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**77<sup>th</sup> AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL**  
**WHAT IS DANCE THEATER?**

**A World Premiere by 2010 Scripps/ADF Award recipient**  
**MARTHA CLARKE and**  
**Argentina's BRENDA ANGIEL AERIAL DANCE COMPANY**  
**complete ADF 2010 week four.**

**Durham, N.C.** – The American Dance Festival (ADF) continues its 77th season, exploring *What is Dance Theater?* with an ADF produced and commissioned work by **Martha Clarke**, Monday-Wednesday, **July 5-7**, at Reynolds Industries Theater at Duke University. In addition, the Argentina-based **Brenda Angiel Aerial Dance Company** soars into the Durham Performing Arts Center from Thursday-Saturday, **July 8-10**. A **Children's Saturday Matinee** by Brenda Angiel Aerial Dance Company, the **ADF Faculty Concert**, and a dance film series at The Pinhook round out another exciting week of modern dance in Durham.

Director, choreographer, and 2010 Scripps/ADF Award recipient **Martha Clarke** collaborates with Pulitzer, Tony, and Academy Award-winning writer Alfred Uhry (*Driving Miss Daisy*) on an ADF produced and commissioned work based on the Shakers, *Angel Reapers*, to be presented at Reynolds Industries Theater **Monday, July 5-Wednesday, July 7**. Inspired by the life of Ann Lee, founder of the Shaker movement, this new work will weave together movement, song, and dance to present the contradiction between the prim prudery of Shaker tenets and the wild, sexual nature they suppressed.

The tango takes flight **Thursday, July 8 - Saturday, July 10** at the Durham Performing Arts Center. Argentina-based **Brenda Angiel Aerial Dance Company** presents a sensational exploration of space, flying, and movement, both onstage and above. Celebrating its North American premiere, *8cho* (2010) includes expertly choreographed

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milongas, tangos, and sensuous waltzes, packed with sensitive and daring movements. Accompanied by a live band and vocalist, Angiel's stunning choreography will be the talk of the town, even among young people who can enjoy the ADF's 2<sup>nd</sup> **Children's Saturday Matinee** at DPAC on **July 10**.

**ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES:** The **ADF Faculty Concert** will showcase the work of the renowned ADF School faculty who create with and inspire students each and every day at the ADF. The concert will take place **Friday, July 9 at 8pm and Saturday, July 10 at 2pm** in Reynolds Industries Theater (same program). The ADF will host a second one-hour **Children's Saturday Matinee** on Saturday, July 10 at 1:00pm (Brenda Angiel Aerial Dance Company). In addition, a Kid's Party in the DPAC outdoor plaza will immediately follow with free treats, music, and fun for children of all ages. The ADF also continues its **Kids Night Out** program in 2010 where area youth aged 6-16 receive one complimentary ticket to any evening performance when accompanied by an adult purchasing a regular-priced ticket. In celebration of another Durham summer filled with dance, **The Pinhook** and the American Dance Festival are joining together to present a free, fun, light-hearted film series on Mondays at 8 PM, beginning July 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition to \$3 NC draft beers, patrons will be able to purchase discounted tickets to ADF's 2010 season from an ADF representative each night.

**DANCE ON A DIME:** The ADF is proud to highlight several opportunities to save while still enjoying the performances and programs of this world-renowned Festival. ADF **Subscribers** save **25%** when purchasing 4+ tickets at either venue and also enjoy other benefits such as easy exchange privileges, additional savings with the Subscriber Coupon Book, and earliest ordering privileges for subsequent seasons.\* **Groups** of 10 or more save **20%** and **Seniors** receive a **\$3/ticket discount** on regular-priced tickets. Area students may take advantage of the **ADF Student Rush** program and save **50%** on all tickets purchased one hour before each performance. A limited number of **\$20 Tickets** will be available at every Durham Performing Arts Center performance. \*no cross-venue subscriptions and no refunds.

**PURCHASING TICKETS:** Single tickets and new subscriptions to ADF performances may be purchased by calling the ADF Box Office line at **919.668.2233 (2ADF)**, online at [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org), or in-person at the Duke University Box Office (ADF@Duke performances) and/or the DPAC Box Office (ADF@DPAC performances). Tickets range in price from \$20 - \$46\*. For additional information about ADF performances, *free* community outreach activities, or the ADF School, please visit [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org). \*facility & processing fees may apply.

**TECHNOLOGY AND THE ADF IN 2010:** The ADF's online video blog, *May we have this Cyber Dance?*, will highlight the diversity of events taking place during the Festival via daily online coverage of ADF classes, rehearsals, and performances, as well as interviews with artists, students, and community members on various dance-related topics. New postings will

occur each day of the Festival on the ADF website. Dance fans here, there, and everywhere in between will get an insider's look at the breadth of Festival activities taking place in Durham this summer. Additionally, individuals may learn more about the Festival, receive frequent insider updates, and get to know the performing companies by finding us on **Facebook** and/or following the ADF on **Twitter** (@AmerDanceFest).

**PROMOTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF PERFORMING COMPANIES  
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**

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