PETERBOROUGH NEW DANCE PRESENTS

EMERGENCY #6

APRIL 1 - 4, 1998

THE GORDON BEST THEATRE
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

Program One: 8 pm

Martial Forms #1: Chung Kuen (long fist)

My Jong Law Horn Pai (China)

To Have and Have Not

director

Caron Garside

collectively created by

Scarlett Ackhurst, Jimmy Edmondson, Joleen Edmondson, Georgia Fisher, Tamara Triggs, Laurel Paluck, Michael Hermiston, Michael Crary with John Tievans as the Busker

special thanks

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Aubrey Azore, Mark Cowling, Nat King Cole, Nem-o-ney, scooter, Tara Nisbitt, Nick Probst, The Gordon Best and staff.

Martial Forms #2: Yang Tai Chi Chuan Gim (Yang family style grand ultimate boxing double edge sword) Tai Chi (China)

Vaishnava Janato

performer

Ramya Rajagopalan

music

lyrics by Narsinh Mehta, sung by Lata Mangeshkar

special thanks

Anima Chakravartty, Lakashini Kulgthungam and my family *Vaishnava Janato* was one of Mahatma Gandhi's favourite songs. From a poem by the Indian poet Narsinh Mehta, it extols man's best virtues: the benefits which stem from self-sacrifice, and placing others before oneself. 1997 being the 50th anniversary of India's independence, this dance is a tribute not only to Mahatma Gandhi, but to India itself.

----- intermission -----

Harvey Wallbanger

performer

Kristina Kyle

soundscape

Ian Osborn

text and lighting

Cathy Petch

special thanks

scooter, Marsh Cobden, Kris Keating, Andrew Brown, Andrew Neddow, Wine With Everything

Martial Forms #3: Chin-to

(the path towards China; to - meaning 'do' or way)

Chito-Ryu (Japan)

Interstices

i) insidesout

ii) stolen breath

iii) mercy speaks my name

choreographer and performer
Penelope Thomas

music

"Over" by Barrow, Gibbons & Utley Performed by Portishead

"White Man Sleeps #5" by Kevin Volans Performed by the Kronos Quartet

"Nine sili nebesniye" by Sheremetiev Performed by Chorovaya Akademia

costume

Martha Cockshutt and Grin & Wear It

special thanks

Glenn, Michelle and Erica of Digital Architecture for their generous donation of propane and propane accessories; the guys and orange kitty of NoPlace; my marvelous sweetheart; Michael Hermiston for agreeing to let me re-use a movement phrase from our workshop; Anne Ryan and Janette Froncz for their compassionate eyes.

Martial Forms #4: Second Mey Payattu (exercises with the body) Kalarippayattu (South India)

Program Two: 9:30 pm

Swallowed

Two characters, one shipwreck, stuck on the ocean floor. Bold Pearl hoards relics from the *Titanic* and lusts to be left alone, sea hag that she has become. The Baby wants to dry out so it can get drunk. Bits from *The Tempest* courtesy of W. Shakespeare.

Leonardo and Kate W. will not be appearing tonight.

writer and performer

Kate Story

music

Patrick Walsh

choreography

Dy Gallagher

costumes, sets, props
Kate Story

special thanks

Martha Cockshutt, NoPlace, Market Hall, Tom Reader, Wyatt Burton, J. L. Watson, Fides Krucker, Lachlan and Simon, Jerome and Charon, Robert Winslow, Susan Spicer, John Lang.

About Martial Forms performer Greg Magwood

The pieces (forms) are examples of how information is disseminated in the martial arts. Each system, style and country have their own names and approaches, but essentially a form is a memorised combination of movements passed from teacher to student. The martial arts have maintained an oral tradition, their subtleties eluding the best attempts to be placed in writing or film.

It is, like any art, multifaceted. Entire philosophies can be contained in the movements and much is left to individual translation. Masters have been known to study one piece for several years before moving on to another.

special thanks
Robert Walther

For Peterborough New Dance

producer - Bill Kimballgraphic design - Rob Wilkes, Big Sky Design

For Emergency #6

Co-ordinators - Dy Gallagher, Brian Mitolo
lighting - Cathy Petch
sound - Ian Osborn
stage manager - Phil Oakley

Peterborough New Dance is an animator of contemporary dance. We present a mainstage series of companies and independent choreographers drawn from across Canada, commission new work in concert with other Canadian presenters on the Candance Network, and support the development of the local dance community by presenting workshops with visiting artists and producing Emergency, an annual program of new dance and performance by area artists. PND's work with the local dance community receives financial support from the Dance Umbrella of Ontario. Peterborough New Dance is affiliated with the Peterborough Arts Umbrella, a charitable agency serving Peterborough artists and arts groups. Tax deductible donations to PND can be made via the PAU.

Peterborough New Dance receives valuable operating support from the Canada Council and Ontario Arts Council and is a member of Candance, Canada's national network of dance presenters, and Dance Ontario.

Dept. of High Hopes

Peterborough New Dance is looking into hiring a summer student, as well as filling a part time admin position year round, pending the success of a number of grant applications. If you are interested, please send a brief letter to us so that we can notify you if a job is posted.

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Biographies

Caron Garside is an actor and director. She has appeared in numerous 4th Line Theatre productions and has acted/directed many others, including Brecht's Three Penny Opera at the Aran Pub and an adaptation for stage of Samuel Beckett's novel Mercier and Camier for the 1997 Peterborough Fringe Festival......Kristina Kyle is a performer and stage manager. Her most recent performance was in This Is For You, Anna and her next challenge is stage managing Aspersion at the Gordon Best.....Greg Magwood has always enjoyed leaping about brandishing ancient implements of destruction. In 1988 he was introduced to Robert Walther who became his teacher and mentor. Greg now teaches Tai Chi and Chi Kung, has black belts in Karate and Jiu Jitsu, and has developed his own women's self defense program. He has traveled to Thailand to live and study meditation at Wat Nanachat Forest Monastery and has recently returned from South India where he studied Kalarippayatty under C.V. Govindankutty Nair Gurukkal. When not teaching, Greg hides out in Cooper, Ontario in a house built of straw.....Ian Osborn is a musician who creates soundscapes, has enabled more than thirty local recording projects under the 'Backlash' banner, and is the resident sound engineer and technical director for the Gordon Best Theatre.....Cathy Petch creates original performance work and collaborates with others as a lighting designer, writer, actor and musician. A collection of her plays, stories and poems will be published by Modo Press this fall.....Ramya Rajagopalan is an OAC student T.A.S.S. in Peterborough who has performed in numerous Indian community festivals, such as Deepavali, as well as being featured in the dance program at First Night Peterborough in both 1995 and 1996.....Kate Story, a native of St. John's, has performed in Peterborough with such companies as the 4th Line and Union Theatre and is now based in Toronto. She began writing and performing her won work with Throat, presented at the 1997 Rhubarb Festival at Toronto's Buddies In Bad Times Theatre. Swallowed premiered at the Significant Others series at the LSPU Hall in St. John's in January and will be presented this summer at the Sound Symposium in Newfoundland and the fringe Dance Festival Toronto.....Penelope Thomas has had twenty years of dance training, ranging from ballet to modern. Her first original dance work, a careful red, was shown in Emergency #4 (1996). Most recently she danced in Anne Ryan's work Sweet Shift at the Market Hall.