

# Touchdown Dance: Autumn Newsletter 2002

## News up-date.

### Touchdown Dance Training

We have a limited source of funding to deliver training to people who aspire to work with Touchdown Dance in the future, or independently, using the core techniques. This is available to people who have dance training and are interested in the methods and processes of Touchdown Dance. The training is free but you will have to cover your expenses. The training covers lesson plans, project management and practitioner skills. Please contact us for more details. The first w/e 7/8 December continuing monthly.

### Christmas Jam!!

December 1<sup>st</sup> 2-5pm at St. Werburgh's Church Hall, St. Werburgh's Rd, off Wilbraham Rd, Chorlton, Manchester. Please call the office to register, costs £5 / £3.

### Royal Festival Hall

The Royal Festival Hall residency in August was a huge success; we worked with Julyen Hamilton for the week, there were lots of laughs, buckets of perspiration and lots of noise. We re-worked some of the scores we had and added two musicians, Jim Parris and Barnaby O'Rorke, joining Scott Smith. There is a lovely review in the Dance Insider, by Josephine Leaske, a web dance magazine from New York. [www.danceinsider.com](http://www.danceinsider.com). The dancers were, Alan Foster, Janee Hall, Holly Thomas, Jovair Longo, Patrick Beelaert and Katy Dymoke. There were also two fascinating debates, the first on the use of touch in education with representatives from the Tate Modern, (Caro Howell) and Arts Sense (Barbara Jones), and Natalie Garret from the University of Surrey Roehampton. Thanks to all who came and especially the volunteers and workshop leaders Robert Anderson and Ben Robbins, and the video folk, Becky Edmunds, Xanthe Steen and Vicky

Dymoke. Julyen brought so much fun and hard work into the week that we hope others will join us to bring him back again. If you are interested in a video of the performance please send a cheque for £12 including VAT and postage to the office. Please include a written letter and your contact details.

### Audio CD-ROM

The updated audio version is almost ready, it has been a mammoth exercise but hopefully worthwhile. Over 300 pages read and recorded are soon to be compressed and laid down on the CD-ROM. Just in time for Christmas. The price is the same for the non-audio.

### Web-site

The new web-site is also nearly up and running, maybe by mid November. Take a look, [www.touchdancedance.co.uk](http://www.touchdancedance.co.uk). The old one has no photos, the new one has both text and graphic versions. It will have a feedback/comments page as well as lots of info and news.

### TACT Performance Tour

The company goes to Germany, to Frankfurt to perform at an arts festival for visually impaired people in November. We then have a tour planned in the NW region from February. Please watch out for dates near you. Contact us for information on audio described performances.

### Workshops

Monday evenings till December 16<sup>th</sup>. 7-9pm at the Old Trafford Community Centre, an easy bus ride from Piccadilly Gardens (86, 47, 15, 14) and just off Chorlton Road, 5 mins. from the Zion Centre. These are for adults (18+) and are drop in, you don't have to book the whole course although there is more to gain if you do!

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