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Jasmin Vardimon

Jasmin Vardimon Company **EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

Jasmin Vardimon Company (JVC) is one of Britain's leading pioneers of physical dance theatre.

The company is dedicated to the choreography of award-winning Artistic Director, Jasmin Vardimon, who is also Associate Artist of Sadler's Wells.

Renowned for her uniquely theatrical choreographic and directorial style combining physical theatre, strong characterisation, innovative technologies, text and dance, Vardimon accentuates her work with an acute observation of human behaviour. With sharp instincts and provocative daring, she has developed an individual choreographic voice, distinguished by her beautifully detailed movement, insightful humour and engaging drama. The company's works are widely accessible through their exposure of human experience, high quality and performances of passion, precision, skill and commitment.

The company tours nationally and internationally, to high profile theatres across the world. Its repertoire includes: *Yesterday, Justitia, Park, Lullaby, Ticklish, Lure Lure Lure, Tête, Madame Made and Therapist.*

The Jasmin Vardimon Company Education Programme provides an insight into Vardimon's choreographic and artistic process and aims to develop participants' dance and theatre skills. The programme offers workshops, master-classes, residencies and printed resource materials.

Workshops can be based purely on physical skills and repertoire, or can also include explorations of socially relevant themes such as bullying and terminal illness. The 'Vardimon' style inevitably works with the themes which dominate JVC's work – observations of human behaviour and contemporary social issues.

Participants will have the opportunity to experience Jasmin Vardimon's methodology first hand by working directly with Jasmin Vardimon Company members.

'Vardimon is a powerful voice in physical theatre, and the daring movements she creates leave scars on the memory'

THE GUARDIAN

'Choreography that is dangerous and beautiful... impassioned and remarkable'

DAILY MAIL

'Highly original material, beautifully executed by a talented cast'

INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY



There are two main workshop options:

I) Repertoire Workshop

Consists of a contemporary technique class, repertoire and a creative session exploring Vardimon's unique approach to creating work. Workshops are offered at all levels of ability from beginner to advanced level and can be tailored to meet specific needs. Workshops are recommended from ages 9+.

II) Choreographic Workshops

Aimed at meeting the requirements of both the BTEC Physical Theatre unit and the A-level group choreography unit, these workshops focus on developing improvisation skills and creating original movement material from a given stimulus. These workshops can also be adapted to suit other groups e.g. undergraduate dance/physical theatre students.



Feedback from previous workshop participants:

"I really enjoyed the workshop mainly because it was such a physical approach, and we covered so much! It made us aware of our whole body, as well as serving as a kind of actor/ performer training. I would certainly attend another workshop with the company! It would be great if there is more like this!"

"Just did a workshop with the wonderful and energetic Company dancers and feel very inspired... It was a great experience. Thanks"

"I was in awe of the dancers' professionalism, ability, and of how easy they found teaching sophisticated rep and concepts to those of us with very little training. It made the non-dancers feel ready to take on even the most challenging physical work."

"It was wonderful to try something new. I really enjoyed the class and the rep was beautiful. I also developed my skills in choreography and contact work. Thank you!"

Workshop prices:

£250 Half Day (up to 3 hours)

£350 Full Day (up to 6 hours)

Dancers travel by second-class public transport (and will require overnight accommodation where necessary) - expenses for these items will be recharged to those booking the workshop. Please book well in advance so we can obtain the best possible deals for travel.

Workshops require a warm and clean space with a floor suitable for dancing on, plus access to a CD player. Workshops are suitable for up to 25 participants per session.



JVC's other educational work:

JVC also works with venues and National Dance Agencies to offer everything from introduction to contemporary dance sessions right up to Company Class for professional dancers' on-going development.

JVC offers longer educational residency programmes (between one week and one month) with organisations such as Sadler's Wells, The Lowry, the Place, and several overseas venues.

JVC is also working with several higher educational establishments to develop ongoing dance and physical theatre trainings. In 2008/09 JVC is collaborating with Sussex Downs College to lead a major module on their introduction to Contemporary Dance degree programme; and also with Royal Holloway, University of London to devise elements of their 'Physical Theatre and Performance' MA course. Please do be in contact if you would like more information on these schemes.



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