

## Restless Dance Company Inc. Annual Report 2000

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**Restless Dance Company** 

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## Vision Statement

To be a leading Australian Dance Company whose work is inspired by cultures of disability

## Our Mission

is to ensure that:

The direction and development of the Company is informed by a balance of artistic growth and quality community involvement

<b>Restless Dance</b>	is committed to the following principles
Innovation	through exploration and artistic risk taking
Participation	through accessible and inclusive interactions and experiences
Collaboration	and partnerships which create mutual ownership of achievements

#### **Company Goals**

- 1 To create and present excellent and challenging youth dance theatre
- 2 To provide high quality recreational arts opportunities for people with a disability
- 3 To increase the profile of dance and cultures of disability within the community
- 4 To develop artistic and leadership skills to continue and extend the Company's work
- 5 To operate an efficient and effective Company

#### Background

Restless is one of Australia's leading youth dance companies, working with people with and without an intellectual disability to create dance theatre and run workshop programs which are stunning and inspiring.

People with a disability are powerful, expressive and distinctive performers, creating beautiful and dynamic dance theatre.

The dancers' skills are complemented by those of musicians, set, costume and lighting designers, to ensure that the performance is supported by high production values.

New works are planned each year. The company also takes productions on tour in South Australia and interstate.

## Company History

The company was founded by Sally Chance in 1991 following the *MOC Connections* project organised through Carclew Youth Arts Centre. The company was incorporated in 1996.

## Major Productions

1 3/4	Ikons Norwood Town Hall (Come Dut Featurel / The	Camarian
	Melbourne (Next Wave F strval)	CHINE KAL
	"a visual and musical feast "	The Age
	"exhilarating"	The Advertiser
1994	Love Dances	
	Odeon Theatre (Adelaide Fringe)	
	"It's an attitude which makes	
	'Love Dances' a winner"	The Advertiser
1995	Talking Down	
	Lion Theatre (Come Out Festival)	
	"engaging and enthralling "	Rip It Up
	"beautifully develops themes of trust	
	friendship and honesty "	The Advertiser
1995	Gigibori	
	The Space Theatre	
	(Brave New Works Program; Adelaide Festiva	
	"amazing rich inspirational"	The Adelaide Review
1997	Sex Juggling	
	Junction Theatre	The Advertices
	"touching and humorous" "A triumph for all concerned"	The Advertiser The Messenger
1000		The wessenger
1998	The Flight	
	The Space Theatre (High Beam Festival) "complex and challenging"	The Advertiser
	"effective and brilliant ensemble"	dB Magazine
1999	Precious	
1999	Cirkidz & the SA Opera Studio	
	"inspiring and humbling"	The Messenger
	"an extremely high standard of conceptual	
	work, translated into performances"	Lowdown
2000	the days allotted to me	
	The Space Theatre (High Beam Festival)	
	"an amazing and liberating experience"	The Adelaide Review
	"strength, grittiness, a complete absence of	
	sentimentalism, and confident performances	" The Australian
2000	Precious	
	The Seymour Centre, Sydney (Paralympic Art	
	"a precious experience to see" Sy "every moment counts. If only all	dney Morning Herald
	contemporary companies could say as much.	" The Australian
2000	Perfect Match	The Australian
2000	Odeon Theatre	
	"There is an absence of pretension and exces	s: there are
	simplicity and truth. At times it is tough and	
	confronting but it never seems self indulgen	t and the second s

## Major Community Projects

1996 -1997	Out There Dance workshops for young people with a disability in the Southern, Western and Northern metropolitan regions of Adelaide
1997	Kin Dance workshops for young people with a disability in the above regions exploring the theme of the family
1998	Vividha – diversity Community Dance Workshops embracing Indian cultural themes and exploring cultures of disability
2000	Colour My Self Community Dance Workshops in the metropolitan regions of the Intellectual Disability Services Council (IDSC), organised in close partnership with IDSC staff in each region
1993 - 1998	Central Workshop Program Open access Community Dance Classes for people with a disability

and is never-ever sentimental."

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The Adelaide Review



## Chairperson's Report

In 2000 Restless Dance continued its trademark artistic style of dancers with a disability driving the creative element of works. This resulted in unprecedented performance success and growth, highlighted by the participation of the Youth Ensemble in the Paralympic Arts Festival held Sydney in October.

The quality of our dance performances, community cultural development programs, workshops and organisational management all contributed to the maturation of the talent of the company. As in previous years, the ongoing struggle for financial security is a significant and ongoing burden for Restless and the Board of Management. Existence continues to involve seemingly endless rounds of funding applications. Despite the challenges presented by the need for financial security, 2000 has brought forth exciting highs and extreme challenges for Restless.

Restless projects in 2000 were funded by a range of organisations deserving recognition and much thanks. These include the South Australian Government through the South Australian Youth Arts Board (SAYAB), Arts SA (Health Promotion), the Dance and Community Cultural Development Funds of the Australia Council, Community Benefit SA, City of Charles Sturt, Intellectual Disability Services Council (IDSC) and Sydney Paralympic Arts Festival. This list reflects the effort that is committed to seeking funds. the days allotted to me directed by Ingrid Voorendt and James Winter was poignant and beautiful expression of living with different abilities and getting on with making the best of what we have.

The tour of Precious to Sydney was exciting, exhausting and a roller coaster ride of success and challenges. It was a growth experience for all members of the tour. Artistically it challenged dancers to maintain concentration and energy when there where many other stimuli imposing on their focus. However, the team of supporters: artistic, administrative, technical and caring, were able to gather honest feedback from the dancers and to provide the necessary support to push forward. Any tour is tense and demanding, but Restless rose to the challenge as usual, with professional integrity and sheer grit. The remounting of Precious on tour was summed up by Deborah Jones from The Australian as "making every moment count."

Late 2000 saw the beginnings of *Colour My Self*, a community dance workshop program working closely with staff from the IDSC in several areas around Adelaide. These projects and the central workshop group provide important community links and opportunities for Restless to share the experience of dance with others.

Perfect Match directed by Sally Chance was the first major work from the Graduate Group. Since leaving the Youth Ensemble this group of five have worked each week to develop professional artistic and dance skills. Perfect Match reflected the struggles of growing up, seeking love and romance. However, encouraging bigger audiences is a future goal for Restless. Attempts to market into the wider community can be frustrating and require resources not yet available to Restless. Sally Chance, Artistic Director he again inspired, supported, guided and nurtured a team of dancers, dance tutors, designers, musicians and production staff. This incredible group of talent continues to develop diverse and complex dance performances that are innovative and artistically excellent, and which emotionally and intellectually take you somewhere else. Sally is an outstanding artist and arts leader herself, with the pure ability to facilitate the artistic and professional growth of others.

Those who assisted Restless and Sally in 2000 were Ingrid Voorendt, James Winter and Julian Jaensch. We thank you. Thank you especially to Ingrid Voorendt whose grace, personal integrity and talent was a cornerstone of the company's success at the Paralympic Arts Festival. Catherine Oates's score for *Precious* was praised by critics and Gaelle Mellis continued to design with her usual flair. Thanks also to Dave Gadsden for his unending patience as Stage Manager and the other members of technical teams associated with performances and the tour.

Nick Hughes as Company Manager has ensured Restless maintains its reputation for outstanding arts management and administration. Nick's incredible skills and expertise were invaluable in facilitating the successful tour to Sydney. Without Nick's massaging the administrative wheels, the artistic outcomes for Restless in 2000 may not have been so striking. Nick on tour was negotiator, administrator, ambassador, chaperone and "Mr Fix It". Nick continues to support the Board and continues to maintain a high standard of record keeping and reporting which facilitates our operations within a workable, yet dynamic, budget. Nick along with Sally make a skilled and talented team.

It is important that the members of the Board are thanked for their ongoing voluntary commitment to Restless Dance. In a small arts community as is South Australia, Restless has strong and experienced representation with Board members from a variety of arts and human service sectors. As Chairperson they are an inspiring bunch.

The Friends of Restless have added a dimension to the company this year which is exciting and supportive. A successful quiz night, Bush Dance and raffle netted additional funds for much needed equipment. Thank you to Sue Coley for again producing organisation and obtaining prizes. Thank you also to Jim Scott for his contribution to the Board of Management. This link and generosity between the Friends of Restless and the Company reflects the kind of supportive relationships Restless is renowned for. The World Dance Centre in Franklin Street continues to be a place to call home. Nick and bally have developed an appropriate and welcoming space for both the administrative and artistic sides of the Company.

It is likely that 2001 will be a year of consolidation and reflection for Restles Clearly we have a mission to be one of Australia's leading youth dance companies. As with any growing organisation a point is reached when current resources both human and financial can only stretch so far. However, Restless has plans to continue to provide quality dance performance and community development projects designed to amaze. Restless will need to remain focused to maintain our momentum. Projects planned for 2001 include Headlong a collaboration for Come Out, Proximal a youth ensemble performance based on exploring our bodies, continuation of Colour My Self a project of community dance workshops and Lifespan looking at the collective history of disability. So, if you think 2000 was a good year, come and see what we do in 2001!

Caroline Ellison



## Artistic Director's Report

2000 was a bold and busy year.

Our high profile activity involved two performance ensembles in seasons of new dance works and the youth ensemble in an interstate tour to the Sydney Paralympic Arts Festival.

Our other activities were developmental, investing in the community participation levels achieved by the company, as well as in the professional development of the emerging artists, staff and board members with and without a disability involved in our work.

#### Youth Ensemble

The youth ensemble continued to be the company's most visible and ongoing activity.

Seventeen extraordinary young people devised and presented *the days allotted to me*, a new work for the High Beam disability arts festival at the Space Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre.

One-thousand people attended a total of six performances. The daytime performances were particularly successful, attracting full houses of young people and young adults with a disability who attend special school or day recreation programs.

Ingrid Voorendt and James Winter co-directed the piece, Ingrid's involvement being made possible with a grant from Arts SA's Professional Attachment scheme.

Music was devised for the work by Stuart Day and performed live by Stuart Day and Steve Fleming.

Set and costume design was by Gaelle Mellis, the company's resident designer. The 'look' that Gaelle achieves with her lateral, bold and conceptually refined designs continue to contribute significantly to the company's collaborative processes, image and style.

We aimed to make the most of the Company's eight-year exploration of disability-powered dance theatre by travelling deep into the heart of the culture, creating a benchmark of experience and thematic courage.

Disability culture has at its heart as much sorrow, anger and resignation as it has joy, spontaneity and creativity. There seems to be a paradox about people with an intellectual disability at the level of public and community understanding. Having a disability is assumed to be gloomy, a misconception that Restless has devoted itself to turning on its head – and yet, the sorrowful side of the culture is also rarely acknowledged.

James and Ingrid tackled this delicate territory in a collaborative process with the dancers, broadening the disability cultural specifics to embrace themes of genetic destiny and the very meaning of existence!

I took on more of a dramaturgical role, working closely with Ingrid and James, rather than with the dancers, except in the last week of intensive rehearsals. I very much enjoyed this role and feel that doing this is a way for the company to sustain its clear vision and style while exposing the dancers to a range of artists and ways of making performance.

Two places within the youth ensemble were taken up by emerging dance artists Philip Channells and Catheryne James, who used the experience to gain professional development in the company's methodologies, ethos and practicalities.

One dancer without a disability – Mario Spate – was new to the ensemble. Every other dancer had performance experience with Restless, which Ingrid and James made the most of in high energy rehearsals, making great demands on the dancers' stamina, devising skills and conceptual abilities.

During rehearsals for *Precious* in late 1999, the company had become aware of the need to pay attention to the dancers' needs in two interest groups of people with a disability and people without a disability, as well as collectively.

Ingrid and James were exceptionally committed to developing the ability of the dancers without a disability to analyse the company's work in terms of the artistic process and in terms of their interactions with their peers with a disability. The outcome of this was a bolder attitude of genuine collaboration, which ultimately supported the dancers with a disability more effectively because of being more demanding of them.

Being on tour together in Sydney in October built on this interpersonal work, which had a strong impact on the artistic development of the dancers and the performance work.

The youth ensemble was invited to perform *Precious* at the Paralympic Arts Festival, performing the show five times for 900 people at the Seymour Theatre Centre, as well as running a master class and a workshop at Holroyd Special School, Parramatta.

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The dancers participated in master classes run by other arts practitioners as part of *M. rospove* a professional development program which paralleles the festival

The tour was a wonderful experience for the youth ensemble from the point of view of the company members' personal and artistic evelopment.

#### **Emerging Ensemble**

2000 saw the company develop a secondary ensemble of dancers with a disability, who had emerged from the youth ensemble.

Details of this group's first full scale production appear later.

#### **Community Cultural Development**

The company's major community cultural development project during 2000 was *Colour My Self*, a series of community dance workshops in the metropolitan regions of the Intellectual Disability Services Council (IDSC), organised in close partnership with IDSC staff in each region.

The project had the twin aims of providing professional development for Restless staff with and without a disability and providing dance participation to people with an intellectual disability who would not readily access our city-based workshop programs.

Three nine-week programs took place, each organiser responding to the needs of the people in their area.

In the Western area, weekly early evening dance workshops were held for people from a very wide age range at the Woodville Town Hall. Workshops were led by Lauren Smeaton, Sally Chance and Jotham Broad.

Southern Districts organised a September school holiday program for young people aged 12–18. The program included puppet making and visual art and was led by Sally Chance, Vanessa Ellis and Jotham Broad. Heather Frahn provided wonderful live music on the last day, which included a forty-minute show and tell performance for families and friends.

Southern Metro opted for schools-based sessions involving students with a disability from Hamilton College and Ashford Special School. The students were school leavers, which linked with another fourth term schools based community project, *Headlong*, at the Ashford Annexe at Daws Road High School. The Hamilton/Ashford sessions were led by Ingrid Voorendt, Julian Jaensch and James Bull, while James and Sally Chance led the Annexe sessions.

Colour My Self is continuing into 2001 and is helping to develop a stronger connection with the IDSC, to broaden the pool of dance workers who can handle the company's community work and to bring us into contact with a range of individuals whose involvement with Restless would not have happened without us meeting them on their 'home turf.'

Other highlights in the company's community cultural development program included our Central group taking part in a nine-week program of Papua New Guinean dance led by Julia Gray and colleagues from Sunameke. Catheryne James and Gemma Coley also worked with Restless Central later in the year.

A range of other people need to be gratefully acknowledged:

The Parents and Friends group chaired by board member Jim Scott organised two major events and generated some seriously useful funds. Thank you, thank you! It's wonderful to have some discretionary funds. We are developing a technical team of very more than the and skilled people who contribute inormously to the high production values associated with a Realism performance work. I would particularly like to acknowledge Dave Gadsden's involvement with all three performance projects as production manager and/or lighting designer.

The company's Board of Management undertook major work during 2000, supporting Nick and I with some difficult decision making as well as some in depth business planning.

The board members attend meetings in a voluntary capacity and I totally appreciate their willingness to advise, ask hard questions and champion the company's work. I thank each board member for their time and particularly acknowledge the input of Emily Sharp and Anna Hickey, which concluded during 2000.

During the year we decided to continue to have a Chairperson from the disability sector, because as an art making organisation our dialogue with the arts sector tends to be a daily aspect of the staff's work. I was delighted that Caroline Ellison formalised her role as Chair and supported Nick and myself with clear advice, strategic ideas and strong leadership. She was able to extend her advisory role on tour with the youth ensemble, where her support and that of Philip Ellison and Julian Jaensch, was a significant contributor to the success of the Sydney tour.

The year came to an end with the youth ensemble's re-enactment in the World Dance Centre studio of the opening of the Sydney Paralympic Games – which we had attended at the Olympic Stadium in October – complete with a torch relay and a performance by Rachel 'Kylie-Minogue' High.

Sally Chance



## Dancers' Report

The major productions Restless was involved in for 2000 were the days allotted to me and the *Precious* tour of the Sydney Paralympic Arts Festival. Nadia Ferencz and Anna Hickey-Moody were the dancers' reps for these shows.

#### the days allotted to me

The directorial team of James Winter and Ingrid Voorendt was great fun. Nadia especially enjoyed being directed by a team rather than one person, and she enjoyed the regular rehearsals, especially once the rehearsals became daily and very "strong". Having James and Ingrid as a directorial team ensured the dancers were encouraged to work as hard as possible. We were fit and focused by the end of the show.

Nadia especially liked the beginning of *the days*, where she slammed shut a book symbolising her life in a gesture of taking control with strong power and energy. *the days* was a dark and brooding sort of show. Nadia describes the duets of desperate couples hugging as a quick and focused journey into needy, aggressive desire. Discussing the performance of *the days*, Nadia's primary point of reference is *The Flight* – a Restless production that was staged in 1998. Nadia compares the women's pregnant dance of self-loathing in *The Flight* with the aggressive hug – duets of *the days*, and Natalie's' frustrated scream on the swing in *The Flight* with the moments of commanding totalitarian order in *the days* – such as dancers ordering each other around in almost military style.

The flip-side of the theme of control in *the days* was found in images of dissolution and passive acceptance; such as sand pouring through the dancer's fingers; Mark's patient planting and the role of the dancer's who had to resign themselves to being 'ordered' around by others. From what Nadia and I can gather, the dancers were really happy with the outcome of the performance season of *the days*. The season felt really successful and it geared the dancers up for our full-on Sydney tour.

#### Precious Tour 2000

For Nadia and myself the highlight of our tour was participating in the Paralympic Arts Festival workshops. We loved meeting new people and working with new people. Our favourite workshop was Kat Worth's very funky and high energy session.

Nadia's favourite part of the *Precious* season in Sydney was the addition of James Bull's dragstyle rendition of *I love you baby* to the performance. James's comic qualities made the audience laugh in performances and made the dancers laugh in rehearsals. Nadia says "the way James dances makes me want to laugh."

Nadia said that our group outing to the opening of the Paralympics was "really great" – and was definitely a huge feat of organization. Spending time in Sydney gave the ensemble a chance to get to know each other and socialise together. Our flight back to Adelaide was an excellent end to a tour that was hard work, but also stimulating and exciting. The dancers had no complaints that we know of! Thanks very much to everyone who worked so hard to provide us with the brilliant opportunities the year 2000 offered the Restless Dancers.

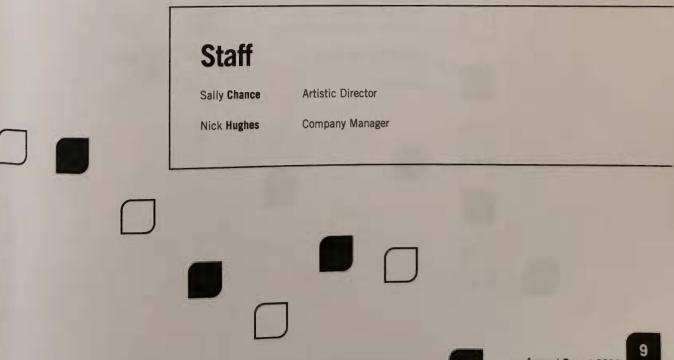
Anna Hickey-Moody, Nadia Ferencz





## Members, Board of Management

Caroline Ellison	Chair	Developmental Educator, Minda Inc. and PhD Candidate, Flinders University
Helen Bock	Board Member	Education Officer with The Adelaide Festival Centre Trust
Sally Chance	Board Member	Director and Dance Worker
Gail Fairlamb	Board Member	Arts management
Nadia Ferencz	Dancers' Representative	Employee of Norman Waterhouse & Associates
Pamela <b>Hansen</b>	Board Member	Job Coordinator, Personnel Employment, Barkuma Inc
Anna <b>Hickey</b>	Dancers' Representative	Student
Kellie Jones	Board Member	Project Officer, International Graduate School of Management, Uni SA
Jim Scott	Parents' Representative	Senior Ajudicator, Police Firearms Department
Emily Sharp	Dancers' Representative	Environmental Health Practitioner



## **Balance Sheet**

**Members Funds** 





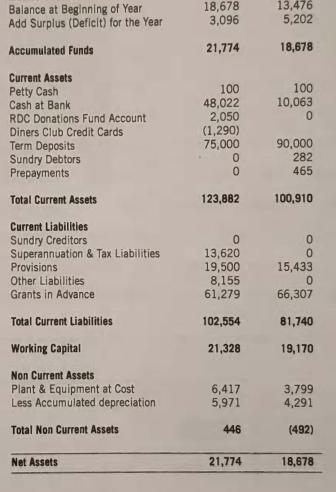












1999

13,476

2000

18,678

Restless Dance Company

## Independent Audit Report

to Members of Restless Dance Company Inc.

#### Scope

I have audited the financial statements of the Restless Dance Company Incorporated for the year ended 31 December, 2000. The Board of the Restless Dance Company Incorporated is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Restless Dance Company Incorporated

The audit has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Procedures included examination. On a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of Restless Dance Company Incorporated's financial position.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements present fairly the results of Restless Dance Company Incorporated's operations for the year ended 31 December, 2000.

Signed 6th day of April, 2001



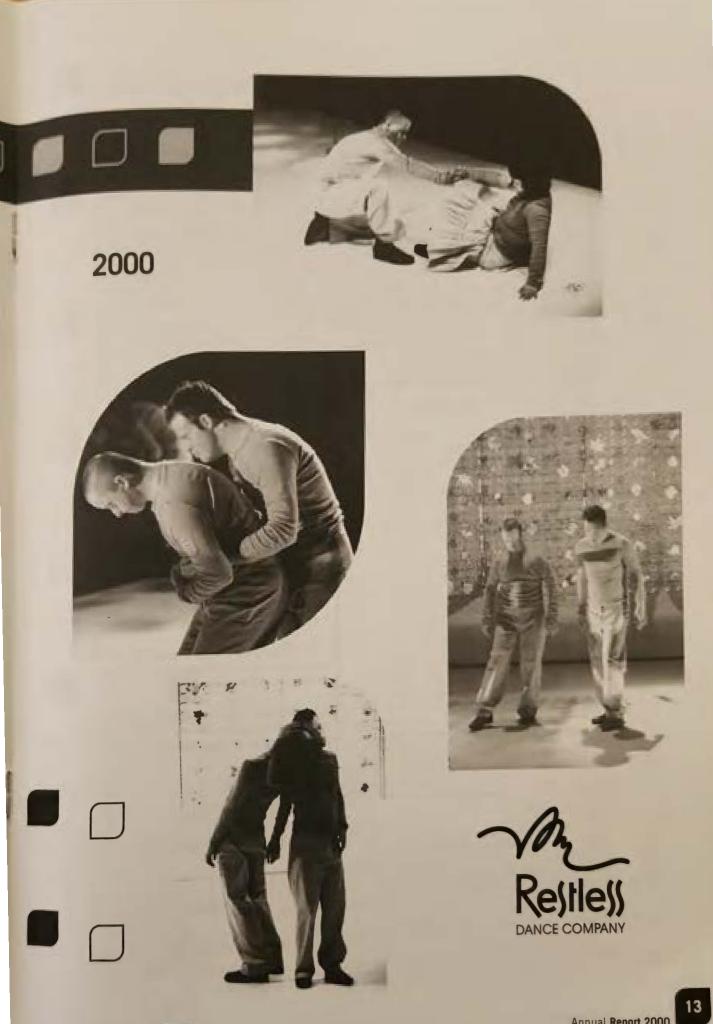
/ Trevor Pearce Associate, Australian Society of Certified Practicing Accountants







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Restless Dance Company Incorporated

## Committee Report

Your Committee submits the attached accounts of the Association for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000.

1) No Committee member or officer of the Association has received or become entitled to receive during the financial year a benefit as a result of a contract made by the Association with a Committee member or officer of the Association, a firm of which a Committee member is a member or an entity in which a board member has a substantial financial interest.

2) No Committee member has received pecuniary benefits from the Association during the financial period other than that received as a salary as an employee of the Association

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee:

Caroline Ellison

Sally Chance

Dated this 14th Day of May 2001

**Restless Dance Company Incorporated** 

## Statement by Committee

In the opinion of the Committee:

1) the attached accounts present fairly the results of the operations of the Association for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000 and the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of that year; and

2) the Committee has reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Caroline Ellison

Sally Chance

Dated this 14th Day of May 2001

# Statement of Income & Expenditure

47,773

7,403

5,450

13,684

3,530

4,213

7,743

831

69,433

11,800

13,370

1,695

26,865

10,000

3,936

13,936

Management / Admin Staff

-	INCOME	2000	1999
	Performance		
-	Performance Fees	850	445
	Box Office	6,869	7,290
1	Subtotal Performance	7,719	7,745
	General		
1	Sales - Merchandise etc.	331	15
	Fund Raising	5,826 6,567	2,145 2,697
$\square$	Donations	925	2,057
	Other	35	160
D	Sub Total General	13,684	5,017
	Sponsorship		
	Health Promotion	15,000	4,500
	IDSC Community Benefit Sa	10,000 4,000	5,000
	Sydney Paralympic Arts Festival	57,346	6,300 0
	SPARC Disability Foundation	0,040	5,000
$\square$	Other	0	2,360
	Sub Total Sponsorship	86,346	23,160
	Participation Fees		
	Membership	420	450
	Workshop Fees	1,998	3,782
	Sub Total Participation Fees	2,418	4,232
1000	Grants	50,600	50 600
	Dance Fund (Australia Council) CCDF (Aust Council)	12,344	50,600 0
$\square$	SAYAB	45,000	40,250
	Arts Sa	35,000	19,000
	Local Government	1,200	9,000
	Commissioners Of Charitable Funds	0	7,000 3,200
	Other	144,144	129,050
	Sub Total Grants	1	120,000
	Misc Income	3,238	2,148
	Sundry Income Speakers/Tutors Fees	587	3,940
$\square$	Sub Total Misc Income	3,825	6,088
	Total Income	258,135	175,292
	EXPENDITURE Salaries & Fees Creative Personnel Artistic Director	31,722	26,169
	Salaries & Fees	16,100	9,000
	Salaries & Fees Creative Personnel Artistic Director Designers Tutors	16,100 6,910	9,000 5,905
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**Sub Total Creative Personnel** 

Sub Total Performance Staff Production /Tech Staff

Stage/Production Managers

Sub Total Production /Tech Staff

**Casual Production Staff** 

**Performance Staff** 

Support People

Dancers

**Musicians** 

Net Profit / (Loss)	3,096	5,202
Total Expenditure	255,039	170,090
Sub Total Administration	28,253	28,738
Board Of Management Expenses	502	580
Storage Rental	252	244
Meeting Expenses Computer Software & Supplies	824	859
Depreciation Meeting Expenses	1,680 328	1,679 430
Subscriptions & Memberships	411	518
Sundry Admin Expenses	6,456	1,516
Bank Fees	896	775
Printing & Stationery	2,385	1,600
Postage & Courier Telephone/Fax	1,673 3,695	1,369 2,281
Audit & Accounting	1 673	1,850
Insurance	2,147	2,072
Motor Vehicle/Petrol	39	7
Office Equipment	211	7,499
Office Rent Utilities - ETSA etc.	5,680 574	5,220 239
Administration	5 690	5 220
Sub Total Marketing	16,007	9,152
Sponsorship Expense	1,045	0 152
Graphics & Design	1,442	480
Publication/Documentation	5,335	3,570
Hospitality/Promotion	1,885	1,525
Advertising Printing & Materials	4,018	2,418
Marketing Advertisian	2,282	1,159
Sub Total Production	37,160	16,185
Evaluation & Planning Costs	545	16 185
Equipment Hire	50	767
Sundry Production Costs	2,753	544
Travel & Freight	14,872	1,660
Venue Hire	7,008	4,500
Lights & Sound	2,690	3,802
Production Sets, Props & Costumes	9,241	4,912
Production		
Total Salaries & Fees	173,619	116,015
	172 010	116 015
Subtotal Sundry Staff Costs	6,002	715
Salaries Sundry	5,423	65
Conference Attendance Costs	295	650
Staff Training	284	0
Sundry Staff Costs	a state and	
Subtotal On Costs	10,700	7,138
Superannuation	9,214	5,995
On Costs Work Cover	1,486	1,143
	10,200	0,200
Living Away Allowances Sub Total LAHA / Accom	15,285	3,283
Accommodation	4.745	1,471
LAHA / Accommodation	10,540	1,812
Sub Total Marketing	U	470
Graphic Designers	0	470
Marketing	0	470
Sub Total Management / Admin Staff	31,398	35,209
LSL, Annual Leave, Sick Leave	2,000	
Company Manager	29,398	19,800



## the days allotted to me

#### **Directors' Notes**

the days allotted to me, like all Restless projects, is the creative extension of previous work, with the journeys taken by the performers informing the creation of new work. It has been developed through a task-based process, where all the performers are asked to investigate, through the physical, complex themes of purpose and existence. Our process has been one of personalising the bigger picture, to reflect on our own journeys through life.

Originally titled 'Sorrow's Children', the work was a response to the phrase "Sorrow's Child grieves not what is past, but the past that is yet to come" and an attempt to touch upon the big issue of sorrow within disability culture. It looks at the idea that we are a product of past generations, how we deal with who we were born as and whether we choose to rebel against this, deny it or celebrate our individuallty.

The work looks at acknowledging the bigger picture in order to find significance in our own individual existence. Taking Psalm 139 as the framework, *the days allotted to me* questions the notion of pre-determined destiny and places the focus on choice.

Ingrid Voorendt & James Winter

The Dancers James Bull Philip Channells Gemma Coley Kynan Coley Nadia Ferencz Anna Hickey Rachel High Catheryne James Sophie Janzon Sulmaz Khazeie Elka Kovalenko **Ziggy Kuster** Stuart Scott Emily Sharp Lauren Smeaton Mark Tanner Mario Spate

#### **Co-Directors**

Set and Costume Design Lighting Design Composer and Musician Musician Photography Production Manager Stage Manager Assistant Stage Manager Wardrobe Supervisor Hair by Asst. –Set Construction Ingrid Voorendt James Winter Gaelle Mellis David Gadsden Stuart Day Steve Fleming Lauren Smeaton David Gadsden Morag Skinner Tony Mellis Phyllis Williams Tony Mellis Peter Giuliani

Restless Dance Company Staff: Artistic Director Company Manager

Sally Chance Nick Hughes

## Precious

#### Directors' Notes

the real is two and beautiful, special things, people and experiences we hold close to our hearts, and those that hurt, cut too deeply and ting too tightly. The dancers and I have been on a journey through the two sides of preciousness. and into the most precious places of all the worlds we carry around inside us, the way we see this world, and life itself. These are places which are hard to talk about with words. We can all talk about living in the moment, but few of us really do. The Restless dancers are absolute legends in this kind of territory! I cannot thank them enough for their honest, creative, powerful and personal contributions and responses to this work, and for the glimpses they have offered me of their own private worlds. It has been an incredible journey for me and a very steep learning curve! This experience has taught me huge amounts, not only about the work we do, but about myself and living. I would also like to thank the team behind Precious, especially Sally Chance for being such a generous and continual source of inspiration and support.

I hope you are taken on a journey with these extraordinary performers, and that you too catch a moment where somebody's soul is revealed.

Ingrid Voorendt

The Dancers Elisa Benthin James Bull Philip Channells Gemma Coley Kynan Coley Emily Collins Nadia Ferencz Anna Hickey Rachel High Sophie Janzon Sulmaz Khazeia Elka Kovalenko **Ziggy Kuster** Stuart Scott Lauren Smeaton Mark Tanner James Winter

Director Set and Costume Design Lighting Design Composer and Musician Production Manager Stage Manager Costumiere Production Crew

Restless Dance Company Staff: Artistic Director Company Manager

Ingrid Voorendt Gaelle Mellis Mark Pennington Catherine Oates Mark Pennington Anna Steel Phyllis Williams Nathan Evers, Tony Mellis, Jason & Ben

Sally Chance Nick Hughes

#### **Directors' Notes**

Nearly two years ago six long term members of Restless emerged from our youth ensemble to form the company's newest ensemble - a group of performers with an intellectual disability, aspiring to develop professionally as dance artists.

For the development of this exciting new phase in the history of Restless we looked to the skills, experience and professionalism of Back To Back Theatre. The Back To Back team came to Adelaide early last year for a week of creative experimentation and sharing ideas. We decided to keep in touch. A season of new works by Back To Back was in the pipeline and so the Restless dancers decided to track the progress of one of the works, Sally and Bunce, which had the irresistible theme of the myths and realities of love and marriage.

Perfect Match is the Restless dancers' response to the whole love and marriage thing.

It's the morning of Natalie's wedding. As she sits in her own private space summoning fantasy men, thinking about love, enjoying her own freedom and fending off people who think they know better, Natalie becomes pretty sure that the man with whom she is about to tie the knot is not her perfect match.

This season is also a perfect match between Restless and Back To Back. The actors who performed Sally and Bunce were not able to travel to Adelaide but we are delighted to be joined by Mark Deans, whose one man show Cow appeared in the same season.

Sally Chance

Performed by Natalie The Charming One The Italian The Silent One The Gorgeous One The Steady One The Voice

Perfect Match

Musician

Directed by Designed by Composer Lighting Design Production/Stage Manager: Lighting board operator: Production technicians:

Set dressing:

Hair

Restless Dance Company Staff: Artistic Director Company Manager

Natalie Binks-Williams Jotham Broad **Raffs Esposito** Sean McCormack Stephen Noonan **Richard Norman** Astrid Pill

Zoe Barry

Sally Chance Gaelle Mellis Jason Sweeney Susan Grey-Gardner David Gadsden Susan Grey-Gardner Rob Henderson Peter Giuliani Ros Hervey Silvana Angelakis Tony Mellis

Sally Chance Nick Hughes

#### The Days Allotted To Me

RESTLESS DANCE COMPANY CO-DIRECTORS INGRID VOORENDT, JAMES WINTER THE SPACE 3 - 6 MAY Darkly intelligent, emotionally griping and incredibly honest, Restless Dance Company's 'The Days Allotted to Me', is an intensely gripping expression of the emotional reality of a life time spent successfully living with a disability which is nonetheless pitted with a daily dose of hidden anger, subservience, shame guilt and battle.

The production's program notes state 'The Days Allotted to Me' is a direct evolution from the company's previous production 'Precious'. That it certainly is: the tack from which 'Precious' morphs into 'The Days Allotted to Me' are those moments of almost violent, protective possessiveness which 'Precious' explored.

Directors James Winter and Ingrid Voorendt have created what could be considered a 'day in the life ... ' scenario that's actually a day in 50 minutes, with the accent very much on exploring an inner psychological reality to experience. Winter's stripped back scenario - a journey through life from getting here, being here and leaving here - is as bleak and yet engaging as Stuart Day in rich bass laden, seductively nihilistic punk/grunge soundtrack (every influence from Nine Inch Nails to the poetic edge of Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds is presented). Ingrid Voorendt's extremely focussed bullshit free choreography is unfailingly a product of crisp, clear movements stemming from a sharp understanding of emotion rather than any attempt to add flourishes of technique to a 'great concept'.

Movement engenders beautiful yet explicitly clear meaning in this work, starting with the 'birth' moment in which the ensemble come onto the space up through a floor trapdoor right through to one of the most evocative images, a dancer whirls by as if flailing while another, in desperate attempts to help, misses or bumps the disabled person, constantly apologising with the word 'sorry'. It is probably the simplest, sharpest and truest expression of the frustrating embarrassment and unchanging reality that disability can be. A central motif to Voorendt's choreography is the disabled person constantly at the 'mercy' of needing assistance, physical or otherwise to get through life, as if life is a constant training ground of hoops to leap through to gram a king of right to live test. A denor is assisted to take on and off his planets, another is appreciately instructed in a number of energies charactering applies movies, a group of dancers lead a dancer along, helping them how down and up as if leading someone blind, another is instructed to move here and there by a denote building a book of "instructions". Building up to a crescendo al literation, the concentration itself is put through the hell of a playground PE and which mented the hard work needed and to many and measure up to the material expectations.

It's not a depressing or hearting to bleak work. While a time is a series of define abandonment, humaning at the series of define in Y oorendt and White's a series of define the work with a great and of compassion, as dancers in call the and often, in the heat of defined are constantly linked to each other adding strength in numbers in terms of defined

Designer Gaelle ' feilin' most of photographs featuring propier of all age hanging extreme upstage encoded and the state of memorial to there when have surved the days all most of theme

Lighting Designer Durint Gadatam complements Marine design with adding yet almost epic use of which large square spots, and deliver hadding the enhance and employees the encoded of the the experience the work communication as much as the psychological dimension of it.

DAVEN O'BREN

THE Restless Dance Company performed the Space for the High Beam Festival. The work, *The Days Allotted to Me*, as directed by Ingrid Voorendt and James Winter.

It was an amazing and liberating experience. After seeing rather a lot of allow contemporary dance recently, I fel that I had come home again to dance ich dared to express what other art orms cannot. Its rough, sculptural beau, the repeated challenging question of whether fate is written in the hand and the daring confrontation with uffering and disability, were an affirmation of the power of dance to get to be heart of the matter.

The symbolism was simple, but connincing; the 17 dancers were at the centre of their own drama which was at tumes electrifying. The live music (Stuart Day and Steve Fleming), the different elements of design and the lighting all contributed to the integrity of a memorable work.

It is good to hear that Kat Worth, who worked and studied with Sally Chance, the director of the Restless Dance Company, has won this year's Helpmann Scholarship. Worth was inspired to form her own integrated dance company, Company Chaos, in Lismore as her result of her contact with dance involving people with disabilities in Adelaide.

Shirley Stott-Despoja

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# Fine days of subtle beauty

High Beam Festival The Days Allotted To Me Space Theatre Until tomorrow

ONCE again, Restless Dance Company presents a stylish and very beautiful pro duction, this time under the careful direction of Ingrid Voorendt and James Cameron.

The 17 dancers explore individu ality within the bigger context of life journeys - symbolically represented in various ways, beginning with their entrance through a trapdoor and ending with earth pouring from their hands

Trademark Restless themes are revisited with movement sequences that range from gentle embraces and nurturing co-operation, to the rough pain of rejection and alienation. Cross-textured patterns fill the stage, individuals encircled by spot lights also framed by a stiff line or two of dancers Relationships of power, strength and control fly back and forth, through the calling out of names or the manipulation of bodies.

This work continues the personal journeys begun with Precious early last year, in many ways it is more successful than the last version of that work, with a clearer, simpler aesthetic tying it together both in terms of dance and design.

Gaelle Mellis again proves herself sympathetic designer of immense talent Quality and imagination both mark the barely-there set of pegged-

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#### EVOCATIVE: Restless Dance Com pany in The Days Allotted TO Me.

up photographs overhanging heaped earth, and comfortable-looking cos tumes in muted earthy colors and textures.

Stuart Day's original music is equally simple and evocative, played on stage by himself and Steve Fleming.-

Celia Brissenden

Friday, May 5, 2000

### Restless bodies in motion

#### Dance

The Days Allotted To Me Restless Dance Company. Choreographers and co-directors: Ingrid Yoorendt and James Winter. Space Theatre, Adeinide.

UNIQUE in Australia, Adelaide's High Beam Festival celebrates the talents of people with disabilities, and Restless Dance Company makes a significant contribution. The group developed from workshops held in 1991 by English community dance worker Sally Chance. now the artistic director, and has created since eight full-length dance pieces for people with and without disabilities. This latest grew from the cast working on whether we choose to rebel against, deny or affirm who we were born as - big issues, dealt with in a of series expressive episodes with a strong theme of authority. A girl shouts orders to a boy in a spotlight, but he ends up doing things his own way; another has more success when she silently lines up the rest of the cast of 17, then suddenly barks, "Down!", and they crash to the floor, terrified. Male bullying leads to brutality but, in contrast. supporting love warms the stage as the dancers call out their partners' names and run repeatedly into each others' arms. One man quietly plants

seedling trees along the base of the back wall, an image beautifully taken up at the end, when four dancers on the floor curl around the feet of their partners, who bend. sway and reach upward. If some sequences are over-long, and the live music occasionally too loud, The Days Allotted To Me has strength. grittiness, a of absence complete and sentimentalism, confident performances. ALAN BRISSENDEN

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#### PARALYMPIC ARTS FESTIVAL

# Where every moment counts

Dance

Precious

**Restless Dance Company** Seymour Centre, Sydney Ends tomorrow

AFTER the premiere of Bangarra's Skin at the Olympic Arts Festival, someone from the company rather anxiously asked me whether I thought there was enough dance in it. I said I didn't think that was the right question. The issue was whether it was any good or not, and Skin was, for me, one of a handful of shining moments in the dance year.

That conversation came back to me as I watched Adelaide based Restless Dance Company's Precious, a small work linger. Do most of the Restless dancers have the kinds of bodies usually associated with dance? No, they don't. Do most of a series of oppositions, the performers look both physically and different? Yes, they do thematically. Inside Gaelle (although to me, Elle Macpherson looks and ice, the performers different too - it's just that act as a consoling group some sorts of difference or individuals in conflict are more desirable in our with each other and the society than others).

hung up on? No, they are not. Precious is another of those shining works that, whom have an intellectual



Closer-than-usual connection: Adelaide's Restless Dance Company perform Precious

like the best dance, confirms the power of movement to stir the imagination and the emotions. Dance is now a very broad church and arid arena of categories and strict definitions are missing a great deal.

Precious works through Mellis's glittering set of fire world. The theme might be Are these issues to get nothing new in dance, but for these 17 young performers, almost all of

core of their being.

Much of the movement makes has an improvisational particularly absorbing. character, giving it a intensity, particularly expressed in a deeply affecting sequence for Rachel High, whose hands speak a universal and Catherine Oates's language of tenderness, strong score. longing and aspiration.

it would be a powerful one in any company's work. but here it is a sobering reflection on what is surely the experience of the performer himself. The closer-than-usual

connection between the

disability, it goes to the content of the work and the lives of the artists Precious

**Director Ingrid Voorendt** sense of freedom and has a disparate group to with large resonances that those who get stuck in the fluidity. Yet there are also work with, and has moments of quiet harnessed and shaped their gifts skilfully. Their work is memorably supported by Mark Pennington's soft lighting

> Precious is brief -As for the closing image scarcely more than 45 minutes - but every moment counts. If only all contemporary companies could say as much.

> > **Deborah** Jones

Friday October 20th 2000

## Unlikely performers deliver body blows to precious thoughts

#### PRECIOUS Reviewed by Jill Sykes

October 16 Seymour Theatre Centre

Precious is an apt title for the dance work that Adelaide's Restless Dance Company has brought to tile Paralympic Arts Festival As well as meanings of the word that the dance explores, it is a precious experience to see it. Here are 17 young people of unlikely shapes and sizes for dance, all but two of them intellectually d sabled performing in a style developed by sophisticated New York postmodernists - and revealing the truth at its SICO

Contact improvisation goes back to the natural basis of movement in its organically rounded and rolling actions that flow from body to body in shifts of balance which link two or more dancers at unusual contact points - unusual for older styles of dance, that is, And it is perfect is a stylistic basis for these performers who have no formal dance background but adapt to its naturalness as a means of expressing thoughts, emotions and ideas as well as providing a kaleidescope of individual shapes and ensemble structures for the stage. There are varying degrees of achievement amongst the cast, but the production's director.

production's director, Ingrid Voorendt – who is also associate to the artistic director Sally Chance co-founder of the company in 1991 -has very cleverly guided her performers to work as a unit, balancing their different abilities The two trained dancers are skilfully integrated to help drive the action and ensure the featured members of the youth ensemble make the most



of their moment in the spotlight. And they do, with touching honesty in their performances. A program note talks about tile double-edged inferences of the word "precious" - something beautiful and special that might become hurtful if we cling too tightly to it. Members of the youth ensemble devised their danced responses, reaching into their own experiences and making a short stage work that shares, these with an audience.

There is nothing specially inventive about the choreography, which moves between its contact improvisation base and simple action routines via universal dance elements such as a group hoisting and carrying one of their number high over their heads. But as a commuinicative medium, it works well. **Composer** Catherine Oates has put together a score of recorded and live music that partners the movement - for

instance, the mingling of a pop song with jangling like percussion which sparks contrasting dance responses of well-being and agitation, ending in a peacful conclusion while set designer Gaelle Mellis and lighting designer Mark Pennington make the stage a pleasure to look at with dozens of flickering candles clumped on giant slabs. of ice that I thought must be theatrical props until stagehands came out to mop up the melting

scenery. The softness of the light and the reflections look beautiful, adding an extra dimension to the precious memory of this show.

Precious continues until Saturday with day and evening performances. The Paralympic Arts Festival also has free dance events at Sydney Olympic Park

Restless Dance Company

# ARTS Perfect method of expression

#### BV SEAN FEWSTER

RESTLESS Dance Company has been showcasing the talents of performers with a disability for the past nine years - now the group is embarking on its the most challenging piece.

Perfect Match - which opens at Norwood's Odeon Theatre to

morrow - explores one woman's emotional journey towards love and passion through movement, set to live music.

The piece tackles themes of flirtation, ambivalence, romance and rejection, and marks the company's first work with Victoria's Back-to-Back Theatre.

Back-to-Back is a company of professional actors with disabilities, based in Geelong.

Restless artistic director Sally Chance says the collaboration with Back-to-Back has been fantastic. "They've been going for many years, and all their actors are professional - we're still aiming for that," Chance says.

As part of Restless's move towards professional productions, five members of the company have formed a ',core ensemble". The core members have all been with the company for a number of years, first working with its renowned youth ensemble. Searching for a company to provide the core group with professional development, Chance contacted Back-to-Back Theatre. which was thrilled with the idea.

"We set to work in the studio, creating ideas, generating images and trying their methods while they tried ours," Chance says. "The synergies have been just thrilling" Perfect Match draws on themes



SHOWCASE: Richard Norman and Natalie Binks-Smith rehearse *Perfect Match* with cellist Zoe Barry.

first explored in Back-to-Back's Sally and Bunce, which was performed in Melbourne earlier this year.

"When it came time to cook up our group's inaugural season we didn't have time for a full collaboration Chance says.

"So we tracked the progress of their piece by keeping in touch and seeing how it evolved '

"We may have similar themes, but our piece is extremely different, because it comes from a non-verbal place.

"Our dancers express themselves through movement, not through script."

Chance says the movements in Perfect Match came from the imaginations of the dancers.

"The material is built on the dancers' response to the

movement," she says. "It builds from improvisation and a mutual journey in relation to the theme

"The work is drawn from their personal reserves - it's not based on any one person's story or private life, but they all have a stake in the piece in an emotional sense."

Perfect Match is but one of Restless's successes for the year -the company's youth ensemble has just returned from the Paralympic Arts Festival in Sydney. "Balancing the excitement of being in Sydney as part of the festival, watching the opening ceremony and the events, was just fabulous." Chance says.

Perfect Match plays at the Odeon Theatre, Norwood, from tomorrow until Sunday.

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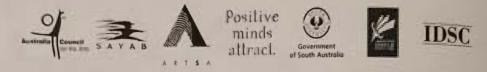
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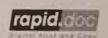
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