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# PROGRESS AVENUE



October 14 & 15, 2004 Market Hall Theatre Peterborough ON

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premiere October 14, 2004

Choreography

**Bill James** 

**Dancers** 

D.A. Hoskins, Ryan Kerr, Jonathan Osborn,

Allison Rees-Cummings, Emma Romerein,

Kate Story

Music

**Tony Conrad** 

Costumes

Martha Cockshutt

Lighting

**Robin Dutt** 

Video

Shelagh Young

This production of *Progress Avenue* caps a creative process that began about a year ago. It is the first full-length work Bill James has created since moving to Peterborough - a farm in Douro actually - from Toronto a little over two years ago. As soon Bill told me about it, I knew it was a project Peterborough New Dance had to be a part of, particularly as his goal was to involve artists from his former home and his new one. Rehearsing a company whose members live so far apart was not an easy process, but the dancers Bill put together have dealt remarkably well with the travel and extended stays away from home that have been part of their lives for the past year.

The first period of creation culminated last May in a workshop presentation - followed by a lively discussion with the audience - at the Market Hall. At the time the work was called *From Darkness...*; the new name reflects the changes and additions that have been made since then. The lighting, costumes, video and music have all been incorporated into the piece over the last two weeks during the company's unique residency at the Market Hall. Funded in part by a special grant from the Canada Council for the Arts, we have been able to give the company an extended stay in the theatre and, at the same time, share the creative process with local audiences to a degree never before possible. The company has held two open rehearsals, presented an excerpt of the work, and Bill has given a talk.

Now it's time for the finished work to take the stage, with one final note. I asked Bill about the name change, which seems so dramatic, and his ideas behind the piece. When he explained that Progress Avenue is actually a real place in Toronto and reflects his thoughts about time and history collapsing within a past vision of the future, about a failed mid-20<sup>th</sup> century vision of progress, it made me think that the work is a very personal statement, partly about moving his home from Canada's urban centre to its rural fringe. Whether I'm right or wrong doesn't matter, but after being part of this creative process I'm glad he made the move.

#### - Bill Kimball, Artistic Producer for Peterborough New Dance

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