

# DEFIED DANCEWORKS



LOCKER-SLAMMIN', NAVELEGAZIN' AND  
**RANDOM LEAPS OF FAITH**  
A FREE STYLE FUNKIN' MULTIPLE-CHOICE'  
ADVENTURE OF QUESTIONS AND DANCES

NOVEMBER 22-26, 1994, 8:00pm

UPTOWN STAGE





# NOTES FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

School touring has always held a vital and integral place in Decidedly Jazz's season programming, and we have regularly been told by the adults attending these 'designed for youth' productions that they enjoy the performances as much as the kids. In response to the countless requests that we have received over the years to do public presentations of our youth programming, we have decided to include our new (and first ever) high school production, LOCKER-SLAMMIN' NAVEL GAZIN' AND RANDOM LEAPS OF FAITH in our current season.

I must admit that I was quite terrified entering the previously uncharted waters of designing a DJD show for high school students. After all, it has been several decades since I was a teen and it seemed that the issues that today's teens are facing are huge and numerous. What could we do that would hold their interest and speak to them in a meaningful and entertaining way?

We decided to start by talking to the students themselves, and Lana Skauge's recorded interviews with an interesting cross-section of junior high, senior high and University students formed the basis for the soundscape of the show as well as its theme... choices

The interviews were fascinating. I was moved by the honesty, candidness, humour and depth of many of the statements made. It seems that 'GENERATION?' is a generation filled with budding philosophers.

Once the interviews were completed, the form and spirit of the production seemed to dictate itself, the result being the FREE-STYLE FUNKIN' MULTIPLE CHOICE ADVENTURE of questions and dances that you are about to experience.

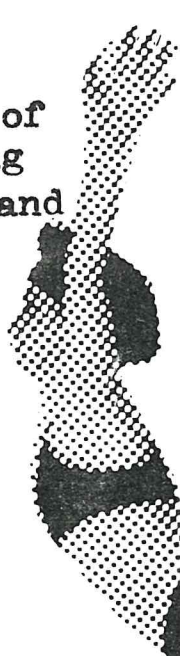
MAY YOU ENJOY.... VICKI

## COMPANY OF DANCERS

Kim Cooper  
Manuel Correia  
Alanna Jones

Brian Hansen  
Joanne Irving  
Sarisa Figueroa (apprentice)

Jamie Freeman (apprentice)  
Natalie Poissant (apprentice)  
Ravi Polish (apprentice)



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**DJD**

**Artistic Director: Vicki Adams Willis  
General Manager: Kathi Sundstrom  
Associate Artistic Director: Michele Moss  
Associate Artistic Director: Hannah Stilwell  
Tour & Production Manager: Damon Johnston  
Receptionist/Admin. Assistant: Glynn Grant  
Bookkeeper: Sandra Narin  
Dance School Manager: Lori Maxwell**



# PRODUCTION INFORMATION

**Director:** Vicki Adams Willis **Choreography by** Vicki Adams Willis.  
Michele Moss, Erin O'Connor and the dancers

**Artistic Advisor:** Lana Skauge

**Music Composition and Sound Editing:** Dewi (Geek Boy) Wood  
**Additional Music:** Brand New Heavies, Prince, Ministry, Material  
**Lyrics:** Ravi Poliah **Lighting:** Brian MacNeil **Costumes:** the Malls  
**Scenic Artists:** Martinho Correia, David Nolan  
**Hair Design:** Anne/Myxdmedia **Poster and Program Design:** Egg Press Co.

## DJD STAFF

**Production Manager:** Damon Johnston **Production Assistants:** Stacey Ibach and  
Craig Fleury **Technical Director:** Brian MacNeil **Upholstry:** Nancy and Dave Robe  
**Seamstress:** Pat Irving **Photography:** Trudie Lee Photography  
**Printer:** Egg Press Co. **Box Office:** Glynn Grant



DJD is a non profit society formed in 1984 with the mandate to create an awareness of, and encourage the respect for the history, traditions and spirit of jazz dance through performance and education.

The company has toured nationally and internationally and performs with live musicians whenever possible. The company has been seen at Jazz Festivals in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Montreal, and most recently travelled to Chicago to become the first Canadian dance company ever presented at the World Jazz Dance Congress.

Addressing it's strong educational mission, DJD maintains a popular dance school offering classes in Jazz, Tap, African, Ballet, Modern, Flamenco, Percussion and Yoga at all levels for children, teens and adults.

This winter, Decidedly Jazz is touring schools with educational performances and workshops, and will be visiting Senior's Homes and communities with a nostalgic "Swing" show.

DJD returns to The Martha Cohen Theatre for another spectacular evening of music and dance June 7-24, 1995.

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