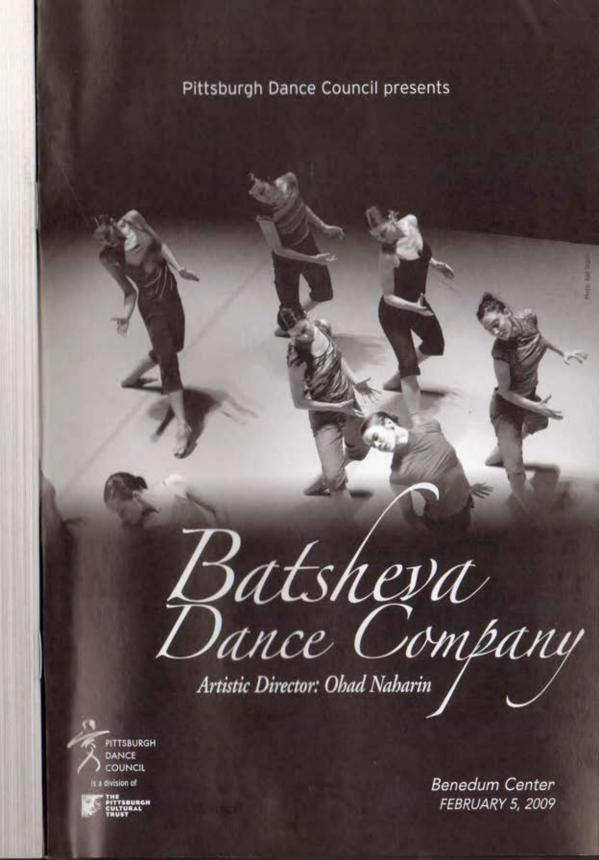
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# **Batsheva Dance Company**

THREE



# By Ohad Naharin

Presented in association with David Eden Productions, Ltd.

Costume Design Rakefet Levy Lighting Design Avi Yona Bueno (Bambi) Sound Design & Editing Ohad Fishof

Music
Bellus

J.S. Bach, Goldberg Variations, performed by Glenn Gould

Humus Brian Eno, "Neroli"

#### Secus

Chari Chari, Kid 606 + Rayon (mix: Stefan Ferry), AGF, Fennesz, Kaho Naa... Pyar Hai, Seefeel, The Beach Boys

> 70 minutes, no intermission. Program contains nudity.

# Performed by

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Batsheva Dance Company

Program

This mesmerizing dance trio explores the fundamental themes of beauty, nature, and existence in a unique, interpretive way. As Naharin himself describes it, "There are three parts to the piece ... Any further explanation is okay, but the best place for me to be in my work is with my feelings. And I wish for (the audience) to be in that place too." Bellus (beautiful) is a breathtaking string of artlessly exuberant solos for ten dancers, set to Glenn Gould's recording of Bach's Goldberg Variations. Humus (earth)-performed by a soloist, a talking television, and five women to a score by ambient maestro Brian Eno-displays unexpected emotional power, and Secus (this, and not this) is an explosive release of movements in blissful solos and duets danced to a raucous mix of pop music, including the Beach Boys' unabashedly joyous You're Welcome. .....

"His art, which is becoming addictive, [is] packed with Mr. Naharin's entrancing, poetic texture; no matter the music, it rides on a pulse of its own. Whenever Mr. Naharin's company comes to town, we have much to be thankful for; in the case of his new dance, it came three times over."

-The New York Times

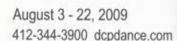
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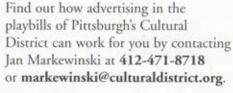
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Batsheva's artistic integrity and innovation have earned the company its reputation as one of the most inspirational and sought after companies—a true champion on the global map of performing arts.Batsheva operates throughout the year with its 2 companies (Batsheva Dance Company and the junior Batsheva Ensemble) and 40 dancers. With 250 annual performances in Israel and around the world, the company is considered Israel's leading cultural ambassador.

Batsheva is applauded worldwide in the most prestigious theaters and festivals; including Lincoln Center, BAM's Next Wave Festival, Montpellier Danse, Berlin Festival and more. The company includes dancers from Israel and abroad who are encouraged to affirm their distinct creative gifts either in the rehearsal process or in the creation of their own works during the ongoing 'Batsheva Dancers Create' series. Many of Batsheva's dancers developed their skills during an extensive training period in the junior company, the Batsheva Ensemble. The Ensemble serves as a greenhouse for the next generation of dancers and choreographers, dedicating the majority of its time to Batsheva's comprehensive outreach and education program.

The 2007/2008 performance season brought with it an additional international cast of 16 dancers, This third Batsheva company performed Ohad Naharin's Kamuyot to audiences of school children and young adults throughout Sweden between December 007 and May 2008. This special project is the result of a unique collaboration between Sweden's National Riksteatern and Batsheva,

Led by Artistic Director Ohad Naharin, together with House Choreographer Sharon Eyal, the company's 65 members—dancers, technical crew and administration are driven by a common vision—to excel in art and to strengthen common human values through the power of creativity.

Batsheva Dace Company was founded in 1964 by Martha Graham and Baroness Batsheva De Rothschild. To learn more about Batsheva, please visit www.batsheva.org

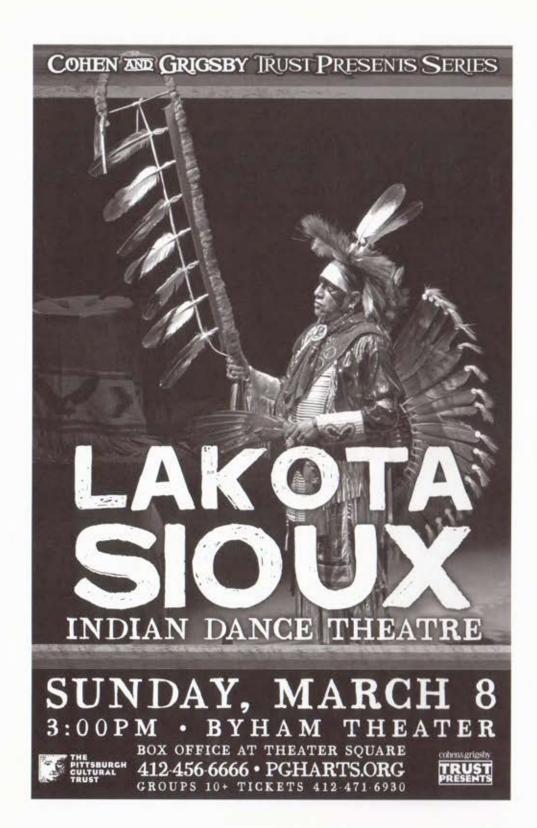
Chad Naharin Dunce Company Choreographer, Artistic Director

Naharin began his training as a dancer with the Batsheva Dance Company. He came to New York one year later at the invitation of Martha Graham to join her company, as well as to make use of a scholarship to the School of American Ballet. After a year with the Martha Graham Dance Company, he continued his studies at The Juilliard School of Music as well as with Maggie Black and David Howard. He then joined the Maurice Bejart Company in Brussels for one season and made his choreographic debut in 1980 in the Kazuko Hirabayashi studio in New York.

From 1980 to 1990 he performed and worked in New York, where he lived with his wife; the dancer Mari Kajiwara who died of cancer in 2001. In 1990 he was appointed Artistic Director of the Batsheva Dance Company.

Naharin has been the recipient of many awards and honors, including the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French government in 1998, two New York Dance and Performance (Bessie) Awards (for Naharin's Virus at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in 2002 and for Anaphaza at the Lincoln Center Festival in 2003), a Doctor of Philosophy honoris causa by the Weizmann Institute of Science in 2004, and the prestigious Israel Prize for dance in 2005.

Naharin's works are performed by many companies throughout the world, including Nederlands Dans Theater, Frankfurt Ballet, Lyon Opera Ballet, Ballet Nacional d'Espana (Madrid), Cullberg Ballet (Sweden), and the Opera National de Paris, among others.





# Batsheva Dance Company Company Language of the Dance

# Gaga: The Dance Language of Batsheva Dance Company

Ohad Naharin, Artistic Director

Gaga was developed by Ohad Naharin out of a serious injury he experienced and comments, "I didn't only develop what was good for me, but I had to develop what was good for other dancers: recognizing one's weaknesses, getting in touch with efficiency of movement and multi-dimensional movement, explosive power, the connection between pleasure, pain, and effort..." Gaga challenges multi layer tasks. It is fundamental for gaga users to be available for this challenge. At once we, the users, can be involved in moving slowly through space while a quick action in our body is in progress. Those dynamics of movement are only a portion of what else might go on at the same time.

We are letting our mind observe and analyze many things at once, we are aware of the connection between effort and pleasure, we connect to the "sense of plenty of time", especially when we move fast, we are aware of the distance between our body parts, we are aware of the friction between flesh and bones, we sense the weight of our body parts, we are aware of where we hold unnecessary tension, we let go only to bring life and efficient movement to where we let go...

We are listening, seeing, measuring, playing with the texture of our flesh, we might be silly, decorating our inside, we can laugh at ourselves.

We learn to love our sweat, we discover our passion to move and connect it to effort, we discover both the animal in us and the power of our imagination.

We learn to appreciate understatement and exaggeration, we discover the difference between joy and pleasure and use both to protect ourselves from injuring and hurting our body, we learn to apply our force in an efficient way and we learn to use "other" forces.

We become more delicate and we recognize the importance of the flow of energy and information through our body in all directions!

We discover the advantage of soft flesh and sensitive hands, we learn to connect to groove even when there is no music.

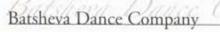
We become more aware of people in the room and we realize that we are not in the center of it all.

We never look at ourselves in a mirror, there are no mirrors. We become better aware of our form. We connect to the sense of the endless of possibilities.

We explore multi dimensional movement, we enjoy the burning sensation in our muscles, we are ready to snap, we are aware of what we are made of, we are aware of our explosive power and some times we use it.

We change our movement habits by finding new ones, we can be calm and alert at once.

We become available...



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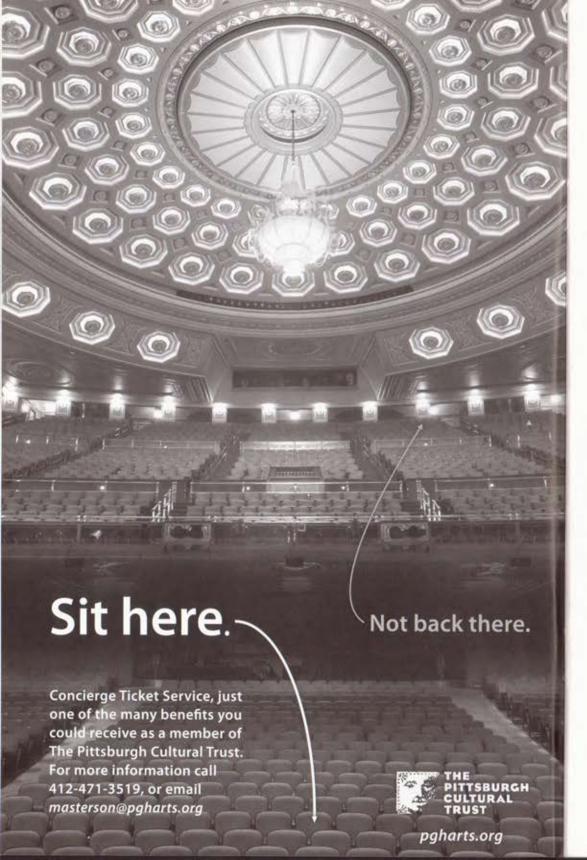
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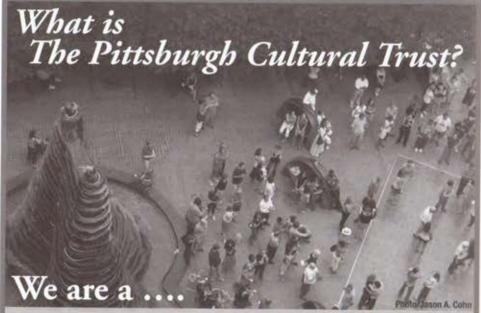


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6	1964: The Tribute	Trust Guest Attraction	Benedum Center
7	Lily Tomlin	Trust Presents	Benedum Center
17-22	Fiddler on the Roof	PNC Broadway Across America	Benedum Center
18	DRUMLine	Trust Presents	Byham Theater



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The National Acrobats of China	Trust Presents	Byham Theater
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#### MARCH 2009

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1	Movin' Out	PNC Broadway Across America	Benedum Center
I	The Gruffalo	Pittsburgh Int'l Children's Theater	Byham Theater
3-4	Celtic Woman: Isle of Hope	Trust Guest Attraction	Benedum Center
5	Joan Bacz	CD Live	Byham Theater
7	Mariza	Trust Presents	Byham Theater
8	Je' Caryous Johnson	Trust Guest Attraction	Benedum Center
8	Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theatr	e Trust Presents	Byham Theater
10-15	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	PNC Broadway Across America	Benedum Center
14	Ballet Boyz	Pittsburgh Dance Council	Byham Theater
15	She Said: Bernice Johnson Reagon	Pittsburgh Cultural Trust	Byham Theater
20-22	Dora the Explorer	Trust Presents	Benedum Center
28-29	Russian American Kid's Circus	Trust Presents/Pgh. Int'l Children's Th.	Byham Theater

#### **APRIL 2009**

1	David Sedaris	Trust Presents	Benedum Center
4	Compagnie Marie Chouinard	Pittsburgh Dance Council	Byham Theater
5	One Night of Queen	Trust Presents	Byham Theater
9	Raul Malo	CD Live	Byham Theater
7-12	A Chorus Line	PNC Broadway Across America	Heinz Hall
14-19	Rent	PNC Broadway Across America	Benedum Center

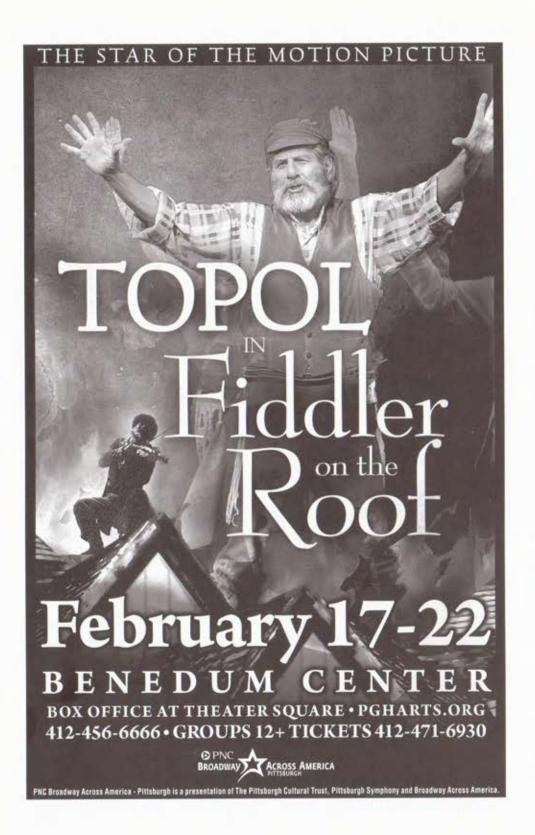
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13-17	Pittsburgh Int'l Children's Festival	Pittsburgh Int'l Children's Theater	various locations-Oakland
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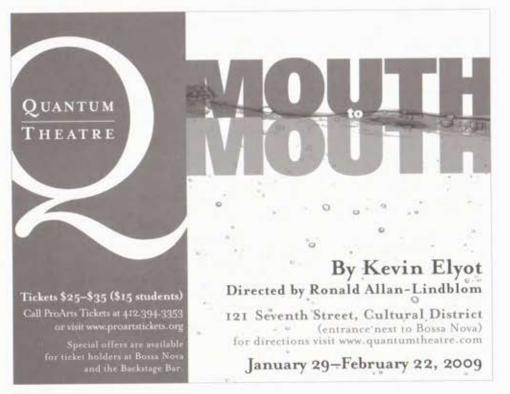
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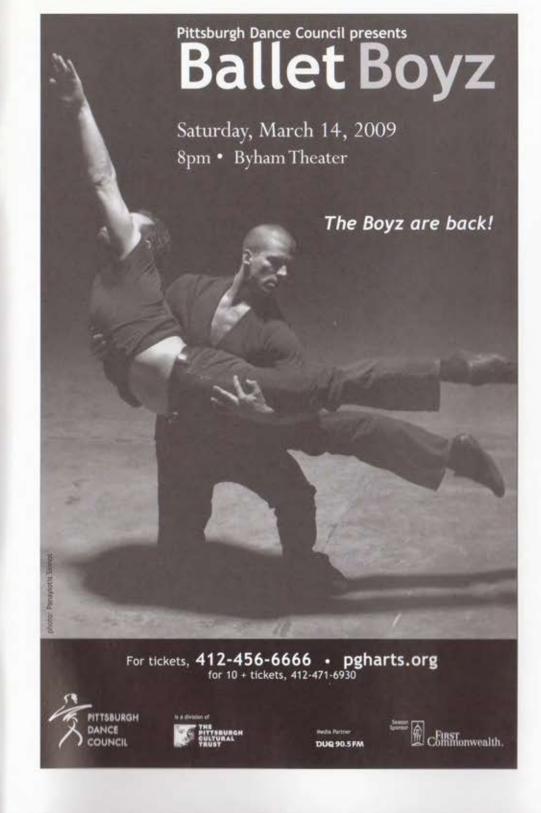
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