Friday, February 24, 2012, 8pm
Saturday, February 25, 2012, 8pm
Zellerbach Hall

Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company

Bill T. Jones  Janet Wong  Bob Bursey
Executive Artistic Director  Associate Artistic Director  Producing Director

Story/Time

featuring
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and
The Company
Antonio Brown, Talli Jackson, Shayla-Vie Jenkins, LaMichael Leonard, Jr., I-Ling Liu, Paul Matteson, Erick Montes, Jennifer Nugent, Jenna Riegel

with

Ted Coffey, musician

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Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company
A Program of New York Live Arts

**Story/Time**
(2012)
West Coast Premiere

*Conception & Direction*  Bill T. Jones
*Choreography*  Bill T. Jones with Janet Wong and members of the Company
*Music*  Ted Coffey
*Text*  Bill T. Jones
*Décor*  Bjorn Amelan
*Lighting Design*  Robert Wierzel
*Costume Design*  Liz Prince
*Associate Set Design*  Solomon Weisbard

*Dancers*
Antonio Brown, Talli Jackson, Shayla-Vie Jenkins, LaMichael Leonard, Jr., I-Ling Liu, Paul Matteson, Erick Montes, Jennifer Nugent, Jenna Riegel

*Creative Team*
Bjorn Amelan, Robert Wierzel, Liz Prince

*Production Staff*
Kyle Maude, Laura Bickford, Nicholas Lazzaro, Shoshanna Gross, Sam Crawford

*There will be no intermission.*

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Rehearsed at the New 42nd Street Studios.
Costumes constructed by Carelli Costumes, Inc.

The visual landscape of *Story/Time* is defined by my sitting at a desk in the middle of the playing area. The decision to do this is a direct response to the image I hold of John Cage in his work *Indeterminacy* (1958), in which he sat alone on stage reading an unbroken stream of one-minute stories to a small audience. Initially, that is what I thought this work would be: an opportunity for me to return to the stage in a low-key, nonpopular performance-art mode, reading my stories, each one minute long, often personal but not exclusively so. As the Company is an essential expression of my thought and creative process, I decided that I would read the stories at the center of the ever-shifting landscape of the Company’s task-based menu of events. I felt that this would make for an interesting and resonant dissonance—something John Cage himself was interested in. He and I are quite different men; our times are different. This fact added a layer of urgency and interest for me, as I am constantly attempting to calibrate and understand my work and myself in the modernist tradition. Turning to Cage at this point in my creative life serves as both a provocation and a comfort.

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Bill T. Jones
Now in its 29th year, the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company was born out of an eleven-year collaboration between Bill T. Jones and Arnie Zane (1948–1988). During this time, they redefined the duet form and foreshadowed issues of identity, form and social commentary that would change the face of American dance. The Company emerged onto the international scene in 1983 with the world premiere of Intuitive Momentum, which featured legendary drummer Max Roach, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Since then, the nine-member Company has performed worldwide in over 200 cities in 30 countries on every major continent. Today, the Company is recognized as one of the most innovative and powerful forces in the modern dance world.

The repertory of the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company is widely varied in its subject matter, visual imagery and stylistic approach to movement, voice and stagecraft, and includes musically driven works as well as works using a variety of texts. The Company has been acknowledged for its intensely collaborative method of creation that has included artists as diverse as Keith Haring, Cassandra Wilson, the Orion String Quartet, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Fred Hersch, Jenny Holzer, Robert Longo, Julius Hemphill and Daniel Bernard Roumain. The collaborations of the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company with visual artists were the subject of Art Performa Life (1998), a groundbreaking exhibition at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis.

Some of its most celebrated creations are evening-length works including Last Supper at Uncle Tom’s Cabin/The Promised Land (1990, Next Wave Festival at the Brooklyn Academy of Music); Still/Here (1994, Biennale de la Danse in Lyon, France); We Set Out Early...Visibility Was Poor (1996, Hancher Auditorium, Iowa City, Iowa); You Walk!: (2000, European Capital of Culture 2000, Bologna, Italy); Blind Date (2006, Peak Performances at Montclair State University); Chapel/Chapter (2006, Harlem Stage Gatehouse); and Fondly Do We Hope...Fervently Do We Pray (2009, Ravinia Festival, Highland Park, Illinois). The ongoing, site-specific Another Evening was last performed in its seventh incarnation as Another Evening: Venice/Arsenale (2010, La Biennale di Venezia).

The Company has also produced two evenings centered on Mr. Jones’s solo performance: The Breathing Show (1999, Hancher Auditorium, Iowa City, Iowa) and As I Was Saying... (2005, Walker Art Center).

The Company has been featured in many publications, and one of the most in-depth examinations of Mr. Jones and Mr. Zane’s collaborations can be found in Body Against Body: The Dance and Other Collaborations of Bill T. Jones and Arnie Zane (1989, Station Hill Press) edited by Elizabeth Zimmer.

The Company has received numerous awards, including New York Dance and Performance “Bessie” Awards for Chapel/Chapter at Harlem Stage (2006), The Table Project (2001), D-Man in the Waters (1989 and 2001), musical scoring and costume design for Last Supper at Uncle Tom’s Cabin/The Promised Land (1990) and for the groundbreaking Joyce Theater season (1986). The Company was nominated for the 1999 Laurence Olivier Award for “Outstanding Achievement in Dance and Best New Dance Production” for We Set Out Early...Visibility Was Poor. The Company celebrated its landmark 20th anniversary at the Brooklyn Academy of Music with 37 guest artists, including Susan Sarandon, Cassandra Wilson and Vernon Reid. The Phantom Project: The 20th Season presented a diverse repertoire of over 15 revivals and new works.

During the Company’s 25th anniversary season in 2007, Ravinia Festival in Highland Park, Illinois, offered the Company its most significant commission to date: to create a work in honor of Abraham Lincoln’s bicentennial. The Company created three new productions in response: 100 Migrations (2008), a site-specific community performance project; Serenade/The Proposition (2008), examining the nature of history; and Fondly Do We Hope...Fervently Do We Pray (2009), the making of which was the subject of a feature-length documentary film by Karterquin Films entitled A Good Man that was broadcast on PBS’s American Masters in 2011.

The Company has distinguished itself through extensive community outreach and educational programs, including partnerships with Bard College, where Company members teach an innovative curriculum rooted in the Company’s creative model and highly collaborative methods; and with Lincoln Center Institute, which uses Company works in its educator-training and in-school repertory programs. University and college dance programs throughout the United States work with the Company to reconstruct significant works for their students. The Company conducts intensive workshops for professional and pre-professional dancers and produces a broad range of discussion events at home and on the road, all born from the strong desire to “participate in the world of ideas.”

In 2011, the Company announced a groundbreaking merger with Dance Theater Workshop that The New York Times said could “alter the contemporary dance landscape in New York.” The organization, called New York Live Arts, strives to create a robust framework in support of the nation’s dance and movement-based artists through new approaches to producing, presenting and educating, born out of a merger of the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company and Dance Theater Workshop.

In addition to creating more than 140 works for his own company, Mr. Jones has received many commissions to create dances for modern and ballet companies, including Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Boston Ballet, Lyon Opera Ballet and Berlin Opera Ballet, among others. In 1995, Mr. Jones directed and performed in Degga, a collaborative work with Toni Morrison and Max Roach, at Alice Tully Hall, commissioned by Lincoln Center’s Serious Fun! festival. His collaboration with Jessye Norman, How! Do! We! Do!, premiered at New York’s City Center in 1999.

His work in dance has been recognized with the 2010 Jacob’s Pillow Dance Award; the 2005 Wexner Prize; the 2005 Samuel H. Scripps American Dance Festival Award for Lifetime Achievement; the 2003 Dorothy and Lilian Gish Prize; and the 1993 Dance Magazine Award. His additional awards include the Harlem Renaissance Award in 2005; the Dorothy B. Chandler Performing Arts Award in 1991; multiple New York Dance and Performance Bessie Awards for his works The Table Project (2001), The Breathing Show (2001), D-Man in the Waters (1989) and the Company’s groundbreaking season at the Joyce Theater (1986). In 1980, 1981 and 1982 Mr. Jones was the recipient of Choreographic Fellowships from the American Dance Festival and received the Dorothy B. Chandler Performing Arts Award in 1991; multiple New York Dance and Performance Bessie Awards for his works The Table Project (2001), The Breathing Show (2001), D-Man in the Waters (1989) and the Company’s groundbreaking season at the Joyce Theater (1986). In 1980, 1981 and 1982 Mr. Jones was the recipient of Choreographic Fellowships from...

In addition to his Company and Broadway work, Mr. Jones also choreographed Sir Michael Tippett’s New Year (1990) for Houston Grand Opera and Glyndebourne Festival Opera. His Mother of Three Sons was performed at the Munich Biennale, New York City Opera and the Houston Grand Opera. Mr. Jones also directed Lost in the Stars for the Boston Lyric Opera. Additional theater projects include co-directing Perfect Courage with Rhodessa Jones for Festival 2000 in 1990. In 1994, he directed Derek Walcott’s Dream on Monkey Mountain for The Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Jenna Riegel (Dancer), a native of Fairfield, Iowa, has been a New York-based dancer, performer and teacher since 2007. Ms. Riegel holds an M.F.A. in dance performance from the University of Iowa and a B.A. in theater arts from Maharishi University of Management. She has performed and toured nationally and internationally as a company member of David Dorfman Dance, Alexandra/Beller Dances, Bill Young/Colleen Thomas & Dancers, Shobana in 2010 and joined the Company in 2011.

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Clayton Whitfield (Dancer), originally from Atlanta, GA, began his dance training at Hattiesburg High School and received his B.F.A. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Mr. Whitfield is grateful to work with Rhodessa Jones and share his gifts and talents with the world.

Shayla-Vie Jenkins (Dancer), originally from Ewing, New Jersey, began dance training at Watson Johnson Dance Theater and Mercer County Performing Arts School. In 2004, she graduated with honors from Fordham University. She has performed with the Kevin Wynn Collection, Nathan Trice Rituals, the Francesca Harper Project and Yaa Samar Dance Theater. In 2008, she was featured among Dance Magazine’s “On the Rise” performers. Ms. Jenkins joined the Company in 2005.

LaMichael Leonard, Jr. (Dancer) hails from Tallahassee, Florida. He began his professional dance career with Martha Graham Dance Company. He made his international debut in Athens, Greece, soon after earning his B.F.A. from New World School of the Arts in Miami, Florida. Mr. Leonard choreographs for the NBA’s Miami Heat Dance Team. He has performed with Buglisi Dance and West Coast Theater Project, and has been dancing with Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company since 2007.

I-Ling Liu (Dancer), a native of Taiwan, received her B.F.A. from Taipei National University of the Arts in 2005. She has performed with Ku and Dancers, Taipei Crossover Dance Company, Image in Motion Theater Company, Neo-Classic Dance Company, and in works by Trisha Brown, Lin Hwai-Min and Yang Ming-Lung. Ms. Liu joined the Company as an apprentice in 2007 and became a member of the Company in 2008.

Paul Matteson (Dancer), originally from Cumberland, Maine, received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Middlebury and Bennington colleges, respectively. From 2000 to 2005, he was a member of David Dorfman Dance and Race Dance, receiving a “Bessie” Award in 2002. He has also performed with Jennifer Nugent, Terry Creach, Peter Schmitz, Kotsa Yamazaki, Chamecki/Lerner, Jamie Cunningham, Neta Pulvermacher, Susan Sgorbati, Helena Fransen and Keith Johnson. Mr. Matteson joined the Company in 2008.

Erick Montes (Dancer), originally from Mexico City, trained at the National School of Classical and Contemporary Dance and joined the Company in 2003. In 2004, he was featured among Dance Magazine’s “25 to Watch.” He holds a fellowship in choreography from the New York Foundation for the Arts. In 2009, he was part of the program In the Company of Men at Dance New Amsterdam. He has been part of the River to River Festival in collaboration with DJ Spooky, the Boogie Down Dance Series at Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance, and has been presenting his work in collaboration with the choreographers Bill Young and Colleen Thomas for the Gorillas-Fest and the LIT Festival, The Tank at DCTV, and E-Moves at the Gatehouse/Harlem Stage. In 2010 he worked in collaboration with choreographers Jennifer Nugent and Yin Mey in the creation of a Ballet for the National Dance Academy of Beijing, China. He has presented his choreography in Mexico, Colombia, and Spain.

Jennifer Nugent (Dancer) is originally from Miami, Florida. She was a member of David Dorfman Dance and has performed with Martha Clarke, Daniel Lepkoff, Lisa Race, Nina Winthrop, Kate Weare, Bill Young, Colleen Thomas, Gerri Houlihan and Dale Andre. She has been a guest artist at universities and dance festivals throughout the United States, Russia, Korea and Vietnam. Ms. Nugent joined the Company in 2009.

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**Bjorn Amelan (Creative Director, Set Designer)** serves on the board of New York Live Arts, the organization founded in 2011 by a merger of the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company and Dance Theater Workshop. He was the partner of the late fashion designer Patrick Kelly from 1983 until Mr. Kelly passed away on January 1, 1999. Mr. Amelan moved to the United States to begin his collaboration with Mr. Jones in 1993. He is a “Bessie” Award-winning set designer, a sculptor, and the Creative Director of the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company.

**Laura Bickford (Lighting Supervisor)** grew up in New York City and studied at the Performing Arts High School, Feld Ballet and the Joffrey. She graduated from Smith College with a B.A. in philosophy and anthropology. Ms. Bickford has assisted Lighting Designer Robert Wierzel on many productions, both dance and opera. She has also worked as lighting supervisor for New York City Opera, New York City Ballet and Glimmerglass Opera. Ms. Bickford joined the Company in 2004.

**Bob Bursey (Producing Director)** has managed hundreds of live events in over three-dozen countries and realized major new works for some of the most demanding and in-demand artists on the world stage. He joined the Company in 2003 following tours with Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch, David Rousseve and Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo. He served on the production staff of the American Dance Festival from 1998 to 2001. He has been a guest lecturer in arts administration at University of Virginia and Bard College, and a technical artist-in-residence at Hollins University.

**Sam Crawford (Sound Supervisor, Associate Sound Designer)** completed both his B.A. in English and A.S. in audio technology at Indiana University in 2003. A move to New York City led him to Looking Glass Studios, where he worked on film projects with Phillip Glass and Björk. His recent sound designs and compositions have included works for the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company (Venice Biennale, 2010), Yin Mei Dance (Beijing, 2010), Jennifer Nugent and David Dorfman Dance. He currently resides in Brooklyn, where he works as a freelance composer, designer and engineer. He also plays lap steel and banjo in the groups Bowery Boy Blue (Brooklyn) and Corpus Christi (Rome).

**Shoshanna Gross (Company Manager)** is originally from Wendell, MA and moved to New York City in 2003 after receiving a B.A. in dance and choreography from Mills College. In 2008, she completed a M.F.A. in performing arts management from Brooklyn College. Since moving to New York, she has worked in various administrative capacities at the Brooklyn Arts Council, Brooklyn Center for Performing Arts, the Roundabout Theater Company and the Joyce Theater. Ms. Gross joined the Company in 2010.

In 2003, **Nicholas Lazzaro (Technical Director)** began his career in New York as a carpenter with various companies and organizations, some of which relationships he continues to this day. He became Technical Director for Theater Breaking Through Barriers in 2004 and for the past five years has been their Production Manager. He was the Technical Director for Second Story Repertory in Seattle for the 2007–2008 season. Upon his return to New York, he became an Associate at Skirball Center for Performing Arts. For the past two years, he has toured the United States and abroad with the French show L’Oratorio d’Aurelia, and provided consultation for Aurelia’s new endeavor Murmurs. He is proud to be invited to the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company as Technical Director for their upcoming 2012 season.

**Kyle Maude (Production Stage Manager)** graduated from Drake University with a B.F.A. in theater. She has worked with Ballet Tech/Feld Ballets New York, the Royal Ballet School of London, Buglisi-Foreman Dance and Lesbian Pulp-O-Rama! Ms. Maude joined the Company in 2003.

**Liz Prince (Costume Designer)** has worked extensively with Bill T. Jones since 1990. She has also designed for Doug Varone and Dancers, José Limón Dance Company, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, American Ballet Theater, Washington Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet, Philadanco!, Houston Ballet, Dendy Dance, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Dortmund Theater Ballet, Mikhail Baryshnikov’s White Oak Dance Project, Meg Stuart, Lucy Guerin, Tamar Rogoff, Claire Danes, Pilobolus, Neil Greenberg, Jane Comfort, Bebe Miller, Ralph Lemon and David Dorfman. Her costumes have been exhibited at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art and Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

**Robert Wierzel (Lighting Designer)** has worked with artists in theater, dance, new music, opera, museums and on stages throughout the country and abroad. He has worked with Bill T. Jones since 1985. Those projects include Blind Date, Another Evening/I Bow Down, Still/Here, You Walk?, Last Supper at Uncle Tom’s Cabin/The Promised Land, How to Walk an Elephant and We Set Out Early…Visibility Was Poor. Other works with Bill T. Jones include projects at the Guthrie Theater, Lyon Opera Ballet, Deutsche Opera Ballet (Berlin), Boston Ballet, Boston Lyric Opera, the Welsh dance company Diversions and London’s Contemporary Dance Trust. Mr. Wierzel has also worked with choreographers Trisha Brown, Doug Varone, Donna Uchizono, Larry Goldhuber, Heidi Latsky, Sean Curran, Molissa Fenley, Susan Marshall, Margo Sappington, Alonso King and Joann Fregalette-Jansen. Additional credits include national and international opera companies, and Broadway and regional theater. Mr. Wierzel is currently on the faculty of NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts.

**Janet Wong (Associate Artistic Director)** was born in Hong Kong and trained in Hong Kong and London. Upon graduation she joined the Berlin Ballet where she first met Bill when he was invited to choreograph on the company. In 1993, she moved to New York to pursue other interests. Ms. Wong became Rehearsal Director of the Company in 1996 and Associate Artistic Director in August 2006.

**Ted Coffey (Composer)** makes acoustic and electronic chamber music, interactive installations, and songs. His work has been presented in concerts and festivals across North America, Europe and Asia, at such venues as Judson Church, the Knitting Factory, Symphony Space and Lincoln Center (New York); The Lab, New Langton Arts, Southern Exposure and Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (San Francisco); and the Walker Arts Center (Minneapolis), Art Basel (Miami), the Korean National University of the Arts (Seoul), the Loos Foundation (The Hague) and ZKM (Karlsruhe, Germany). Mr. Coffey’s electroacoustic composition has been featured at ICMC (2004, 2005, 2006), SEAMUS (2001, 2009, 2010, 2011), the Spark Festival (2009), the Third Practice Festival (2005, 2008, 2009) and the New York City Electroacoustic Music Festival (2010). His writings on the aesthetics and social politics of transmissive networks in the arts have been honored with significant awards from the Josephine de Kármán and Andrew C. Mellon foundations. Mr. Coffey studied composition with Jon Appleton, Christian Wolff, Pauline Oliveros, Paul Lansky and others, earning degrees at Dartmouth (A.B.), Mills College (M.F.A.) and Princeton (M.F.A., Ph.D.). Recordings of his work are available on the Ellipsis Arts, Everglade and EcoSono labels. He is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Virginia, where he teaches courses in composition, music technologies, critical theory and pop. This is Mr. Coffey’s first collaboration with the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company.
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Formed in February 2011 by a merger of Dance Theater Workshop and the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, New York Live Arts is a reimagining of the legacies of these two extraordinary organizations. New York Live Arts is located at 219 West 19th Street in New York City and is led by Bill T. Jones as Executive Artistic Director, Carla Peterson as Artistic Director and Jean Davidson as Executive Director and CEO.

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