

Jasmin Vardimon Company to launch a UK & international tour of YESTERDAY and JUSTITIA in Spring 2009

Spring UK & International Tour: 9 January – 2 May 2009

Following the sell-out success of *Yesterday* at London's Peacock Theatre (November 08), which marked the company's 10th anniversary, **award-winning dance theatre choreographer and Associate Artist of Sadler's Wells, Jasmin Vardimon**, takes her company on a **UK and international tour in 2009, mounting two productions: *Yesterday* and *Justitia***. The company's **2009 Spring tour** opens on **9 January**, presenting ***Yesterday* in Athens, Greece**. *Yesterday* then tours to five UK venues prior to the company's debut performance in France, at the prestigious **Danse à Lille** theatre in Roubaix. *Justitia* opens at the **Brighton Dome** on **16 March** and tours to **France, Germany and Norway** plus a further four UK venues, culminating with a three-performance run at the Peacock Theatre, London from **30 April to 2 May 2009**.

Jasmin Vardimon Company (JVC) is one of Britain's most pioneering physical dance theatre companies. The company's Autumn 2008 tour of *Yesterday* generated an astounding response from audiences across the UK with capacity-packed performances including a sell-out London run at the Peacock Theatre, Sadler's Wells' West End venue. Engaging a strong, and consistently growing audience base of young theatre-goers, Jasmin Vardimon's work embodies a unique and daring approach to dance theatre, consistently surprising audiences with inventive creativity and a powerful, provocative voice. Integrating multiple layers of communication – dance, movement, live video, animation, text and music – Vardimon brings her sharp instincts and keen observations of human behaviour to the stage, delivering beautifully precise characterisation, powerfully brought to life by her company of incredibly skilled international dancers.

Yesterday presents a journey into memory. Revisiting and refashioning selected moments from a decade of work, featuring new choreography, live video and animation, Vardimon contrasts snapshot scenes of gravity-defying athleticism with beautiful lyricism, exploring socially political themes with a passionate punch. *Justitia* delves into the justice system, unraveling a gripping domestic crime story from different perspectives. Impressively staged on a revolving set, this large-scale production features a sharp script by Critics' Circle Award-winning playwright, **Rebecca Lenkiewicz**.

Associate Artist at Sadler's Wells, Vardimon has won a number of international awards, including the prestigious **Jerwood Choreography Award** in 2000. She was previously a **Yorkshire Dance Partner** from 1999-2004 and **Associate Artist at The Place** in 1998. Her acclaimed piece **Lullaby** gained her selection for the **BBC documentary 'Dance Film Academy'** in 2005. As a performer, she was nominated **'Best Female Artist'** at the 2003 **Critics' Circle National Dance Award**. The company's repertoire includes: *Yesterday* (2008), *Justitia* (2007); *Park* (2005); *Lullaby* (2003), *Ticklish* (2001), *Lure Lure Lure* (2000), *Tête* (1999), *MadameMade* (1998), *Therapist* (1997).

Choreographed and Directed by **Jasmin Vardimon**, Associate Director **Guy Bar-Amotz**. Performed by: **Paul Blackman, Luke Burrough, Tim Casson, Mafalda Deville, Christine Gouzelis, David Nondorf, YunKrung Song and Elena Stavropoulou**. For *Yesterday*: Lighting Design by **Chahine Yavroyan**, Set & Media Design by **Guy Bar-Amotz**, Animation by **Klega**, Sound Design by **Nik Kennedy**, and Musical Advisor **Ohad Fishof**. For *Justitia*: Lighting Design by **Chahine Yavroyan**, Set & Costume Design by **Merle Hensel**, Sound Design by **Ohad Fishof**, Script by **Rebecca Lenkiewicz**.

Yesterday is produced in association with **Brighton Dome** with support from **Sadler's Wells**, the **National Theatre** and **The Place Theatre, London**. *Justitia* presents a co-production with **Sadler's Wells** and co-commission with the **National Theatre, Gardner Arts, Hall for Cornwall**, and **The Lowry**. **Jasmin Vardimon Company** is funded by **Arts Council England**.

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Full 2009 tour listings attached.

Note to Editors: Jasmin Vardimon Company will also be returning to Sadler's Wells to perform an extract of *Yesterday* at **SAMPLED** on **Sunday 25 January 2009**.

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Jasmin Vardimon Company 2009 UK & International Tour Dates

YESTERDAY

Fri 9 – Sun 11 January **ATHENS, GREECE, Arts Center at ACS**

53 Garrytou Street, 152 34 Chalandri
Box Office +30 210 7234 567www.artscenter.gr

Tue 27 January **HUDDERSFIELD Lawrence Batley Theatre**

7.30pm Queen's Sq, Queen St, Huddersfield, HD1 2SP
Tickets £12, £10, £8 (Conc £2 off) Box Office 01484 430528 www.lbt-uk.org

Thu 29 January **NOTTINGHAM Playhouse**

8pm Wellington Circus, Nottingham NG1 5AF
Tickets: £16-£12 (Schools £8.50) Box Office 0115 941 9419 www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk

Sat 31 January **LINCOLN Performing Arts Centre**

7.30pm University of Lincoln, Brayford Pool, Lincoln LN6 7TS
Tickets: £12 (Concs £10 / Students £5) Box Office 0844 8884414 www.lpac.co.uk

Tue 3 February **STOCKTON ON TEES Arc**

7.30pm Dovecot Street, Stockton on Tees TS18 1LL
Tickets £10 (Conc £8, Schools £5) Box Office 01642 525199 www.arconline.co.uk

Thu 5 February **WINCHESTER Theatre Royal**

8pm Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8SB
Tickets: £13 (Conc £11/£8.50) Box Office 01962 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

Tue 10 & Wed 11 Feb **ROUBAIX, FRANCE Danse à Lille**

8.30pm Le Gymnase, 5 rue du Général Chanzy 59058 ROUBAIX Cedex 1, France
Box Office +33 (0)3 20 20 70 30 www.dansealille.com

Justitia

Mon 16 & Tue 17 March **BRIGHTON Corn Exchange, Brighton Dome**

8pm Church Street, Brighton BN1 1UE
Tickets: £15 (Concs £12.50) Box Office 01273 709709 www.brightondome.org

Fri 20 March **CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE La Comete**

8.30pm 5, rue des Fripiers, 51010 Châlons en Champagne, Cedex, France
Box Office +33 (0)3 26 69 50 99 www.la-comete.fr

Wed 25 March **OLDENBURG, GERMANY Oldenburgisches Staatstheater**

8pm Theaterwall 28, 26122 Oldenburg, Germany
Box Office +49 (0)441/2225-111 www.staatstheater.de

Fri 27 March **COMPIEGNE, FRANCE Espace Jean Legendre**

8.45pm Place Briet Daubigny, Rue du Général Koenig, 60200 Compiègne, France
Box Office +33 (0)3 44 92 7676 www.espacejeanlegendre.com

Tue 7 April **LICHFIELD Garrick**

7.30pm Castle Dyke, Lichfield, WS13 6HR
Tickets: £12.50 / £10 Box Office 01543 412121 www.lichfieldgarrick.com

Sat 11 April **NORTHAMPTON Derngate Theatre**

8pm Guildhall Road, Northampton NN1 1DP
Tickets: £10.00 - £19.50 Box Office 01604 624811 www.royalandderngate.co.uk

Fri 17 – Sat 18 April **SANDNES, NORWAY Sandnes Kulturhaus**

7.30pm Mauritz Kartevoldsplass 1, 4306 Sandnes, Norway
Box Office +47 51 60 20 10 www.sandnes-kulturhus.no

Thu 30 April – Sat 2 May **LONDON Peacock Theatre**

7.30pm Portugal Street, London WC2A 2HT
Tickets: £10 - £20 (Concs avail) Box Office 0844 412 4322 www.peacocktheatre.com

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