

New arts collaboration for Brighton: Jasmin Vardimon Company and Brighton Dome join forces

Brighton-based **Jasmin Vardimon Company**, one of Britain's leading pioneers in dance theatre, is delighted to announce a new **three-year collaboration** with **Brighton Dome** as part of its **10th anniversary celebrations**. This new **Brighton-based collaboration** aims to develop the profile of dance in the South East of England by building new links with local communities, professional organisations and developing educational programmes with young people in the Sussex region. **Jasmin Vardimon Company** further announces a new collaboration with **Sussex Downs College** to create a new '**Foundation Degree in Contemporary Dance**', to be launched in **September 2008**.

Brighton Dome will play host to **Jasmin Vardimon Company's** research and development period for the creation of its new **10th anniversary production, *Yesterday***. A retrospective piece exploring concepts of past and present, ***Yesterday*** will weave new choreographic material with some of the most breath-taking duets, striking solos and iconic moments selected from the company's repertoire: *Tete*, *Lurelurelure*, *Ticklish*, *Lullaby*, *Park* and *Justitia*. ***Yesterday*** will receive its **world premiere at Brighton Dome on 2 September 2008** prior to a national tour.

'Following the Company's relocation to Brighton a year ago, I am personally thrilled to be presenting my latest work at the start of the relationship between the two companies. I hope that this is only the beginning of a collaboration with Brighton Dome that proves to be beneficial and fruitful for many years to come.' JASMIN VARDIMON

'We are delighted by this new partnership with Jasmin Vardimon which gives Brighton Dome the opportunity to be involved in the creation of a new work and to present its World Premiere, which is a significant development to our programming. We hope that it will excite existing audiences and also bring new audiences to world of contemporary dance.' STEVEN BAGNALL, GENERAL MANAGER, BRIGHTON DOME

Jasmin Vardimon Company's collaboration with **Sussex Downs College** sees the development of a new two-year '**Foundation Degree in Contemporary Dance**' that will include: choreographic workshops, seminars, masterclasses, the creation of a new performance piece, work placements and case studies. Sussex Downs College is the largest College of Higher Education in the county, with four sites based across Lewes, Eastbourne and Newhaven.

Artistic Director, Jasmin Vardimon is also an **Associate Artist of Sadler's Wells** (since 2006). Renowned for her uniquely theatrical choreographic and directorial style combining physical theatre, quirky characterisation, innovative technologies and dance, she accentuates her work with an acute observation of human behaviour. Vardimon founded her company in 1997, and rapidly rose to become a significant force in the British dance theatre scene. An **Arts Council Regular Funded Organisation** (since 2004), **Jasmin Vardimon Company** tours both nationally and internationally presenting work at Festivals and high profile theatres around the world. Recent productions include: *Justitia* (UK tour), *PARK* (UK tour presented by the Dance Touring Partnership); *Lullaby* (UK & International tour); *Ticklish* and *Lure Lure Lure*. Associate Artist of Sadler's Wells, Vardimon was previously Associate Artist at The Place in 1998 and a Yorkshire Dance Partner from 1999-2004. She has received many awards including the prestigious Jerwood Choreography Award (2000) and the Jerwood Foundation's 'Changing Stages' Award for *PARK* (2004).

Jasmin Vardimon Company is based in Brighton, at the offices of **South East Dance**. The company is funded by **Arts Council England**.

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