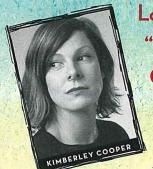


Notes from the Artistic Director of house oal & Jumpson



Love Tastes...

"Harmonic Infestation in Charcoal and Crimson" was what this show was originally named; I was told that

this was a name that wouldn't exactly send

them running for the box office to buy tickets. Maybe they were right, and in fact it no longer matters but that is what I think its full name is. The "Harmonic" was easy, it came first, it has its ties to music and harmony, to vibration. It gives me a warm feeling. "Infestation" on the other hand is, yes, a little bit creepy but when I think of love and yearning, these two words can fit together as love is not always roses and sunshine but can also feel like something is crawling into us and taking over our bodies, hearts and souls and it can be blissful but it can also make us crazy and feel infected or infested. The Charcoal refers to what has burned; the Crimson is what is still burning. These are also the colours of the costumes for the piece and they represent exactly that.

Creatures Emanate...

I have asked the dancers to stretch themselves greatly for this show. As performers we are often asked to become something we are not, or to tap into parts of ourselves that maybe do not stand at the front of our personalities. The dancers and I know what we are imagining them to be, and that is how they are listed in the program. If this is not how you see them, it is not important, I hope you are as fascinated by them as I am regardless of whether or not you imagine them with horns or tails.

Perspective Lies...

The magic of the transformation ability of The GRAND Theatre was too delicious an opportunity to give up. The alley, which Graham Frampton brought to my attention, seemed perfect for this piece. I hope that it will behave as a parallax and you will have a different experience than the person down or across the alley from you, that you will have a different understanding as the characters sometimes reveal different things to different parts of the room.

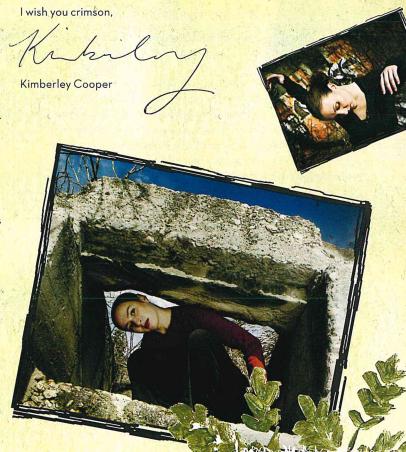
Everything Burns...

In moments of Crimson this project has burned so bright and in the Charcoal moments there have been many people who have helped to light my fire again, I would like to thank them all, for without them I don't know what I would have done. Thank you brave dancers,

I have given you a huge challenge and you have met it with grace and focus. I thank the musicians and Rubim for his endless enthusiasm, patience, leadership and his ability to write and play killer tunes. I thank Vicki who lit the match and kept me burning when I didn't think I could. I thank Dinou who held my hand and worked so hard to help make this happen, Sarisa for being my. Spanish speaking voice and her very self. I thank Hannah and Michele for saying the right things at the right times, Denise for helping me understand what I was trying to do and helping me do it, and I thank Noel for too many things to name. And to Alice Murdoch who, in her own way started a really important process in this very space over 70 years ago. Her fearless pioneering spirit is what pushed me in the hardest moments, when I felt myself turning to charcoal.

I dedicate this show not only to Alice, but also to my own mother who encouraged me to make up stories and dictate them to her before I was old enough to know how to write. My parents both have really great, interestingly creative minds and raised three unique children, all with their own special talents, I am grateful to them for encouraging me to imagine.

So imagine is what I have done and what I ask you to do now with me. Come into this world with open eyes and hearts, and with no expectations. It is a journey for love, transformation and burning.



Decidedly Jazz Danceworks

VICKI ADAMS WILLIS MESSAGE FROM DED S ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

When I take a moment to step

back and contemplate the work we do at DJD, the VICKI ADAMS WILLIS image that often comes to me is that of a tree. This image is a certain reflection of our sometimes intentional and always intrinsic split of focus between the complicated and tangled root system of jazz and the new growth that blossoms and branches out above ground.

> Each root form of jazz calls for a lifetime of exploration in and of itself, and we spend much time revisiting these genres on an ongoing basis. Each revisit offers us an opportunity to dig further, and in doing so, gain a deeper understanding within our bodies and spirits.

The digging not only allows us to connect to the past, but also regularly inspires us with possibilities for the present and future - the above ground growth of the tree, as it were. This is the area of our mandate in which we are humbly dedicated to moving the art form forward while continuing to be true to the heart, soul, and essence of jazz.

Kimberley Cooper is a remarkably talented and courageous choreographer. Her passion for and knowledge of jazz root forms is immense, and her contemporary choreographic re-mixings and

re-routings of this knowledge are always delightfully original and unexpected.

in Charcoal & Crimson channels the root forms of jazz through a fantastic otherworldly tale. It is a contemporary piece woven through with jazz traditions, mythical creatures, powerful images, and delicious tongue-in-cheek moments. It is a perfect piece for DJD's venture into the newly renovated GRAND Theatre.

In its original form The GRAND was a theatre where my mother, Alice (Murdoch) Adams, performed and created shows on an annual basis throughout the 1930s and 40s. I am grateful beyond words that Mark Lawes has taken the initiative to return the space to its intended use.

Here's to the breathtaking accumulation of creative energy that lives within these historic walls.



Vicki Adams Willis



KATH SUNDSTROM MESSAGE FROM DJD'S GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome to in Charcoal &

Crimson, A parallactic tale created and choreographed by Kimberley Cooper. Parallactic is a word from the realm of physics meaning 'an apparent change in the position of

an object when the person looking at the object changes position.' This concept interests me very much. With regard to this performance, it will be exciting to see both "fronts" of the show. Some of our more curious audience members may indeed want to come back and see the show a second time from the opposite side of the alleyway stage. In addition to its application to the production, Kimberley's choice of the word parallactic also interests me in the way it can be applied to the various positions from which one can view an arts organization such as DJD.

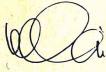
Looking at DJD from one position will reveal the amazing art that is created on stage - the thing we are all here to share together tonight. Changing position and looking at DJD from a slightly different point of view might highlight the educational aspects of our organization such our school residencies, school tours, or the School of Decidedly Jazz. Shift your position again and you might see another viewpoint that brings to light the organizational structure that is necessary to support the more creative sides - equally critical to the success of the organization but perhaps not quite so much in the public eye.

In my position as General Manager I have the great pleasure of working with those people who contribute to the business side of the organization - the board, other volunteers, funders, donors, and sponsors. These are the people who provide the fuel to make the creative and educational sides of the organization thrive and soar. We could not survive, let alone take creative risks or advance the art form without tremendous support from the community.

On behalf of everyone at DJD I would like to extend our sincere thanks to generous funders and corporate sponsors: FirstEnergy Capital Corp., Deutsche Bank, Hopewell Residential Communities, The Calgary Herald, Hotel Arts, The Canada Council for the Arts, The Alberta Foundation for the Arts, The Calgary Foundation and The Calgary Region Arts Foundation. In addition, we give heartfelt thanks to all of our Individual Donors and in particular those in our new Jazz Roots Club - an individual patron program for people who share our belief that jazz dance and music are worthy of support and contribute to the quality of life in our city. We are actively recruiting new patrons to our Jazz Roots Club so if you would like to support the vision of this company, please call Larissa at 228-8183.

And, as we wrap up our 2005-2006 season I would like to give a special thank you to our dedicated Board, staff, and volunteers for the time and talent they contribute to DJD. They are the unsung heroes without whom our organization would not be as strong, no matter how you'look at it.

Enjoy what you see and we'll see you next season!



Kathi Sundstrom



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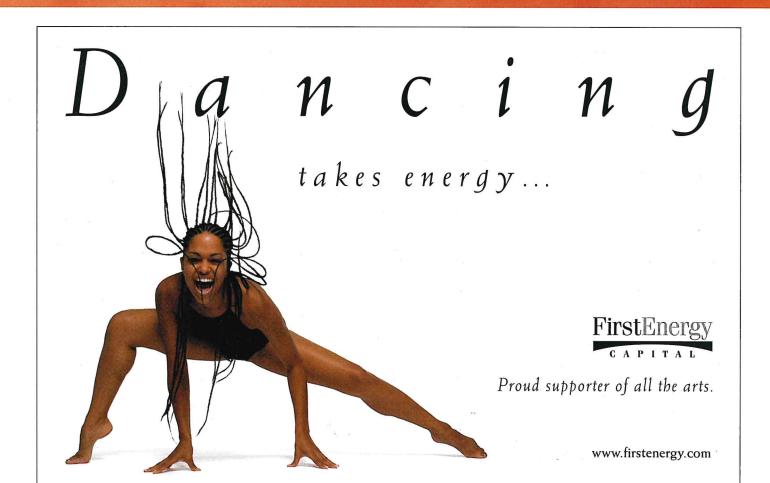
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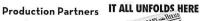
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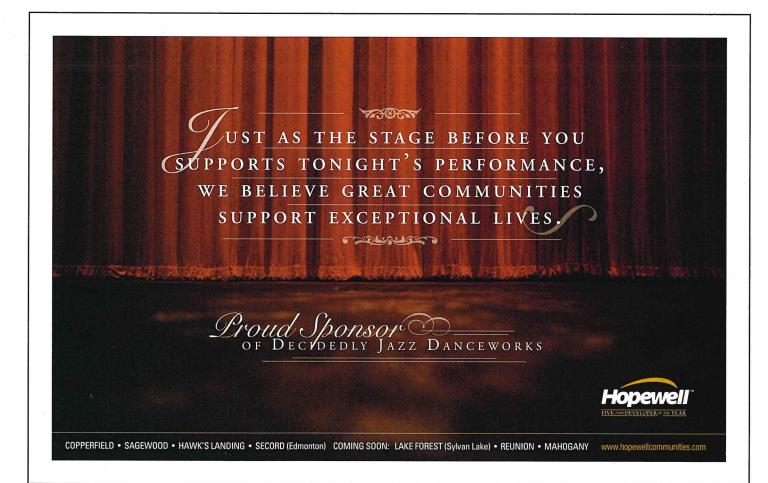


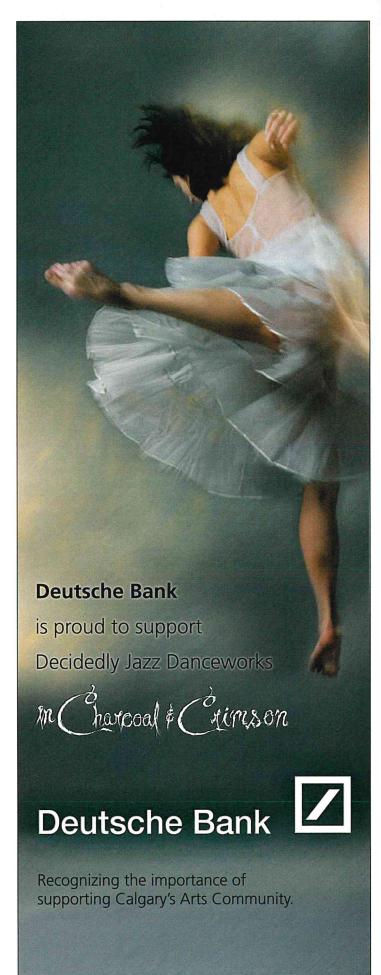












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VICKI ADAMS WILLIS DJD Artistic Director

Vicki carries on a family tradition that began when her mother, Alice Murdoch Adams, opened one of the first dance schools in Calgary in the 1920s. Vicki's passion for dance and jazz has taken her literally all over the globe. Besides teaching and choreographing for countless organizations, including the renowned School at Jacob's VICKI ADAMS WILLIS Pillow, she founded the Jazz Division in the Faculty of Fine Arts' Program of Dance at the University of Calgary in 1978, and co-founded Decidedly Jazz Danceworks in 1984 where she enthusiastically continues in her role as Artistic Director. She has received U of C's Superior Teacher Award, Global Television's Women of Vision Award, the City of Calgary's Community Achievement Award for the Arts, and an Alberta Centennial Medal. She has also had a U of C Fine Arts Entrance Award named in her honour, and was recently named one of the University of Calgary's Top 40 Alumni.

KIMBERLEY COOPER Artistic Director/Choreographer of

in Charcoal & Crimson

Kimberley began dancing with Decidedly Jazz Danceworks as an apprentice in 1989 and has been Artistic

Associate/Resident Choreographer since she returned from a sabbatical funded by Canada Council for the

Associate/Resident Choreographer since she returned from a sabbatical funded by Canada Council for the Arts in 2000/2001. In 2001 she created her first full-length work, *Popular*, that was produced by DJD for One Yellow Rabbit's High Performance Rodeo. Since

then she has co-created *Velvet* and the critically acclaimed cross-cultural mega show *iBULLA! A Loud Cuban Jazz Experiment*, with DJD Co-Founder Hannah Stilwell. In addition to continuing to dance full-time with the DJD company, Cooper is an important voice in the independent dance scene in western Canada, both as a dancer and as a choreographer. Her work has been produced locally by Dancers' Studio West, the University of Calgary's Program of Dance, One Yellow Rabbit, eko dance projects, Springboard Dance, in Edmonton by Alberta Dance Alliance, and in Vancouver at Dances for small Stages. In 2002 she was named Emerging Artist of the Year by Alberta Dance Alliance. In 2004 she created the dance film *Distemper* with Director John Albanis. Funded by BRAVOFact! and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, *Distemper* enjoyed success in festivals across North America and Europe. The two recently released their newest short film *Methuselah*, with Jason Stroh as a co-choreographer.

RUBIM DE TOLEDO

Composer/Music Director/Bass

Acoustic and Electric Bassist / Producer Rubim de Toledo specializes in Jazz, Electronica and World Music.
Rubim, Canadian-born of Brazilian descent, is a modern player who also deeply values the traditions and roots of all music he performs.

He is a founding member of the Latin/Jazz group iBomba! (3 CDs released) and founder and leader of the Improv collective reClaim (2 CDs released).

Rubim began his career at 17 playing in 'Big' Miller's group until Big's death in 1992. After that Rubim performed with other Albertan bandleaders like Tommy Banks and PJ Perry. Rubim is now leading his own groups and is also in demand as a sideman. He has performed with various musicians from Canada, the US, Brazil, Chile and Cuba.

This is Rubim's second show with DJD. In 2004, Rubim travelled to Havana, Cuba with DJD and played bass for their *iBULLA!* production This year Rubim is thrilled to work with DJD as their current musical director and is honoured to have been asked to compose and direct the music for *in Charcoal & Crimson*.

in Charcoal & Crimson

with artists of many different styles such as the Gravity Collective, Feast, Elise Besler, Jack Semple, Tommy Banks, PJ Perry, Jamie Saft, Three Days Wiser, Portal, The Modo Trio and reClaim. In the last few years Bill has played a lot more eclectic and improvised music, which has brought him to the extensive world of break-beats, jungle/drum n' bass, house, techno, ambient, new jazz and down tempo music. Combining these styles with improvised and eclectic musical ideals Bill has solidified a style that is all his own. Bill proudly plays EPEK drums.

AHMED F. HODELIN

Ahmed has been training as a dancer since elementary school. He spent seven years at the Nacional School of Arts in Havana where he was immersed in Cuban, as well as international dance and rhythms. He then spent two years in a pre-professional program before dancing with Conjunta Folklorico Nacional de Cuba for nine years. He has taught in Japan and the United States, and is now dancing his sixth season with DJD. Ahmed can also be found teaching Cuban dance in various locations around Calgary.

LAURA LAYCOCK

Laura didn't always want to be a jazz dancer. She grew up in Red Deer with the dream of becoming a ballerina and attended the National Ballet School. It wasn't until she was 14, when her mom took her to a DJD show, that her love of jazz was born. While attending the University of Calgary, she was also a scholarship student at the School of Decidedly Jazz. In 1998 she performed in an apprentice role in DJD's Classic Jam. Later that year, Laura traveled to Chicago to study with Billy Siegenfeld. With his company, Jump Rhythm Jazz Project, Laura performed nationally and internationally for four years and is now enjoying her third season with DJD. She also sits on the board of The Calgary Arts Academy, Laura would like to thank her mom, her dad, Ken and Simone for all their support.

DINOU MARLETT-STUART Rehearsal Mistress

After dancing for 12 years in Calgary, Dinou traveled to England to attend Performers Dance College. She completed a three-year degree programme with 3rd year honours and continued to dance

professionally throughout England for two years in many lead roles in original productions. Since returning to Calgary, Dinou has been teaching, as well as artistic directing, producing, dancing in and choreographing various projects including Calgary Cares and Alberta Dance Explosions. Dinou was a guest artist in the DJD school show Live and in Sync and Kimberley Cooper's Popular, understudy for Perched on the Edge of a Quarter Note and full-time company member for one and a half seasons, then was blessed with her daughter Tianna. Since motherhood, Dinou has had a chance to work with Kimberley Cooper as a dancer and as a Rehearsal Mistress for the BRAVOFact! production of Distemper and in Charcoal & Crimson.

GIBSON MURIVA Dancer

Zimbabwean dancer, choreographer, and teacher Gibson Muriva was born and raised in Harare. Gibson started dancing at the age of 17 and was inspired by former Tumbuka dancer, Bawren Tavaziva. In 1997 he joined the Dance Foundation Course at the National Ballet of Zimbabwe where he studied traditional dances, classical ballet (for which received an award) and contemporary dance. He was nominated as one of the best male dancers in 2003 (Nama Awards). He performed with the Tumbuka Dance Company from 1998 to 2003 and also choreographed for the company: Cloth Those Who Are Naked in 2002 and The Opening of Hifa (fire) in 2003. Gibson moved to Calgary to dance with DJD and is now in his third year with the company. 'Jazz makes me fly.'

IVAN NUÑEZ SEGUI Dancer

Ivan started dancing at the age of nine. When he was 12 years old he began his formal training at the National School of Art in Havana, Cuba and after seven years graduated from the school in 1990. Upon graduation, he joined the Folklorico Nacional de Cuba and was principal soloist from 1996 until he left the company in 2001. Since then, he has been a freelance dancer and teacher working in Cuba, Japan, England and Canada. He was a guest dancer for DJD's iBULLA! project last season, and returned to Calgary this fall

to continue dancing with the company.

DOUG ORGAN Vibes and Keyboards

Doug Organ is a multi-instrumentalist, recording engineer and producer based in Edmonton. He counts among his own groups smart-ass pop/rock outfit roger, hoser-funk combo Toque, collective composition / improvisation nerds Root Stew, and Edmonton's premier party band The SuperBand, A musician by trade, Doug has also been seen freelancing with James Alex Murdoch and the Polyphonics, Mad Bomber Society, Ann Vriend and the Dropouts, Sheena Misenas, Knee Deep In Grass, The Uncas, and Edmonton's jazz heavies. Doug is also an up-and-coming record producer and engineer. Doug's recording projects include debuts from songstress Ann Vriend, soul chanteuse Sheena Misenas and jam band Knee Deep In Grass among others.

NATALIE PURSCHWITZ Costume Designer

Natalie Purschwitz is an independent costume designer based in Vancouver, BC. This will be her fifth show with Decidedly Jazz Danceworks after Velvet (2003), Pivoting Echoes (2004), 20th Anniversary Jam (2004) and iBULLA! (2005). She is excited to be working with this wild and crazy bunch again. Alongside costuming, Natalie is a clothing designer and interdisciplinary artist who has exhibited her work internationally. She recently opened a boutique in Vancouver called Hunt & Gather.

RICK RINDER Stage Manager

Since doing iBULLA! last year, Rick has been waiting for in Charcoal & Crimson to bring him back to DJD. He recently finished working on a production of Rock and Roll at the Grand Theatre in London, Ontario. Prior to that he stage managed Vincent in Brixton and The Syringa Tree at the Vancouver Playhouse and before that, Much Ado About Nothing at High Park in Toronto. Next, Rick goes home to Vancouver to spend a couple of weeks with Nadine in a campground before starting rehearsals for A Midsummer Night's Dream with the new Whistler Theatre Project. In September, Rick comes back to town to stage manage Glorious for Theatre Calgary.

CAMERON SOUND Turntables, Laptop and Guitar

Cameron grew up in mostly rural Alberta where he developed a passion for epic landscape and sound. With a background in classical, and after graduating from the Grant MacEwan Guitar program in 2000, Cameron immersed himself in the Edmonton electronic music scene and gained a reputation as an ecclectic DJ and producer. He was hired by the CBC to do some live shows from the Edmonton Fringe Festival, which helped land him other gigs such as working with Bob Baker and the Citadel Theatre as the first live DJ for the play The Shape Of Things. Cameron is currently focused on his company; CameronSound productions, working with artists from around the world composing soundtracks, performing, and writing electronic music/beats.

MALIKA SRIVASTAVA Apprentice

At the age of 13, Malika discovered jazz music and dance at the School of Decidedly Jazz, In 2001 she traveled to Toronto where she studied contemporary dance at York University, but her love for jazz soon brought her back to Calgary. Malika returned to the School of Decidedly Jazz as a preprofessional student in 2002 until 2005. During this time she immersed herself in the Calgary dance community working with various choreographers and performing in Alberta Dance Explosions, Dance Montage, eko dance projects and the U of C's Mainstage. Apart from studying in Calgary, Malika's love for jazz has taken her to Cuba and to New Orleans in the spring of 2005. Malika is thrilled and honoured to be performing with such talented dancers and musicians, and thanks DJD for a very inspiring season.

KALEB TEKESTE Understudy

Kaleb is a local dancer, choreographer and teacher. He began dancing when he was 10 years old and at the age of 16 was introduced to street styles of dance like Breakin' Poppin' and Lockin' which inspired him to take dancing more seriously. He joined the dance program at his senior high school Crescent Heights where he was exposed to a wide range of dance forms. Upon graduation, Kaleb continued dancing and teaching at various studios in and around Calgary including DJD. In 2004, Kaleb joined the preprofessional program at DJD. He has choreographed for shows such as Calgary Cares, Dance Montage and more recently

NATALIE PURSCHWITZ Alberta Dance Explosions. Kaleb is honoured and excited to be a part of the team this season as an understudy, and thanks DJD for this amazing opportunity.

RICK RINDER

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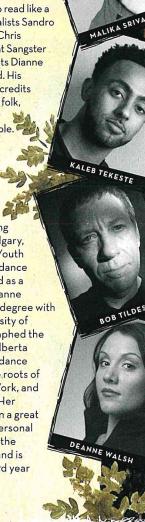
BOB TILDESLEY Trumpet and Kaoss Pad

Bob Tildesley is renowned as one of Canada's most talented trumpeters and improvisers, a stellar composer, top section player and superb sideman. Bob is often seen and heard in Edmonton, his home of many years, as well as being welcomed on stages all across Canada. Bob's work transcends the ages. Whether Dixieland or bebop, fusion or free jazz, Bob has a firm grasp and identifiable sound in all genres. Bob's sideman credits in the studio read like a who's who, from instrumentalists Sandro Dominelli, Brian Buchanan, Chris Andrew, Tom Banks and Kent Sangster among the many, and vocalists Dianne Donovan and Cindy McLeod. His performance and recording credits span from jazz ensembles to folk, fusion, blues, funk and every other form of music imaginable

DEANNE WALSH Dancer

Deanne is completely thrilled to be dancing with DJD, a company she has long admired. Growing up in Calgary, as a teen she danced with Youth Dance Unlimited (now eko dance projects) and later returned as a dance captain. In 2003, Deanne completed her B.A. Dance degree with distinction from the University of Calgary. She has choreographed the U of C's Dance Montage, Alberta Dance Explosions and eko dance projects. The pursuit of the roots of jazz has taken her to New York, and frequently to West Africa. Her travels to Guinea have been a great source of inspiration and personal growth. Deanne teaches in the School of Decidedly Jazz, and is very much enjoying her third year

with the DJD company.



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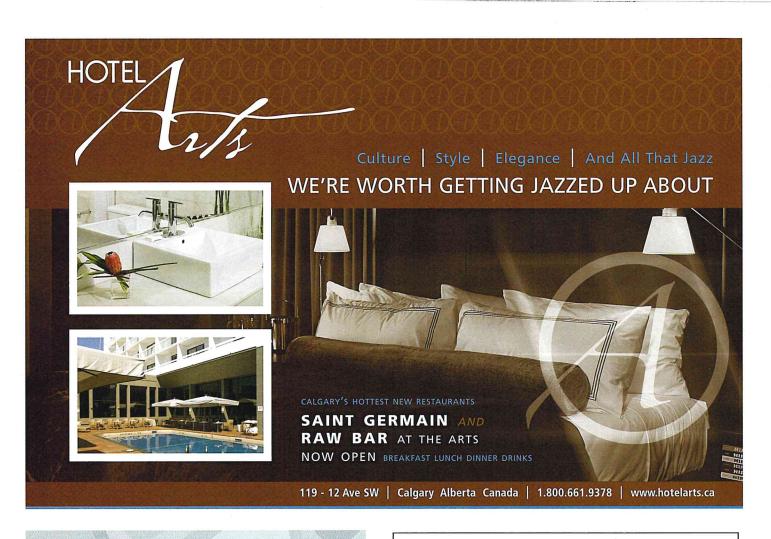
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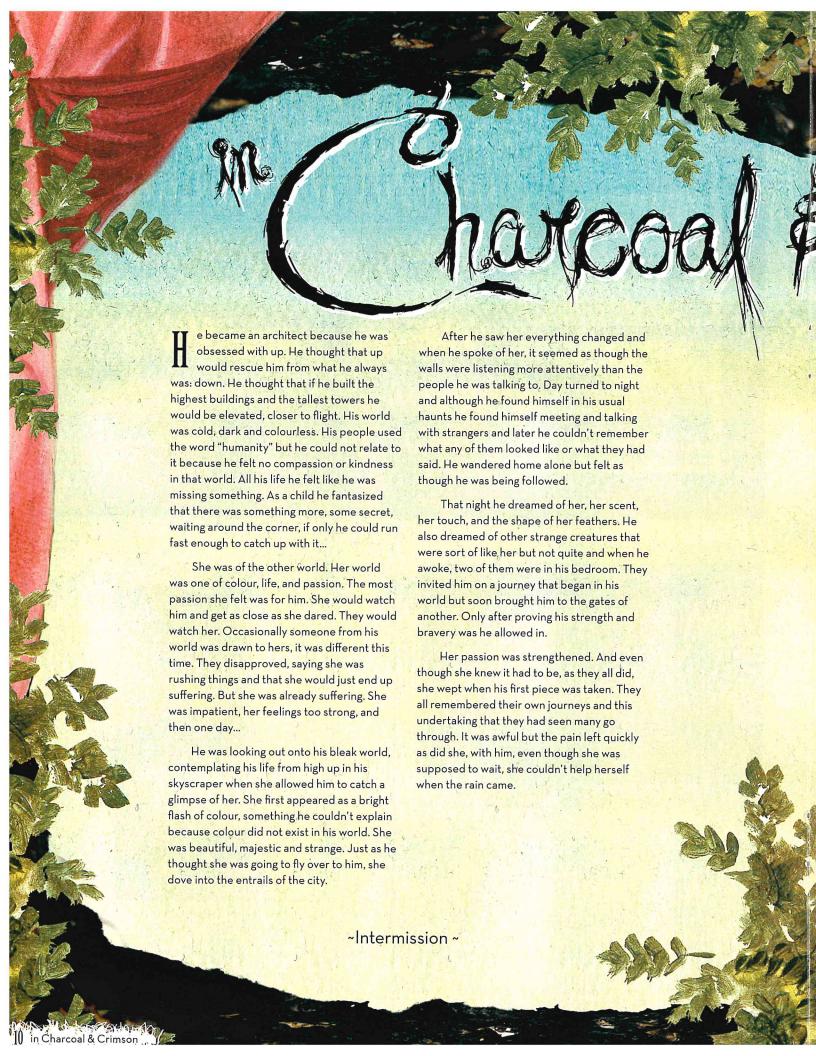
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he was just as beautiful as the first time he had seen her and so was her world. For the first time in his life he felt the colour of his blood coursing through his veins and he wanted her and wanted to be like her. He felt as though the creatures of this world were trying to prepare him for something. He sensed he wasn't the first to make this journey that she was making it unique and being punished for it. He hated them for that. He also hated that in order to be with her he had to give parts of himself up which in the moment of release was torture like nothing he could ever imagine and became helpless in their hands, but the pain seemed to dissipate quickly.

She hated what they were doing to him. She was sick of their traditions and planned to leave but knew that she had to choose the right moment. Since the first time she saw him she had known that as she could free him from his world, he could free her from hers.

At last it was time, they heard the call and they all came running, they knew she would leave with him and although some felt great loss it was how it had to be. The final piece he had to leave was his skin, and as they tore through it he only felt joy because at last he was released, from charcoal & crimson.

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The Rascal Ahmed Fernandez Hodelin

The Siren Deanne Walsh

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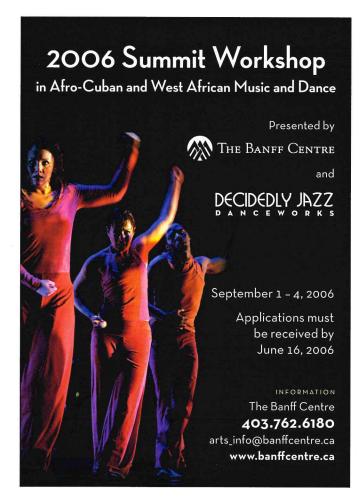
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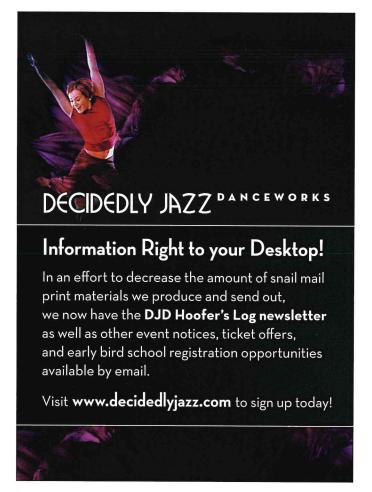


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The beginning was a dream shared by Vicki Adams Willis (then founding head of the Jazz Division in the Program of Dance at the University of Calgary) and two of her graduating students, Michèle Moss and Hannah Stilwell.

In-1984 they created Decidedly Jazz Danceworks with the goal of preserving and promoting the rich history and spirit of jazz. The original company consisted of four dancers and an artistic director intent on sharing their vision of jazz with others.

Now celebrating its 22nd year, DJD has carved a niche for itself in the heart of Canada's dance audience. DJD is one of the few professional dance companies world wide with jazz music and dance as its raison d'etre.

Jazz dance is a North American performing art form with its roots in African and European dance and music. It was born on the streets of America as an Afro-American vernacular social dance form. It is a contemporary dance expression that has evolved and changed drastically over the years through the influence of virtually all dance genres. In its purist form it is deliberately and inherently accessible – in essence, a type of folk dance. It is expressive of human nature, grounded in the emotions of human experience, and therefore has a universal appeal. It is sophisticated rhythmically, as well as playful, competitive, soulful, and a direct reflection of jazz music.

The DJD style has evolved out of the work of the three company founders. As progressive historians, these artists are purposefully aware of and connected to the African and historical roots and spirit of jazz, as well as committed to the evolution and future of the form.

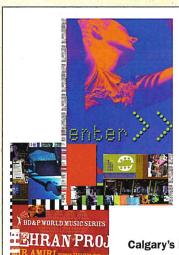
Historically, much of the integrity of jazz dance has depended on the interaction between dancer and musician, and in order to honour this tradition the company works primarily with live music. DJD has performed with numerous music notables including Big Miller, Mark Murphy, Tommy Banks, P.J. Perry, Jackie Richardson, Tim Williams, Diane Miller, George Koller, Julie Michels, Kristian Alexandrov, iBomba! and The Edje,

as well as with tap notables Buster Brown, Josh Hilberman and Heather Cornell. The company's trademark respect for and connection to the music has lead many to describe DJD performances as "music for the eyes."

The Calgary-based company has toured throughout Canada as well as to Chicago, Japan, the Turks and Caicos Islands and Cuba.

In addition to performing and touring, DJD's mandate includes a strong education component. To this end, the company offers educational performances as well as residencies, workshops and master classes for all ages and levels. The School of Decidedly Jazz, which programs both recreational and pre-professional training, has an enrollment of over 1000 students between the ages of 2 and 82.

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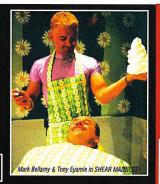
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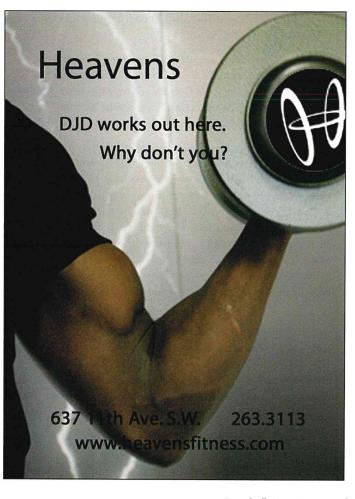
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ALICE MURDOCH ADAMS

Alice Murdoch Adams (1908 - 1997) was an important force in the evolution of dance in Alberta. She was the first recipient of the Alberta Dance Award, presented by the Alberta Dance Alliance in recognition of her contributions to the

development of dance in the province. Like mother, like daughter - Alice's spirit is alive and well today through the many endeavours and accomplishments of her daughter Vicki Adams Willis, Artistic Director of Decidedly Jazz Danceworks.

Artistic Director of in Charcoal & Crimson, Kimberley Cooper, is dedicating her show to Vicki's mom, stating:

> "I am dedicating the show to Alice because I am so inspired by her spirit. To think of what she did and

when she did it, and how that pioneering make-ithappen energy transferred through her daughter and into DJD just blows me away and makes this show at The GRAND such a fantastic 'coming home' for us."

Alice was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and came to Canada as a child. She pioneered dance in Calgary and over the years, studied dance in New York, Seattle, London, Edinburgh and Paris.

Alice opened one of the first dance schools in the city in 1927 with a list of students over time that reads like a who's who in Alberta dance. Among

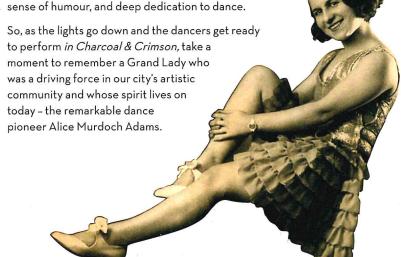
the hundreds who studied with her were two other leaders in Alberta's dance scene: Dorothy Harris, who later headed University of Alberta's Dance Program, and Alice's sister Jean Simpson who eventually took over the Murdoch school. The annual Alice Murdoch School of Dancing reviews, performed at the old Grand Theatre, were a mainstay of the Calgary entertainment scene until her retirement in 1949.

During the Second World War she choreographed a show that was performed almost 400 times in army, air force and P.O.W. camps in Alberta. Alice also choreographed the annual Rotary Club of Calgary President's Ball Show for 40 years and was a recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship Award for her contribution to Rotary. She had a dancer's spirit and the memory of her incredible strength, resilience and willpower will forever inspire us all.



With The GRAND celebrating its exciting renovation and re-opening, DJD is thrilled to be one of the first companies to christen the boards of Calgary's newest and oldest performance space with in Charcoal & Crimson. It is with great fondness that Vicki remembers the connection the Murdoch Adams Simpson women have had with The GRAND over the years.

Alice's legacy is vibrantly alive through the work of her daughter Vicki, who has spent the past 50 years learning, sharing, shaping, and creating. Teaching since 1966, choreographing since 1971, and running DJD since 1984, Vicki's contribution to the arts in Alberta picked up where Alice's left off. Vicki shares her Mom's outstanding sense of theatre, her inherent curiosity, unstoppable work ethic, natural sense of humour, and deep dedication to dance.



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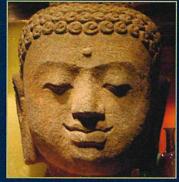
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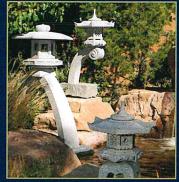
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