the 92nd Street YMCA. Well received by the critics, the Company began touring the country extensively, performing in Europe and visited Israel several times. The Company repertoire boasts such Ailey classics as "Revelations," "Cry," "The Lark Ascending" and many others.

"Escapades" was donated to the Batsheva Dance Company in honour of its 20th anniversary.

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CANONIC VARIATIONS

Choreography: Mark Morris

Music: Various piano waltzes arranged

by Harriet Cavalli.

Costumes: Mark Morris
Lighting: Kevin McAlister

Dancers: Jay Augen, Alice Dor-Cohen,

Tamar Gabay, Natan Gardah, Shai Guttesman, Richard Orbach, Daniela Slavik, Liat

Steiner, Nira Triffon/Tami Vinig.

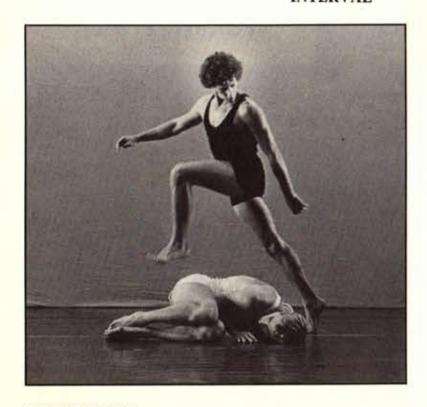
MARK MORRIS

Mark Morris lives in Seattle Washington where he was born and received his early dance training. He has performed with the Eliot Feld Ballet, The Lar Lubovitch Dnace Company, Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians and Koleda Balkan Dance Ensemble. He has Choreographed over 30 works for several American Dance Companies as well as the Mark Morris Dance Group in New York and Seattle.

Mr. Morris has received grants from several arts agencies and recently received the New York Dance and Performance Award ("Bessie") for outstanding achievement as a choreographer. He also continues to teach and perform.

This is his first visit to Israel and his first work for Batsheva Dance Company.

INTERVAL



DANZON CUBANO

Choreography: Robert Cohan

Music: Aaron Copland

Lighting: Kevin McAlister

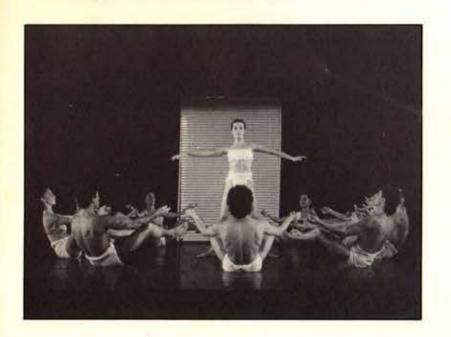
Dancers: David Dvir, Haim Ohn,

Richard Orbach.

ROBERT COHAN

Robert Cohan has been Artistic Advisor to Batsheva since 1980, but he was connected with the company since 1965 as guest-choreographer. Born in New York in 1925, he joined the famed Martha Graham company in 1946, and soon became one of its soloists. He made his debut as choreographer in 1955 at the American Dance Festival. Since then he has become one of the world's most sought-after choreographers, and has created works for all the major modern dance companies in Israel, the USA, Britain, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, also teaching master classes in these countries. He is the Director of the London Contemporary Dance Theatre and its school.





SVSPLKT

Choreography: Daniel Ezralow

Music: Tom Waits & Indonesian

music.

Costumes: Daniel Ezralow

Lighting: Kevin McAlister

Dancers: Jay Augen, Bruno De-Saint

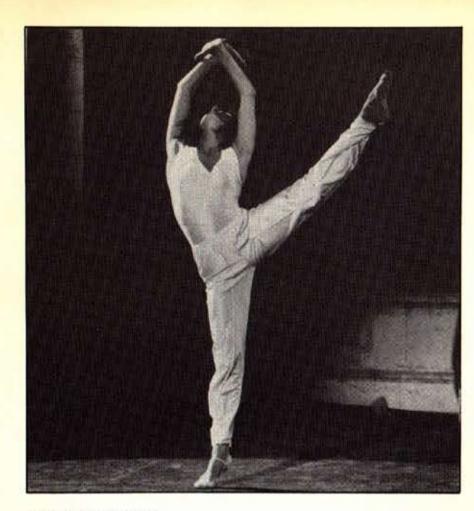
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INTERVAL



ROAD TO JERUSALEM

Choreography:

Donald McKayle

Music score arranger and

Lyrics: Costumes:

Lighting:

conductor:

Shlomo Gronich Ehud Manor Oded Gera Kevin McAlister

A. Threshing floor

B. We are one

C. Looking for Jerusalem

D. Tree of life

E. Fever

F. A thousand names

The Company

DONALD McKAYLE

American Director, choreographer and dancer, born in New York City, Donald McKayle's vocation in dance and theatre began by a chance visit to a solo concert by Pearl Primus in the mid '40's. He then decided to dance and began studying at the New Dance Group with many different teachers.

Soon he was sought after by Jean Erdman, Sophie Maslow, Merce Cunningham and Ann Sokolow with whom he worked and performed.

In 1955 he joined the Martha Graham Company for their tour of the Far and Near East.

Alongside his career as a dancer, he established himself as a choreographer and as the director of his own companies.

His choreographic development has paralleled that of his unique personality as a dancer. A most imaginative and contemporary ballet maker, known for his wealth of ideas and craftmanship, as well as for the delightful touches of wit and

Some of his works, "Games" (1951) "Rainbow Round My Shoulder" (1959) are considered classics of the modern repertoire. Mr. McKayle is active in every phase of the theatre, film, television and entertainment.

He is the recipient of prestigious awards such as: the "Emmy", five "Tony" awards as well as many others.

His current works are in repertoires of internationally famous companies including "The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre" and "The Batsheva Dance Company".

Mr. McKayle was the first choreographer and teacher to come to Israel to work with the newly founded Batsheva Dance Company in 1964. He created "Daughters of Eden" for them that year and returned several times to mount his "Nocturne" and "Rainbow Round My Shoulder", and then to create "Autumn Leaves" in 1976.

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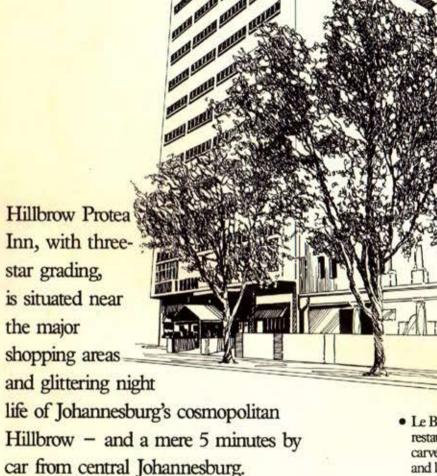
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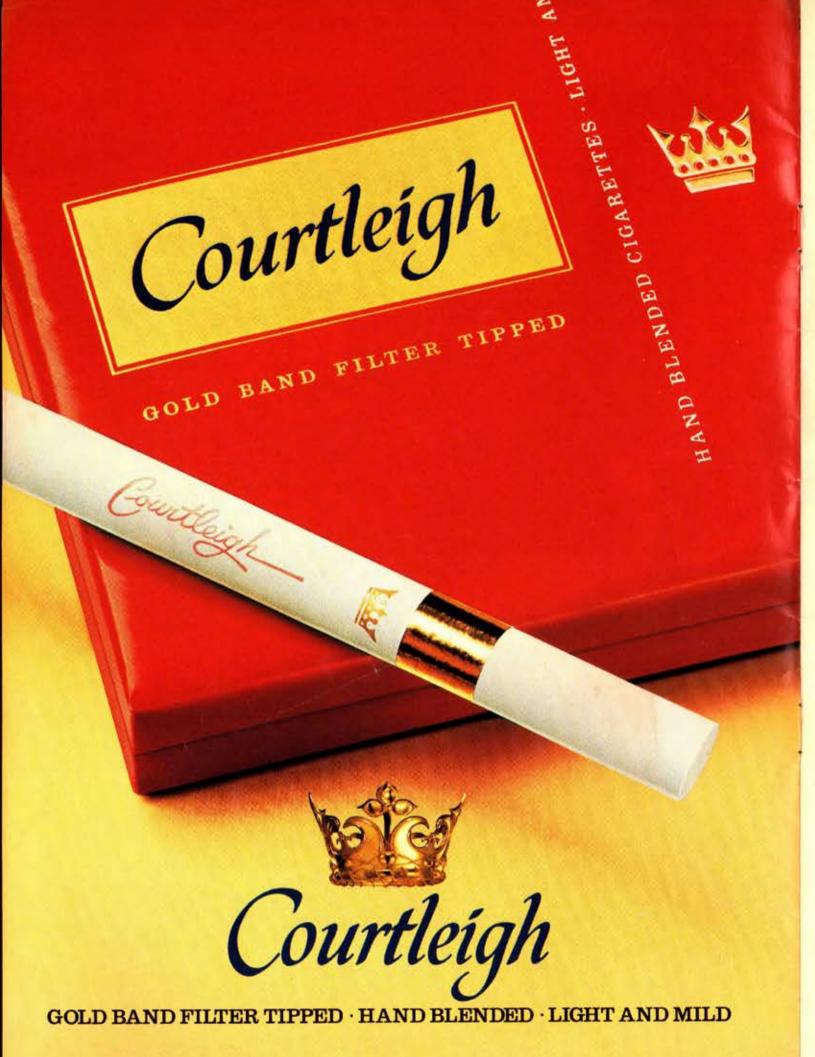
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Lbatsheva dance company of Israel

On May 2nd, 1984, the Batsheva Dance Company celebrated its 20th Anniversary. The Premiere of Batsheva Dance Company in 1964, the year of its birth, turned into the major cultural event in Israel. Since then the Company has achieved world fame and success. Its frequent tours to Europe and the U.S.A. have won the Company critical and public acclaim, as well

The list of the world's great choreographers who have worked and contributed both their works and original pieces to the Batsheva Dance Company speaks for itself: Martha Graham, Jerome Robbins, Glen Tetley, Norman Morrice, Jose Limon, Kurt Jooss, Anna Sokolow, Robert Cohan, Talley Beatty, John Butler, Donald McKayle, Christopher Bruce, Lotte Goslar and

At the same time, the company has encouraged indigenous Israeli choreographers (both company members and guests) such as Rena Gluck, Moshe Efrati, Rina Schenfeld, Oshra Elkayam-Ronen, Mirali Sharon, Rahamim Ron, Ya'acov Sharir, Yair Vardi, Igal Perry and Siki Kol. It has also made extensive use of works by such Israeli composers as Oedoen Partos, Mordecai Seter, Paul Ben Haim, Noam Sheriff and Tzvi Avni, as well as fostering the work of Israeli designers such as Dani Karavan and · David Sharir. In this way, the creative non-verbal performing arts of Israel have been brought to the world's attention.

In order to ensure its future continuity, the Batsheva II was created in 1976, as a company of young dancers. Through performances of both Companies at schools and places remote from large metropolitan areas, the Farmer in the Galilee and the Fisherman in Eilat have a chance to share a dance experience of high quality. Thus from boundary to boundary to educate and develop a cultured audience for Israel, as well as to introduce dance to the country's youth.

By necessity Israel has to play two roles: For its existence to defend itself militarily: In the other, coinciding with day to day turmoil, Israel has created an unprecedented cultural life in music, theatre, dance etc. "Batsheva" is one of its great institutions (and is still) guided on the priciples on which it was founded: the continuous search for the best of modern dance, maintaining the balance between international choreographers and original Israeli creations.

The Batsheva Dance Company is sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Culture, the America Israel Cultural Foundation and Tel-Aviv Municipality.

Artistic Adviser:	Robert Cohan	General Manager:	Bill Strum
Artistic Director:	David Dvir	Deputy General Manager:	Mira Eidels
Rehearsal Director:	Siki Kol	Director Batsheva	Nira Paaz
Ballet Master:	Jay Augen	Chairman of the Chairman	Oded Gera
DANCERS: Leora Axelrod Shula Botney	Mar arred or gians	a Slavik Side Quelle	Natan Gardah Shai Guttesman
Alice Dor-Cohen Tamar Gabay Orna Livnat Shelley Sheer	Hape Old David		Erez Levy Haim Ohn Richard Orbach Ido Tadmor

FOR THE BATSHEVA DANCE	COMPANY:	FOR THE JOHANNESBURG CIVIC THEATRE	
Production Stage Manager:	Coralia Segall	Executive Director Michal Grobbelaar	
Stage Manager:	Moti Katzav	Theatre Manager: Bennie Bopp	
Chief Electrician:	Gadi Glik	Senior Stage Manager: Rod Underwood	
Costume:	Hemda Zolta	Stage Managers: Jerry van Schalkwyk, Adri Schutte	
Photographers:	Yaram Rubin	Senior Lighting Technician: Peter Just	
		Lighting Technicians: Tony Quinlan,	



DOLSHEVO DANCE COMPANY of ISRAEL

PROGRAMME A

SUITE en BLEU TURMOIL Interval TROY GAMES Interval DOGFISH

PROGRAMME B **ESCAPADES** CANONIC VARIATIONS Interval **DANZON CUBANO** SVSPLKT

Interval ROAD TO JERUSALEM



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