

Press Release

Vividly physical and quirky dance theatre...

Jasmin Vardimon tours her blackly comic vision of *PARK* life

PARK opens 4 October at Sheffield Lyceum

tour includes 24/25 November at Peacock Theatre, London

presented by Dance Touring Partnership

Jasmin Vardimon Dance Company is renowned for dynamic, funky and highly physical choreography that is thrilling to watch. Its signature mix of dance styles, quirky characters and drama is always provocative, emotional and often funny. This time the award-winning Jasmin Vardimon has chosen a subject dear to the hearts of the British (but an unusual starting point for contemporary dance) – the PARK!

Before turning to dance, charismatic 34-year-old Vardimon worked as a psychological ‘interviewer’, studying and interviewing people. For PARK, a daring physical theatre vision of park life and human behaviour, Vardimon asked her eight international dancers to choose and follow an interesting stranger for a whole day. Vardimon brings her knowledge of human psychology and her dancers’ minute observations to the creation of PARK’s diverse characters – from bag lady to busker, young lover, businessman, homeless guy, tourist, bully and flirt. Within the magical confines of the PARK, they are bound together in closely woven stories that culminate in a wild finale.

Jasmin Vardimon is one of the UK’s most dynamic practitioners of physical theatre. Her remarkable approach has won her a number of awards, including the prestigious Jerwood Award for Choreography and a nomination for the Critics Circle National Dance Award for Best Female Artist.

PARK contains strong language and nudity

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“Vardimon is a powerful voice in physical theatre and the daring movements she creates leave scars on the memory” The Guardian

www.PARKtour.co.uk

Notes to editors

1. Jasmin Vardimon was born and brought up on a Kibbutz in central Israel. At 18, she did two years compulsory military service before joining the Kibbutz Dance Company of Israel, one of Israel's biggest dance companies. She won a British Council *On the way to London* choreography award in 1995 and moved to London in 1997 to set up her own dance company. Vardimon won the prestigious Jerwood Award for Choreography in 2000 and was nominated for the National Dance Awards best Female Artist award in 2003. PARK was first performed in Lichfield in February 2005. Vardimon also appeared in the BBC documentary *Dance Film Academy*, which was broadcast in March 2005.
2. Dance Touring Partnership is a network of regional middle scale venues which are working together to bring exciting and engaging dance to audiences around the UK. The network consists of experienced promoters who have a strong track record and commitment to programming contemporary dance, who share interests about the artform and wish to become actively involved in building audiences at the middle-scale. It aims to increase the range and aesthetic diversity of work available. DTP formed in 2002; its projects to date include national tours of Ultima Vez's *Blush* in 2004 followed by Australian Dance Theatre's *Birdbrain* and *Age of Unbeauty* in 2005.
3. Park was funded by Arts Council England, commissioned by The Lichfield Garrick, co-produced by David Massingham through The Jerwood Foundation and supported by Laban, DanceXchange and the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation. Jasmin Vardimon is a Yorkshire Dance Partner.
4. Full listings information follows.

5 September 2005

Jasmin Vardimon UK Tour autumn 2005 - listings

4 October
Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield
Box office 0114 249 6000
www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk

8 October
Lighthouse, Poole
Box office 01202 685222
www.lighthousepoole.co.uk

11 October
Hall for Cornwall, Truro
Box office 01872 262466
www.hallforcornwall.co.uk

14 October
Wycombe Swan, High Wycombe
Box office 01494 512000
www.wycombeswan.co.uk

18 October
Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
Box office 024 7652 4524
www.warwickartscentre.co.uk

28-29 October
Nottingham Playhouse
Box office 0115 941 9419
www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk

1 November
The Lowry, Salford
www.thelowry.com

Box office 0870 7875790
4 November
Oxford Playhouse
Box office 01865 305305
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

8 November
Gardner Arts Centre, Brighton
Box office 01273 685861
www.gardnerarts.co.uk

12 November
Macrobert, Stirling
Box office 01786 466666
www.macrobert.org

17 November
Riverfront, Newport
Box office 01633 656757
www.newport.gov.uk/riverfront

24-25 November
Peacock Theatre, London
Box office 0870 737 7737
www.sadlerswells.com

2 February 2006
South Hill Park, Bracknell
Box office 01344 484123
www.southhillpark.org.uk