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77th AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL **WHAT IS DANCE THEATER?**

FINAL WEEK JULY 19-24: SHEN WEI DANCE ARTS and PAST/FORWARD CLOSE THE 2010 AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL

Durham, NC – The **American Dance Festival (ADF)** bids farewell to the 2010 season with a celebration of the world-renowned company, **Shen Wei Dance Arts** (Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24), founded at the ADF a decade ago. **PAST FORWARD** (Monday-Wednesday, July 19-21) features classic works, Jerome Robbins' West Side Story Suite and Merce Cunningham's Inlets 2, and a world premiere by Russian choreographer Tatiana Baganova.

Ten years ago this summer, internationally acclaimed Shen Wei, one of China's most original modern dance choreographers, directors and dancers formed his company **Shen Wei Dance Arts** at the 2000 ADF. Performances will be **Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24** with two programs: *Program A* July 22-23 features **Map** (2005) and **Folding** (2000). *Program B* will include **Rite of Spring** (2003) and **Folding**. Also included each evening is an **ADF-commissioned world premiere solo** danced by the choreographer himself.

Now in its fourth year, **PAST/FORWARD** showcases ADF dancers in both reconstructed classic works and in exploration of new terrain at Reynolds Industries Theater on Duke University's West campus **Monday-Wednesday**

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July 19-21 at 8pm. The late Jerome Robbins' legendary **West Side Story Suite** (1995) and Merce Cunningham's **Inlets 2** (1983) with a score by John Cage will join an ADF-commissioned world premiere by Russian choreographer and ADF favorite Tatiana Baganova.

ADF PERFORMANCE AND EVENT HIGHLIGHTS: JULY 19-24, 2010

July 19-21, 8pm: Past/Forward, Reynolds Industries Theater, Duke University West Campus

July 22-24, 8pm: Shen Wei Dance Arts, Durham Performing Arts Center

July 23-24, 8pm: Hollins University/American Dance Festival MFA Performances, Reynolds Industries Theater, Duke University West. Free and open to the public.

July 22, 6pm: 2010 ADF Gala, Durham Performing Arts Center Skyline Lounge. Tickets (\$150) include light dinner and wine hosted by Giorgios Hospitality Group and VIP seating to the world premiere performance by Shen Wei Dance Arts. All proceeds benefit the ADF Scholarship Fund.

TICKETS AND MORE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH ADF

ADF 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.

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 four plus (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 ten (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 at **919.668.2233 (2ADF)**, online at 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. *facility & processing fees may apply.

TECHNOLOGY AND THE ADF: 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.**

Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, the American Dance Festival (ADF) remains an international magnet for choreographers, dancers, teachers, students, critics, musicians, and scholars to learn and create in a supportive environment. ADF's wide range of programs includes performances, artist services, humanities projects, publications, community outreach, educational programs and classes, archives, media projects, and national and international projects. The ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for over 77 years. www.americandancefestival.org

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