

On Stage...At The Lanterns Studio Theatre



Welcome to the Sixth entry in our performance journal here at the Lanterns Studio Theatre where we aim to keep you up to date with all the news, progress and upcoming programmes for East London's Isle of Dogs newest performance venue. As we approach Christmas and the New Year, here is a look back at another great year of performances and progress, as well as a look forward to the year ahead!

It has been a year of firsts for **The Lanterns Studio Theatre**. We have played host to our first West End Production Company, Bronowski Productions, and during their 3 week residency they put together a cast for their International Tour of **HAIRSPRAY!** Having the Bronowski team in the space really brought life to all aspects of the Theatre, with all the rehearsal facilities which were put in place in early January springing into action and in use.

Another well-known visitor to the theatre included Matthew Bourne's, **New Adventures** Dance Company, who were preparing work for the 2013 Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. The Royal engagement once again shone a bright and positive light over the fabulous facilities now available and on offer here at the **Lanterns Studio Theatre**. We look forward to welcoming **New Adventure's** in the future.



Dancers and Guests of the **Yat-Sen Chang Dance Company**
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Ex-Scottish Ballet Principal Tomomi Sato Dancing
for the **Yat-Sen Chang Dance Company**
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The **New English Ballet Theatre's** production of "**Kreutzer Sonata & Other Works**" was another first for the theatre, with our Director, Ms. Janet Viola, becoming an official patron and supporter of **NEBT**. The evening's proceedings started with a brief speech from both Janet Viola, and Founder and Artistic Director of NEBT Karen Pilkington Miksa, then followed by a preview of the 2013 programme, which later received



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its official World Premiere at *The Royal Opera House's Linbury Studio Theatre*. With an audience filled with NEBT supporters from across the UK, as well as a newly established audience from in and around the local area, the evening was a chance for those who were unable to attend the world premiere itself to show their support, catch up on the company news and even meet the dances at a post-show Meet & Greet. NEBT's yearly seasonal programme is always evolving, and the team here at the *Lanterns Studio Theatre* look forward to welcoming NEBT back to rehearse and perform their 2014 programme.



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Most recently, *The Yat-Sen Chang Dance Company* performed two shows of their 2013 programme, *"Creating Moving Dancing,"* featuring several invited guest Artists. Many important guests from the Ballet world were in attendance, including several stars from the major UK Ballet companies along with journalist Diarmaid O'Meara from *Dance Europe* international magazine and the show was met with rapturous applause. Solo after virtuosic solo was performed to the highest standard by artists including ex-Principal of Scottish Ballet Tomomi Sato, Ex-Principal of English National

Ballet and Artistic Director Yat-Sen Chang, and several other freelance artists. Other professional talent was also on display, with current dancers of the English National Ballet also taking part in the show, giving the audience a real "Tapas Style Ballet Mezze" platter of top quality show stopping variations and Pas De Deux. We do hope you will join us in thanking The Yat-Sen Chang Dance Company for bringing such a high calibre of Classical Ballet to the *Lanterns Studio Theatre* and in wishing the company the best of luck with its bright future.

With the 2014 season approaching, we have lots of plans and ideas going on backstage, some of which I can already talk about here... and some that will have to remain a Christmas secret for now...!

We are delighted to welcome the *Ballet Central* Graduate Company to the theatre this summer, and be sure to check out our ***NEW!*** and improved website for more information and updates. As a former member and Graduate of the *Ballet Central* Company myself; a performance, and educational workshop from the company will give the local community a real behind the scenes glimpse of what it is to be a Ballet dancer, with many dancers of the company going on to employment with all the major ballet companies across the UK and internationally.

As I briefly mentioned earlier, our newly updated website is now live, and will be upgraded over the coming year to allow for in house box office booking, with seating choice as well as featuring a newly designed calendar which will shortly be filling up with the many shows and performance projects over the coming year. *(See link below)*

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