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WILLIAM ANASTASI & DOVE BRADSHAW

This publication consists of seven of the Cunningham dances designed by Dove Bradshaw including William Anastasi's three sets for *Points in Space*.

Attracted by her use of Indeterminacy, the practice of using chance and natural forces to act upon her work, Cunningham invited Dove Bradshaw, along with William Anastasi, to become joint Artistic Advisors to his dance company in 1984. The resonances between Bradshaw's work and that of Cunningham's are clear; both made extensive use of chance procedures as part of their creation. Bradshaw's Contingency Series abandons traditional artistic practices and uses materials that react differently depending on environmental conditions, just as Cunningham abandons not only musical forms, but narrative and other conventional elements of dance composition—such as cause and effect, and climax and anticlimax.

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P H R A S E S

Premiere: Théâtre Municipal d'Angers, Angers, France, 1984

Choreography MERCE CUNNINGHAM

Music: *Fragments*, 1984 DAVID TUDOR

Set WILLIAM ANASTASI

Decor and Lighting DOVE BRADSHAW

PHRASES

The title, Cunningham said "is actually quite descriptive—the piece is made up of 64 phrases (the number of hexagrams in the *I Ching*)." As usual the sequence of these phases was determined by chance, he said: "This one wasn't made for the camera, but I worked on it as though using a camera. It was divided into four sections, and in each section I thought about the camera. For section A, I wrote 'seen in huge confusion, because there was so much activity.' Section B was 'seen in segments:' section C seen 'in detail,' like a hand, or whatever; section D 'seen in huge non-confusion.' I'm not sure I followed this, but still. Using chance operations, I made movement categories for each section—a gamut. I allowed for possible crossings from one section to another, also done through chance operations. And there was a possibility for variation if a phrase repeated—there were about five variations."

In 1984 after Mark Lancaster's tenure, William Anastasi and Dove Bradshaw were appointed jointly as the company's Artistic Advisors. *Phrases* was their first work. "William Anastasi," Anna Kisselgoff wrote, "has designed a backdrop with a rope-like line that cuts from top to bottom and then rises upward at a diagonal. The lighting creates a luminous grayish backdrop against which fourteen of the fifteen-member cast initially [stand] out in bright solid-colored leotards by Dove Bradshaw. After Mr. Cunningham joins in [dressed in a gray jumpsuit], the dancers add black ankle- or leg-warmers to their red, white, yellow or greenish [Sic. turquoise] costumes and later some add trousers, sweaters and shirts."

David Vaughan

Merce's original hint consisted of one syllable: clown. William offered: happy? Merce countered, "But clowns can be sad too" leaving us back on square one. A few days later, I happened upon an exhibition in which were framed a selection of painted cardboard squares that Mondrian used to placed on his studio walls to affect architecture with form and color: five primary red, four primary blue, three primary yellow and two white. Three of the blue had faded to turquoise, a color I used, though later I learned that it was not in his repertory. (Inspiration does not depend on accuracy.) The squares added up to fourteen, the number of dancers in the company. A fifteenth square was plain cardboard. The arrangement suggested dressing the dancers in color—each in a monochrome unitard—Merce in gray. Since the reds were made up of three large and two small, they naturally fell to three men and two women. The set followed in gray. Merce asked for two changes of costumes. Thinking of Mondrian's paintings, the first change translated his black lines into black belts, legwarmers, striped sweaters and neckbands; for the second change his white rectangles became white shirts. For the set, the morning of the premiere Bill awoke with the thought of stretching a rope into a right angle which he cocked at a diagonal behind the scrim, its corner implied below stage, and back lit. Later the line was painted.

Dove Bradshaw

Dancers

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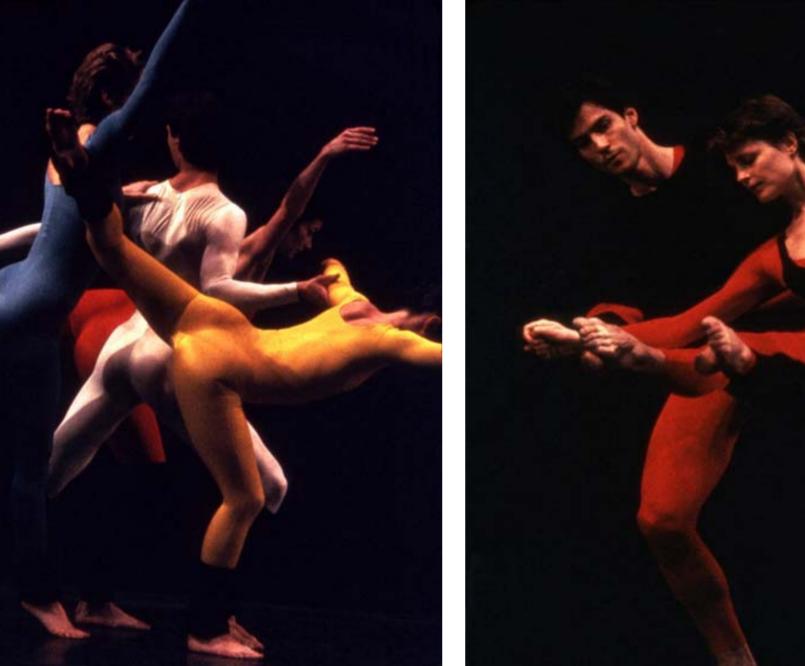
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Fifth Avenue Rob Remley Helen Barrow

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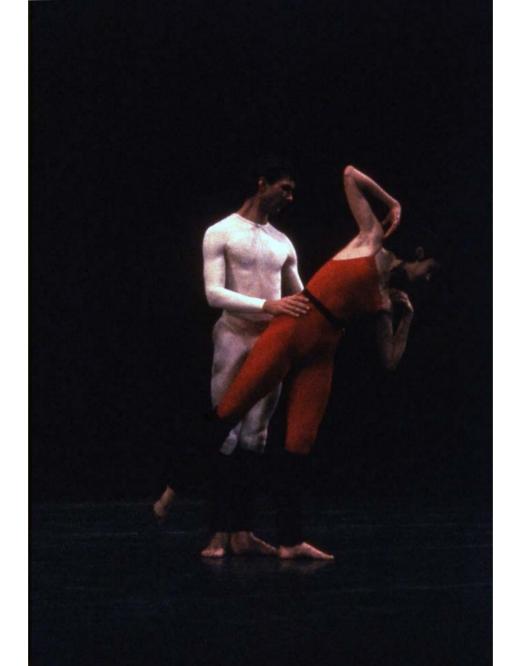
Seventh Image: Kathy Kerr Merce Cunningham



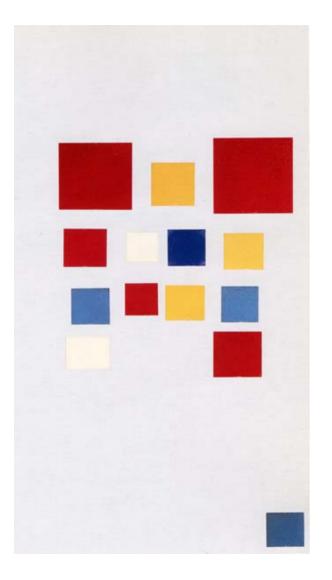


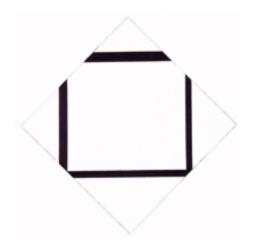












"...modern architecture has to realize in its buildings the essential content of painting and sculpture. It must establish pure relationship through the pure means of expression: form and color. This signifies that it has to establish equivalent proportions and not employ color as decoration, but as a constructive part of the building."

Piet Mondrian

Wall Work II, 1943-1944, colored cardboard, 87½ x 49 inches Mondrian Trust, Haddam, Connecticut

Composition No. I, 1930, oil on canvas, 29½ x 29½ inches Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

The work of Dove Bradshaw works with our changing conceptions of time and space which we have assumed for a long time are two different things. She's involved, as we are in our lives, because of art, with an almost scientific procedure, so that she can experiment in such a way as to prove something. And she can subject us to the results of her experiments which can open us to the life we are living...

It's quite amazing. The fact that [her work] changes requires a change for me; it requires a change of attitude. If I so to speak change with it, then I can change with the world that I'm living in, which is doing the same thing.

We're confronting now it seems to me in the very full way that her work is itself working—the identity, not the separateness, but the identity of time and space.

John Cage

ARCADE

Premiere: City Center, New York, 1985 Pennsylvania Ballet, Philadelphia, 1986

> Choreography MERCE CUNNINGHAM

Music: *Etudes Boreales I-IV*, 1978 JOHN CAGE

> Decor and Lighting DOVE BRADSHAW

A R C A D E

Merce Cunningham choreographed the dance on his own company; Chris Komar then taught it to the Pennsylvania Ballet. The choreography, divided into quartets, duets, solos, and so on, was made with the ballet dancers in mind, the rhythms, for example, being defined: "I counted out the phrases in a way I don't often do." (When he worked on the piece with his own dancers, Cunningham 'stretched' the rhythms and 'let kinds of freedom take place.') In the opening section, the slow extensions of a group of four women were contrasted with an almost acrobatic series of lifts and catches performed by a female soloist and three male partners. Later there was a more sustained adagio sequence for a man and a woman, their movements echoed by two subsidiary couples. Cunningham used musical notations alongside his own choreographic notations, "so they [the ballet dancers] wouldn't look stunned." Even so, the dancers of the Pennsylvania Ballet did not hear the music (Cage's *Etudes Boreales I-V*, performed by Michael Pugliese) until the final rehearsal.

Dove Bradshaw's set featured a single white pillar in front of a white backcloth on which were painted three gray rectangular panels of unequal size. The idea for this design, Cunningham has said, came from being in Barcelona that summer: "I went to look at the Gaudi architecture, and there was this beautiful series of archways, very long, very elegant—they didn't get in the way of what you were looking at." Bradshaw's costumes were slate gray or blue leotards and tights, daubed with white X's.

David Vaughan

When Merce told me his Gaudi idea I found myself also thinking of de Chirico's arcades with a sculpture punctuating the town square. He asked for a prop leaving the shape to me. Years earlier I had made works inspired by Neolithic menhirs—it became a Styrofoam 'standing stone.' At that time a series of miniatures taken from aquatints in an old book occupied me. After obliterating the images with a razor blade, I painted them lead-white which turned a blue-gray, reducing them to minimalism. When a few lined up their borders suggested the walls of a colonnade. Merce had seldom been this specific in his instructions, the Barcelona impression was clearly still alive and his title additionally prompted the series to become the backdrop. At the premiere Eugene Schwartz, an art lover who supported the company, remarked that the set fit perfectly into the current *Neo-Geo* movement—a thought that had not occurred to me. The slate and blue costumes also derived from the miniatures—their X's echoing the razor marks.

Dove Bradshaw

Dancers

First and Second Image: Catherine Kerr Alan Good

Third Image:

Alan Good Catherine Kerr Patricia Lent Karen Radford Neil Greenberg Susan Quinn Young

Fourth Image: Robert Swinston Patricia Lent

Fifth Image: Susan Quinn Young Neil Greenberg Kristy Santimyer Unidentified dancer Sixth Image: Rob Remley Neil Greenberg Karen Radford Unidentified dancer

Seventh Image: Rob Remley Neil Greeberg Karen Radford Robert Swinston

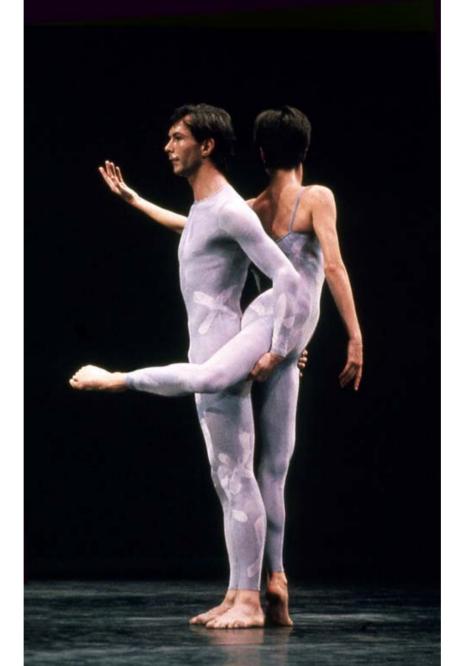
Eighth Image: Susan Quinn Young Kevin Schroder Victoria Finlaysen Kristy Santimyer

Ninth Image: Karen Radford Victoria Finlaysen Kevin Schroder Susan Quinn Young



















POINTS IN SPACE

Premiere: BBC Broadcast, 1986

Choreography MERCE CUNNINGHAM

Music: Voiceless Essay, 1985 JOHN CAGE

Set WILLIAM ANASTASI

Costumes and Lighting DOVE BRADSHAW

POINTS IN SPACE

The title comes from Albert Einstein's statement "There are no fixed points in space," a favorite [dictum of] Cunningham's. The phrase also refers to Cunningham's perception of the nature of space in video, which he [felt], offers the possibility of multiple points of view instead of a single one. The original version was made for video involving the full company, including Merce. It was the first time he had taken part in one of his dances for camera. The piece was divided into seven parts, the tempo alternating between fast and slow. After rehearsing in the Westbeth Studio the company moved to record in the BBC studios in London. The first part of the broadcast, made by producer Bob Lockyer, was a half hour documentary on Cunningham focusing on the creation of the piece. John Cage's, *Voiceless Essay* realized at the Center for Computer Music, Brooklyn College and at Synesthetics, Inc, employed computer-generated chance operations to select groups of words from his text "Writing through the Essay: On the Duty of Civil Disobedience [by Henry David Thoreau] in a section from his lecture "The First Meeting of the Satie Society." Like many of Cage's writings, this text takes the form of a series of *mesostics*—a kind of vertical acrostic—on the title of Satie's *Messe de pauvres.* Only the sounds of the consonants were retained. It was played by each of the musicians by muting the taped cassette recording for varying durations between thirty seconds and two minutes. Anastasi's decor, a panoramic backcloth in three sections, was adapted from collage drawings he had made in the 1970s. In the documentary, Anastasi says that Cunningham told him to "think of weather." The costumes, by Dove Bradshaw, were unitards dyed in one of two ways; either in colors divided horizontally, or swabbed with a sponge to give a *tachiste* effect, with clear areas created by patches of masking tape that were then peeled off.

David Vaughan

Anastasi's three sets were each eighty feet wide, forty feet high. Derived from details of three different "unsighted" drawings with collage elements, one was predominantly red, another yellow, the third blue. The integrity of their gestures had been maintained despite the immense scale increase. Merce divided the cast in half, asking for two distinct sets of costumes. We usually embraced Cage's adherence to Artaud—every part of theater is treated separately from every other part: Music. Dance. Sets. Costumes. Lighting. However since the camera would be moving as well as the dancers, my impulse was to relate the costumes to the drop. For one set I selected sympathetic colors, dipping the unitards from either the feet or shoulders allowing them to fade to white toward the opposite end. The colored ends were then re-dipped in black up to their calves, waists, or shoulders, relating them to Anastasi's smudged or erased lines. By contrast the other set of costumes were given a staccato effect adapted from rubbings of sedimentary rock rippled from a river bottom. The connected to Anastasi's skipping lines.

Dove Bradshaw

Dancers

First Image: Alan Good Megan Walker

Second Image: Helen Barrow David Kulick Catherine Kerr Kevin Schroder

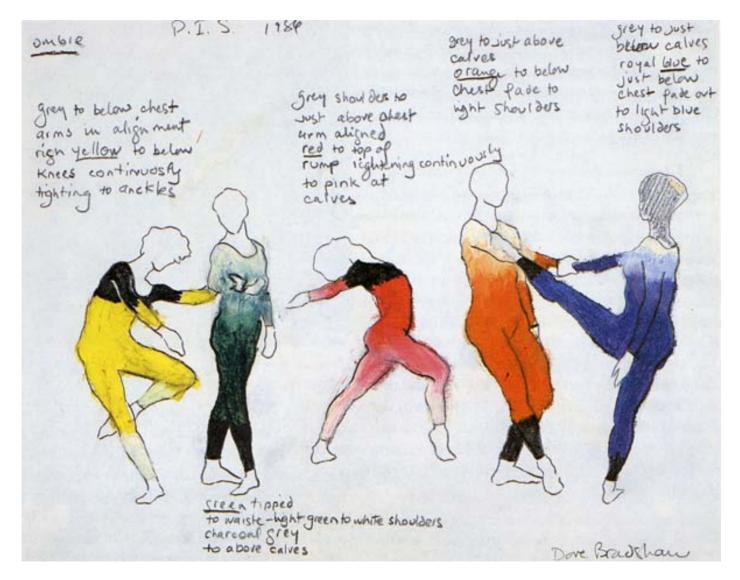
Third Image: Chris Komar Robert Swinston Karen Radford

Fourth Image: Catherine Kerr Robert Swinston Helen Barrow

Fifth Image: Megan Walker Catherine Kerr Merce Cunningham Helen Barrow

Sixth Image: Helen Barrow Merce Cunningham

Seventh Image: Catherine Kerr Alan Good Susan Quinn Young Helen Barrow



Points In Space costume design, 1986, Dove Bradshaw



William Anastasi *Without Title*, 1984 Graphite, crayon, tape, newsprint Circa 12 x 5 6/8 inches









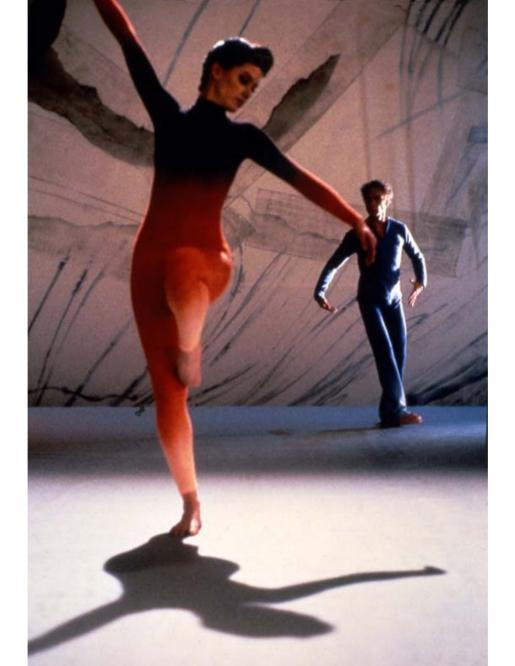
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FABRICATIONS

Premiere: City Center, New York, 1986

Choreography MERCE CUNNINGHAM

Music: *ShortWaves*, 1985 EMANUEL DE MELO PIMENTA

> Decor and Lighting DOVE BRADSHAW

FABRICATIONS

According to Cunningham, the title refers to both meanings of the verb "to fabricate": to combine parts to form a whole, and to invent or concoct, even to lie. A full company work, including Cunningham. Once again a chance process was used based on sixty-four phrases of varying lengths, from one count to sixty-four counts (the number of hexagrams in the *I Ching*). The continuity of the phrases and the number and selection of dancers in each phrase were chance determined. Durations of each phrase remained constant, though the phrases could overlap. Nonetheless, the dance had an undeniably dramatic, elegiac quality, even though there was no narrative content. To some, *Fabrications* seemed to be a memory piece, like certain works by Antony Tudor or Frederick Ashton (*Enigma Variations*). Clearly the dance gave the lie to those who claimed that Cunningham's dancers made no connection with one another: they looked like lovers, or friends, and his own role seemed to be that of a revenant, revisiting scenes from the past. In an especially potent passage, he stood gazing into the eyes of one of the dancers for a long moment. The music, *ShortWaves 1985*, by Brazilian composer Emanuel Dimas de Melo Pimenta, was a taped electronic composition, combined with taped shortwave radio mixed in performance by David Tudor. No doubt fortuitously, the sounds of muffled voices or snatches of music added to the dance's dramatic effect. The music consisted of two separate compositions: the first about fifteen minutes, followed by a silence of about six and a half minutes conceived of by John Cage so that the second piece would begin at the end of a solo entry by Cunningham. Unusually, Dove Bradshaw costumed the company's women in dresses, the men in shirts and trousers. The dresses were made of silk prints which added to the 'period' sense of the dance.

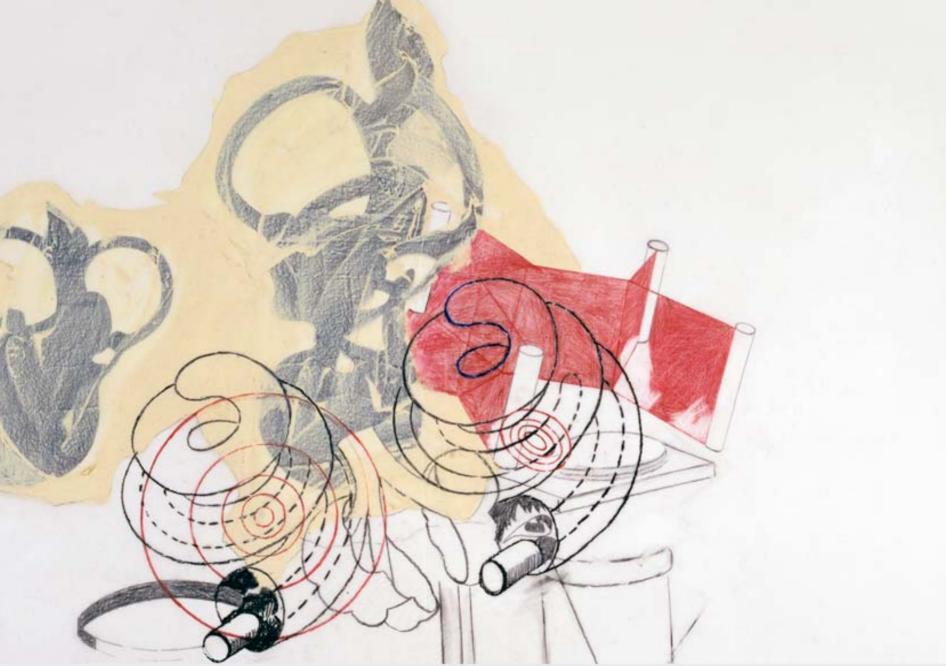
David Vaughan

In the fall of 1986 I asked Merce whether the costumes for one of the season's new dances might include dresses. Over the decades tights had ruled—rendering the dancers somewhat androgynous. Merce gave it some thought, then agreed they might work in one of the dances. The women were dressed in variously patterned silk dresses styled after a vintage WWII dress; the men wore loose pants and shirts. Both sets of costumes were in reduced Constructivist colors: red, blue, black and white. The fabrics, ranging from Orchard Street thrift to 57th Street couture, might have had something to do with the title. Merce used the full skirts to great effect at the end with slow turns as the women were swept up in their partner's arms. The backdrop, dyed gray, was marked with intertwining spirals and targets to reinforce the twirling skirts. Taken from a detail of a current collage-drawing on wood, the images from medical, architectural and mathematical books were ripped apart, painted and drawn over. The looming shapes often mistaken for two hearts are actually inner ears. The shortwave radio recorded in the Brazilian Rainforest affirmed the tropical feel of the work, as did short sleeves in light silks and flowing fabrics for the men and women. The lighting emphasized heat.

Dove Bradshaw

Set Design:

Dove Bradshaw *Without Title*, 1987 Oil, liquin, caryan d'ache, china marker, graphite, colored pencil on mylar, 36 x 52 inches Collection of Gina and Dexter Williams, Los Angeles Original painting on paper detail: the Brooklyn Museum, New York



Dancers

First Image: Rob Remley Robert Swinston David O'Connor Karen Radford Chris Komar Merce Cunningham

Second Image: Patricia Lent David Kulick Karen Radford Alan Good

Third Image Helen Barrow Karen Radford Victoria Finlaysen Alan Good

Fourth Image: Robert Swinston Kristy Santimyer

Fifth Image: Robert Swinston Susan Quinn Young David Kulick Karen Radford Helen Barrow Dennis O'Connor Patricia Lent Alan Good

Sixth Image: Merce Cunningham Helen Barrow Patricia Lent Victoria Finlaysen Karen Radford Seventh Image: David Kulick Chris Komar Dennis O'Connor Catherine Kerr

Eighth Image: Robert Swinston Catherine Kerr

Ninth Image: Carol Teitelbaum David Kulick

Tenth Image: Helen Barrow Carol Teitelbaum Victoria Finlaysen Rob Remley

Eleventh Image: Dennis O'Connor Helen Barrow























CARGO X

Premiere: University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1989

Choreography MERCE CUNNINGHAM

Music: *Spectra*, 1989 TAKEHISA KOSUGI

Decor and Lighting DOVE BRADSHAW

CARGOX

This piece was the first sponsored by the Sharir Dance Company at the University of Texas, Austin, directed by Jacov Sharir. A work for seven dancers, it had [two alternating casts]. The title had no particular significance, Cunningham told an interviewer: "It can mean anything. Cargo means something going around and moving around, although it doesn't have anything to do with the dance. And I thought that if I added an X that would confuse it all even further." The most important decorative element was a ladder, which stood at the back of the stage and also played a part in the choreography; the dancers moved it during the piece, tilting it, laying it on its side, or carrying it from one place to another. They left the stage only to fetch plastic flowers, which they attached to the ladder...Although the prevailing mood of the dance was light hearted, the activity around the ladder also gave the piece an eschatological feeling. "My idea" Merce recalled, "was a ladder about 6 or 7 feet tall…we were touring in France in Toulon…and there was a beautiful ladder…like a children's idea of a ladder [from] around 1900,…hand-made… Their chief…didn't feel this [heirloom] should leave Toulon…'But you have to understand," explained [our crew manager], 'this would mean that a bit of Toulon would go around the world';…after the second performance, they liked what we did so…they were glad we had the ladder."

The dance had three possible endings; Cunningham...planned five but only three were ever finished. He would decide which one when he saw the stage...If there was no room in the wings, an ending in which the ladder was carried off...could not be used.

Dove Bradshaw costumed the dancers in [unitards] selecting the colors from her palette...at that time, including dark gray, green, purple, intense pink and gold. She decided which dancers would wear which color after watching rehearsals. Takehisa Kosugi's music was entitled *Spectra.* "My meaning for the word 'spectra," he told an interviewer, "is the kind of after-image or echo. That idea includes the after-image of sounds." The writer added, "...Kosugi brings together very simple, natural sounds and very sophisticated electronics. He runs various sound sources through digital processing equipment." Among the objects used to produce the sounds were several small tops and some highly polished pebbles. Kosugi also used tape recordings of a flamenco singer, and vocalized himself during the performance, imitating them.

David Vaughan

An unspoken company rule—no stars. Since theater demands contrast it was challenging to work within this context. In this case since the seven dancers never left the stage, I developed drama in the use of color: one in electric pink; two in electric yellow (all women); the remaining four in dark colors (one woman, the other three males). In dimmed lighting a darkly dressed dancer blended into the charcoal scrim. In lifts a dark man made his brilliant partner appear to fly. The flowers attached to the ladder came to Merce in a dream. I got exotic large faux flowers in the New York flower district and painted them gold.

Dove Bradshaw

Dancers

First Image: Robert Wood Larissa McGoldrick Emma Diamond David Kulick Dennis O'Conner Kimberly Bartosik

Second Imag:e Dennis O'Conner Emma Diamond David Kulick Kristy Santimyer

Third Image: Kristy Santimyer Rob Wood Larissa McGoldrick Emma Diamond Dennis O'Connor

Fourth Image: David Kulick Emma Diamond Rob Wood Dennis O'Connor Rob Wood Larissa McGoldrick

Fifth Image: Rob Wood Larissa McGoldrick Dennis O'Connor Emma Diamond David Kulick Kimberly Bartosik

Sixth Image: Rob Wood Kristy Santimyer Larissa McGoldrick Emma Diamond Kimberly Bartosik Dennis O'Connor David Kulick

Seventh Image: David Kulick

Rob Wood Larissa McGoldrick Emma Diamond Kimberly Bartosik Kristy Santimyer Dennis O'Connor

Eighth Image: Kristy Santimyer Rob Wood Larissa McGoldrick Emma Diamond Dennis O'Connor David Kulick

Ninth Image: Larissa McGoldrick Rob Wood (behind) Dennis O'Connor Emma Diamond Kristy Santimyer Kimberly Bartosik David Kulick



















T R A C K E R S

Premiere: City Center, New York, 1990

Choreography MERCE CUNNINGHAM

Music: *Gravitational Sounds*, 1990 EMANUEL DIMAS DE MELO PIMENTA

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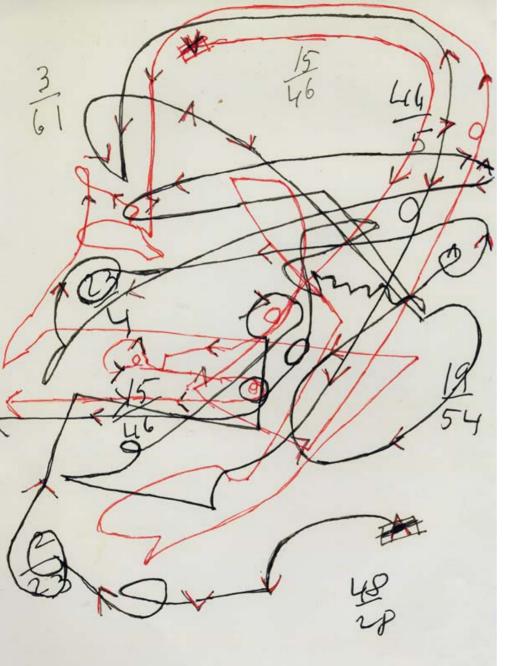
TRACKERS

This was the first work that Cunningham developed using a three-dimensional human animation system called Life-Forms. It was devised by Dr. Tom Clavert, a professor of computing science and kinesiology at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia. The title, coming from the computer button, 'track,' also refers to tracking with a camera. Merce observed, "On the screen the body moves in relation to the space, as it does on stage, but if you press 'track' you move in close, like a camera. The first thing I did was the walking sequence—which again was like tracking. Nearly thirty percent was worked out on the computer; sometimes it was just a stance, which I would put into the memory like a photograph. I'd put in one, then another, and I'd have to figure out how to get from one to the other. At that time the capability of making a whole phrase didn't exist. The thing that interested me most, from the start—it wasn't simply notation—but the fact that I could make new things. Sometimes I'd say, well that's impossible. But, if I looked at it long enough I would think of a way it could be done, not exactly as on the screen, but it could prompt my eye to see something I've never thought of before." Certain movements—angular movements of the arms performed in counter-rhythm to those of the legs-were recognizable as having originated in the computer. Merce's method was to work out the legs first, then those of the arms and upper body, finally putting two together. He taught phrases in the same way. Passages when the dancers formed into cells and clusters were not computer-generated since this early software could manage only one figure at a time. The piece was for eleven dancers, including Cunningham, who opened with two women at curtain-rise. A sweeping gesture from him signaled action. Later he reentered two or three times, at one point carrying a portable barre, which he used as an aid for some of his movements, as he did in the studio. With its strange small incidents taking place at various points on stage-such as one in which a woman did a backbend, while a man crawled under her-at times it had the look of a Surrealist work, or even of proto-Surrealism, such as Hieronymus Bosch's Temptation of Saint Anthony. Whether deliberate or not, this, and the 'computer' sequences offered a very different character from previous dances. The music, Gravitational Sounds by Emanuel Pimenta was composed after a strange mathematical attractor based on the famous attractor by Michel Hénon.

David Vaughan

The costumes, based on the look of certain tropical fish, ranged from brightly colored to quite plain—even homely. Merce had asked to see the design upon hearing the word 'brown' in connection with it. "Brown is never used in theater," he said. My plan was to use red and purple light because together they make brown. I demonstrated with a swatch of plum-brown silk shot with red, then a purple gelled flashlight. At the opening I suggested that the brown drop might be shot with such intense red light that it would register red; slowly purple would be introduced until mid-mark it would hover brown, and then after another fifteen minutes close an intense purple. In performance this happened so subliminally some viewers did not notice it at all, while others saw a violent sunset.

Dove Bradshaw



Choreography

Merce Cunningham [*Trackers*], 1991, 3 ½ minute duet Red: female; Black: male Ink on paper, 11 x 8 ½ inches Collection: Dove Bradshaw and William Anastasi

Dancers

First Image: Helen Barrow Kimberly Bartosik Emily Navar Emma Diamond Carol Teitelbaum Randall Sanderson Jennifer Weaver

Second Image: Helen Barrow Emily Navar Kimberly Bartosik

Third Image: Carol Teitelbaum Helen Barrow

Fourth Image: Carol Teitelbaum Kimberly Bartosik Helen Barrow Emily Navar Emma Diamond

Fifth Image: Michael Cole Carol Teitelbaum Randall Sanderson Kimberly Bartosik

Sixth Image: Chris Komar Carol Teitelbaum Jennifer Weaver Emma Diamond

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Eleventh Image: Merce Cunningham























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David Vaughan for his text adapted from Merce Cunningham Fifty Years, Aperture, New York, 1996

Merce Cunningham Dance Company

William Anastasi for his collaboration

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